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North Dallas Gazette rebrands to embrace multi-cultural issues

BY TRUDY VOIGT

The year 2010 opened with the introduction of the new and very diverse *North Dallas Gazette*. With over 30 years focusing almost exclusively on the African American market, the *North Dallas Gazette*

(*NDG*) announces its repositioning to a new model of operation, editorial, and advertising content. The primary distribution area encompasses the richly diverse Plano, TX, where *NDG* will embrace the highlights, issues, and con-

cerns of the entire marketplace.

With the objective to empower readers navigating this current challenging economy, *NDG* will promote education and available resources through seminars and active part-

nerships with area business owners. With over 300 distribution outlets, the publication is a conduit for introducing new patrons to community businesses seeking to expand their cus-

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How to increase happiness without increasing spending

Expert reveals it's not about the money – and it never was

(*NDG Wire*) Arun Abey believes the Beatles had it right.

“Money can't buy you love, or happiness, but how we use it – and if we can learn to use it less – can pave the way for a happier life,” said Abey, author of *How Much Is Enough?*

(www.howmuchisenough.net). “The secret is to figure out how to increase our happiness without increasing our spending. Too many times, people make happiness conditional based on their next big purchase. But this rarely produces lasting satisfaction.

A variety of research studies have found that happiness has more to do with having a plan for your income, than the level of that income, be it from a limited hourly wage or a six figure salary.

“In America, we are always being upsold,” Abey

said. “We're asked if we want fries with that, or if we want to super-size. From the happy meal to the luxury car, we are always being upsold by people interested in making money for themselves, with no in-

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Man to man: straight talk about violence against women

TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Fifty years ago, TV audiences roared at Jackie Gleason's famous *Honeymooners* catch phrase: “One of these days, Alice: Pow! Right in the kisser!”

Today, we know better. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 136 women were killed in 2008 by their husband or boyfriend. More than a third of women seen in emergency rooms have suffered recent abuse.

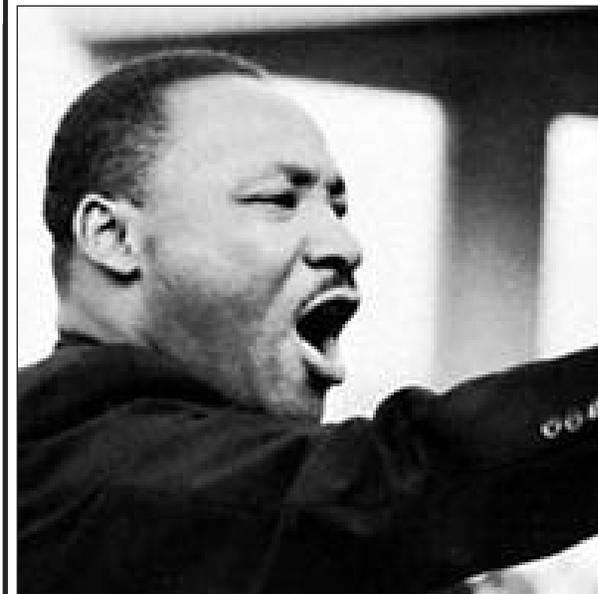
With prevention through education and awareness catching on as a favored strategy for all sorts of health and medical issues, experts now believe it should be applied to domestic abuse. Unfortunately, despite widespread awareness and con-

cern, many men still aren't comfortable raising the subject with a friend, co-worker, in-law or even brother.

Chan McDermott of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission said

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The mis-education of America on terrorism

BY JAMES W. BREEDLOVE

International terrorism as manifested by the co-ordinated 9/11 attacks on the United States, car bombings in Iraq, the New Delhi Parliament, the Bali car bombings, the London subway bombings, the Madrid train bombings and attacks in Russia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Morocco, Kenya, Pakistan, and Mumbai have captured public attention and taken over the American national consciousness.

terrorism with it's associated nuances of religion, suicide, and fanaticism have transformed the terrorism concept into something exotic, incomprehensible and confusing.

Motivated by political expediency to do something the government is trapped in a never ending war while misleading and mis-educating the American people into the false belief that terrorism can be totally conquered or eliminated.

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Dr. Aria Nosratinia

(NDG Wire) If you've ever wished your cellphone had greater range, better sound quality and longer battery life, then rest assured Dr. Aria Nosratinia is doing what he can to make your dream come true.

And for his efforts, the UT Dallas professor has been named an IEEE fellow, one of the highest honors bestowed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

The tribute recognizes him for more than 10 years of work in communication and information theory, par-

ticularly his ongoing work on what's known as cooperative wireless communications.

"This is a method that essentially extends the range or quality of wireless communication, reduces the use of battery power, or a combination of the above," said Nosratinia, a professor of electrical engineering in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science at UT Dallas.

"In particular, my group has developed what is known as coded cooperation, which has become a



hot topic of research and has been cited by hundreds of other research works."

In coded cooperation,

two wireless devices jointly transmit their signals using both of their antennas, resulting in improved voice clarity, higher data rates, lower transmit power and longer battery life.

Cooperative wireless technology is expected to be an important element in next-generation wireless communications.

Nosratinia, who is also director of the Jonsson School's Multimedia Communications Laboratory, is the 13th member

of the school's faculty to be named an IEEE fellow. This is a designation granted annually to a select group of the organization's 370,000 members who have exhibited "an extraordinary record of accomplishments."

He is also well-known for earlier research in image and video processing.

"Some of my work on removing the artifacts of image compression remains state-of-the-art to this day," he said.

"This class of work allows images and video to be compressed heavily and yet be upgraded at the receiving end to a higher quality level than was previously thought

possible."

While his cooperative communication research continues to advance, his research group is also active in functional magnetic resonance imaging, where he hopes recent results will translate into more efficient algorithms for medical diagnostics.

Nosratinia received his Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and held visiting appointments at Princeton University, Rice University and UCLA prior to joining UT Dallas in 1999.

Shawna Dorego

(NDG Wire) Jaguar Luxury Beauty, makers of Jaguar Luxury remi hair extensions and Jaguar Luxury cosmetics has opened a new showroom in the Dallas Market Center's World Trade Center Building in Dallas, Texas.

The new showroom will stock fusion hair extensions, clip in hair extensions, lace wigs and hair pieces, color cosmetics, shampoos, etc. While most

showrooms in the Dallas Market Center's World Trade Center Building offer apparel and fashion accessories to retailers and fashion boutiques, this will be the first company in the Dallas Market Center dedicated to the beauty professional.

"Our newest location was specifically chosen to allow professional stylists and salon owners an opportunity to expand revenue by

giving them immediate access to hair extensions and beauty products they can retail to clients. In the minds of young women, hair extensions are an accessory just like handbags, bracelets, and earrings. Beauty professionals may visit our showroom or order via phone or the internet for immediate delivery of hair extensions and beauty products," said Shawna Dorego, President. "We understand the beauty professional's need for quality products, but most importantly, the

need for education on how to best utilize those products. The Jaguar Luxury Beauty showroom will host several professional education seminars on hair extension application and maintenance, hair loss solutions, as well as, makeup application and trends."

Shawna Dorego is a New York City native. Growing up in such a diverse place gave Dorego both the fortitude and desire to create a cosmetic brand for all women. New York City is home to over 100



cultures and languages. "I got a lot of inspiration riding the subway or people watching in SOHO, Greenwich Village or Uptown. I love New York because it is the most diverse city on the planet. I wanted to create

a line that would look great on all my friends. If you are young and hip or want to feel young and hip, Jaguar Luxury Beauty is right for you. Our motto is ...Be Beautiful Everyday. In New York City, fashion, beauty, and cosmetics are made for everyone."

To contact Jaguar Luxury Beauty you may visit 2050 N. Stemmons Fwy, Suite 7894, Dallas or call 214-447-7600 ext. 2121 between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Kim J. Askew



(NDG Wire) Kim J. Askew, a partner with K&L Gates, will be honored by the Dallas Bar Association with the "Martin Luther King Jr. Justice Award" at a noon luncheon on Monday, January 18, at The Belo Mansion (2101 Ross Avenue, Dallas). The event is open to the public.

"Kim Askew is a truly incredible and remarkable person," said Ike Vanden Eykel, DBA's 2010 presi-

dent. "She has already done more in her career than most people dream of doing in a lifetime, and she is not even close to being finished. When she speaks, people listen—and do so carefully. Askew is known across our country as a leader. That she is a role model for those who come behind her goes without saying."

Following graduation from Georgetown University Law School, Askew moved to Dallas to clerk for the late Judge Jerry Buchmeyer. She began her law career at Hughes & Hill, which is now part of her current firm K&L Gates LLP, where she has been a partner since 1991. Askew's contributions to the Dallas community and profession are numerous.

She is a widely published author and national speaker on a cross section of labor and litigation issues. She has been recognized numerous times as a Texas Super Lawyer and one of the top 50 women lawyers in the state. She received the 2007 Profiles in Leadership Award from the SMU Annual Women's Symposium in recognition of her significant impact on the city of Dallas and the quality of life for women overall. Girls Inc. honored her with its "She Knows Where She Is Going Award." She was one of 30 selected from the more than 22,000 women practicing law in Texas on a list of "Extraordinary Women in Texas Law."

Askew recognizes that, without sacrifices made by Dr. King and the multitude of civil rights advocates, she may have been denied the

opportunity to make the foregoing contributions.

"Dr. King envisioned the day when people of all races would be afforded opportunities on the basis of their talents and their contributions," said Askew. "I work to make the dream real—every day."

The keynote speaker for the MLK Justice Award Luncheon will be Robert J. Grey Jr., 2004-2005 president of the American Bar Association. Mr. Grey is a partner in the Richmond, Va., office of Hunton & Williams. In addition to his volunteer leadership within the ABA, Mr. Grey has chaired the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Richmond Partnership and Youth Matters and was president of the Richmond Crusade for Voters. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the

Hunton & Williams Community Service Committee.

The MLK award luncheon is open to the public; the

plated lunch costs \$12.76. RSVPs are required. Contact BAvina@dallasbar.org for reservations.

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Jobs in clean energy offer opportunities

BY EMMANUEL K. GLAKPE

(NNPA) - Is there anything more important than reducing the federal deficit? Yes, it's creating well-paying jobs in major industries to lift the United States out of the greatest economic collapse since the Great Depression.

And when it comes to the staggering rate of unemployment, no community needs jobs more than Black Americans who have suffered the most from the misguided economic policies of the past decade that led to the recession. The

unemployment rate within the Black community currently stands at 15.6 percent, a much higher rate than for all other races that are tracked by the Labor Department. As Bob Herbert pointed out recently in *The New York Times*, in discussing the overall impact of the recession, "there was no net job creation – none – between December 1999 and now. None!"

This has to change and it needs to begin in the energy sector. The centerpiece of a jobs plan should be to expand and extend tax

credits to companies that invest in plant and equipment.

This saves them money, improves cash flow and encourages them to modernize.

The stimulating impact on business investment and on job creation would be huge. Consider what it would do to help boost the construction of new nuclear power plants, which are the key to meeting the nation's growing need for electricity.

Because no nuclear plants have been built in this country in the last 30 years, more than 90 percent

of the components and equipment for new reactors must be imported from abroad. This helps to explain why the estimated cost of building a new nuclear plant has reached \$7 billion and Wall Street banks are unwilling to provide private financing for construction unless utilities receive government loan guarantees.

If plant components and equipment were built in the United States, the picture might be very different. It

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The war against terrorism, as currently constructed, has no chance of success because there has been no realistic success criteria defined. The anti-terrorism program is antiquated, cost-ineffective, mismanaged, driven by political opportunism and fear inducement with minimal relationship to relevant terrorism facts.

This article is not intended as a broad indictment against the administration but is a plea that a corrective be made, based on facts, to the methods that have not produced satisfactory results in combating terrorism for almost a decade. In fact, what has been implemented since the 9/11 attacks have made things worse.

A new terrorism program should not be decided upon by the continued trial and error methods being used that merely tweak previously failed programs and throw more money and bureaucracy at the problem.

Rather, It is a matter of exercising common sense in approaching, preparing, and educating the American people with the proper facts in order to deal with the reality of the terrorism threat instead of the perception of what ought to be.

The first reality is to stop perpetrating the unrealistic expectation of winning a war in the sense of stopping all

terrorist attacks. It is possible to make terrorist plots less likely to succeed but NOT possible to prevent them entirely.

The Foreign Policy Research Institute in a paper entitled "The History and Future of Suicide Terrorism" concluded that despite the historical roots of suicide terrorism even with the kamikazes in WWII, the era of suicide terrorism really began in Lebanon in the early 1980s. Terrorism can be best understood if we think of it as a military innovation, not as something exotic, and if we study it from a diffusion perspective and not emotionally.

Diffusion is the cooperation between extremist organizations in conducting training, operations, and support in terrorist methods that has continued to grow even when the organizations do not share motives or ideology.

Statistics from the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) show that approximately 57,978 terrorist attacks occurred since 2005. Fatalities during this period attributed to terrorist acts totaled 73,301. They were highest in Iraq with 11,760, the United States is second with 3,227 and India, Pakistan, Israel, Columbia, Russia, Lebanon, Algeria, and Afghanistan round out the top ten.

The Near East and Southeast Asia accounted for over 73 percent of the deaths and 76 percent of the attacks in 2008. By comparison, the Western Hemisphere reported 370 deaths and 362 attacks representing 2.5 percent and 3.0 percent respectively of the world wide totals. Over 50 percent of the individuals killed in the terrorist attacks reported for 2008 were Muslims.

There were 154 known terrorist organizations distributed throughout some 48 countries with Afghanistan (13), Pakistan (12), Lebanon (10) and India (9) topping the list. Iraq and Israel tied for seventh place with 6 known organizations. The United States along with 26 other countries had 1 known terrorist organization.

The "enemy" will remain an invisible presence, unseen except for its devastating effects when an attack occurs, creating more fear.

Fear-based based responses are conducive to unreasoned reflective actions based on guesses and hunches, the creation of massive agencies without accountability, and awarding lucrative contracts for databases and equipment that cannot be integrated into connecting dots.

Who besides the contractors have benefited from the development of the massive NCTC database or the full

body scanners that have been sitting in warehouses for months?

Economist Mancur Olson argues that as countries and bureaucracies age, they develop more and more sub-layers and decision points. As specialization infiltrates an organization and it develops more extensive bureaucratic layering, it becomes much harder for the organization to change what it is doing if it turns out that it should do something different because of the massive inertia.

And with massive layers of bureaucracy it becomes more difficult to access accountability.

Without accountability, there is total freedom to make egregious errors without any thought of possible personal consequences.

Once accountability is lost there is no avenue for employees to call attention to mistakes, waste, fraud, abuse and illegal acts.

Whistle blowing is out of the question because there is no protection afforded. The resultant mis-education and misunderstanding of terrorisms reality, if not corrected, will continue to pose serious threats and risks to America's safety.

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

Essilor Vision Foundation to host *Kids Vision Fest*

(NDG Wire) In an effort to eliminate poor vision and its lifelong consequences, Essilor Vision Foundation and the Kids Vision for Life Coalition will host *Kids Vision Fest* on Tues., Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (1515 Young St., Dallas, 75201). Note: Jan. 19 is a school holiday for Dallas and Irving school districts.

Free and open to the general public, *Kids Vision Fest* will provide free vision screenings to all children ages 4 to 12. Free eye exams and new glasses – featuring the latest styles in eyeglass frames provided by Nouveau Eyewear – will be offered to children who currently cannot afford vision care and do not qualify for other programs such as Medicaid.

Also, optometrists and an ophthalmologist who accept Medicaid and CHIP will be available as well. Essilor Vi-

sion Foundation expects to conduct eye exams and provide glasses free of charge to approximately 500 children at *Kids Vision Fest*.

In addition to vision care, *Kids Vision Fest* will offer an array of activities, games, arts and crafts, and entertainment. The line-up includes story-time book readings throughout the day by authors Kristine Kahanek and Rhonda Fischer, artist/writer Karen Blessen, storyteller Brent Simpson, illustrator Don Tate and artist Lamberto Alvarez. Other highlights include visits from the “Eye-ball Scientist,” Mavs Man and Sparky the Firedog; musical performances by Garland ISD’s Brandenburg Middle School band; clown visits; Wii games; a variety of creative arts activities; and a “Playing It Safe” presentation by the Ferguson Road Initiative. The various areas – “I See,” “I Read,” “I Play”

and “I Will Be” – will help children to connect the dots between good vision and success in school and life.

The surprising reality is that one in four American children has an uncorrected vision problem – and the number can climb much higher in inner-city communities – yet research suggests many of those children are not wearing glasses today. If these vision problems are not addressed, research shows that children may face lifelong struggles with literacy, low self-esteem, unemployment, poverty and crime. (In fact, Essilor Vision Foundation found that 78% of the incarcerated youth in two of the Dallas County Juvenile Justice facilities had at least one vision problem).

“It’s all about connecting the dots. Good vision is so crucial – a child must be able to see to learn. If vision problems aren’t corrected at

a young age, children fall behind and may never catch up,” said Ed Fjordbak, president and CEO of the Essilor Vision Foundation. “That’s when they tend to drop out of school or land in the juvenile justice system.”

Founded in 2007, Essilor Vision Foundation is a public charity established by Dallas-based Essilor of America, the leading manufacturer of optical lenses in the United States. The Foundation’s mission is to eliminate poor vision and its lifelong consequences. Specifically, the Foundation provides free eye exams and new prescription eyewear through in-school and partnership programs to children who cannot get them otherwise.

It also educates parents, teachers, caregivers, and community leaders to be aware of the implications of poor vision and watch for

signs of vision problems in children.

Essilor Vision Foundation is supported by the Kids Vision for Life Coalition, which is believed to be the first-ever community-wide effort to identify children’s vision care as a key tool in improving literacy skills. The Coalition Advisory Board is comprised of government and community leaders including U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppard and Dallas ISD Superintendent Dr. Michael Hinojosa.

The Kids Vision for Life Coalition partners include American Foundation for the Blind; Boys & Girls Clubs; Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.; The Catholic Foundation; Central Dallas Ministries; ChildCareGroup; Circle of Support; Communities in Schools Dallas Region; Dallas County Juvenile Department; Dallas ISD; Dallas

Public Library; Dallas Regional Chamber; DFW AHEC; Earning by Learning; Education is Freedom; Essilor Vision Foundation; Ferguson Road Initiative; H.I.S. BridgeBuilders; Happy Hill Farm; Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation; Low Vision Clinic; North Dallas Shared Ministries; North Texas Food Bank; Northern Texas PGA; OneSight; Parkland; Prevent Blindness; Salesmanship Club; The Center for Community Health at UNT Health Science Center; The Foundation for Community Empowerment; The Legacy Center for Public Policy; United Way; Vision Regeneration; Volunteer Center of North Texas; and YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas.

For more information about Kids Vision Fest, please go to www.essilorvision.org or call 214-996-1280.

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this needs to change.

“It’s not just a private matter. It happens in some form to at least half of American women – maybe your daughter, sister or co-worker. It affects everyone in the family, especially children. If your friend or family member is mistreating his wife or girlfriend, it’s your responsibility to help however you can.”

Say Something to Him About It

Ignoring abusive behavior has the same effect as approval. If you think a buddy, co-worker or family member is abusing his girlfriend or spouse, tell him it’s wrong. Express your concerns for the safety of his partner.

Tell him you care about him, but you don’t approve of his behavior and can’t tolerate it.

Offer solutions. Recommend counseling. Suggest he call someone – a minister, a hotline, you even – if he feels out of control.

If you know his behavior is criminal, tell him. Let him know he could go to jail.

Do Something About It

If he argues with you, or if he continues the abuse, you need to make a move. You may need to call the police.

Take seriously any form of abuse – verbal, emotional, physical or sexual. Domestic violence rarely is a one-time event. It usually escalates in frequency and severity over time. It’s not just his temper, a bad day or overdrinking. These will intensify his actions, but they aren’t the cause.

“An underlying factor,” said Dr. James Gilligan of Harvard, “is a feeling that one has to prove one’s manhood, and that the way to do that is to commit a violent act.”

Get other men to join with you against that mistaken notion. The more men stand together for the right message, the more that message will stick.

If it comes down to a choice, the woman’s safety is more important than your friendship.

Remember, Her Life Could Be at Stake

“Why didn’t she just leave?” is a common question, but leaving doesn’t always mean safety. Victims often are warned not to leave, and if they do, their abusers sometimes track them down. Many women are afraid even to reveal the abuse.

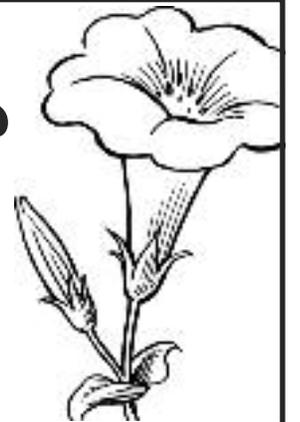
Apart from serious bodily injury, domestic violence causes deep psychological trauma. The anger and stress a victim feels can lead to health problems, eating disorders and depression, even suicide.

Being a mere observer of abuse is not an option. Take action, as a man, and prevent other men from hurting women.

If you are worried about the safety of your friend’s partner or spouse, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. The abuser also can call that number to get anonymous and confidential help.

Find information and a list of resources at www.hhsc.state.tx.us/Help. Click on the Family Violence Program link.

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Several stolen guitars recovered

(NDG Wire) Garland Police have recovered 63 of 86 guitars that were stolen in the burglary of a mini-storage reported on Christmas Eve of 2009.

The guitars, signed by various celebrities, are used to raise money to benefit children through the Purts Creek Charity Event. Police began recovering the guitars during the last week of December based on several tips received about the break-in.

Detectives now believe some of the remaining 23 guitars may have gone to people as Christmas gifts who have no idea they are in possession of a stolen property.

Police have obtained a warrant for one suspect in the burglary, 31 year old Robert Allison Davis. Detectives also want to talk with a second person of interest in the case, 31 year old Jason Bruce. Both have arrest records and

may be driving a 1999 Dodge pickup truck, with black primer and Texas tag number 2PRD30.

Police are asking for the public's help in locating Davis and Bruce.

Police are also requesting anyone who received a guitar for Christmas signed by a celebrity to call Garland Crime Stoppers and compare their serial number to make sure it is not stolen. 972-272-TIPS (8477).

Hair and word stylists speak at Show-Tell-N-Flaunt It Natural Hair Seminar and Expo in Dallas

(NDG Wire) The Show-Tell-N-Flaunt It Natural Hair Seminar and Expo in Dallas will be an educational, motivational and inspirational event that will focus on the culture and care of natural hair.

Event speakers will be Rayshunda "Ms. Ray" Holt, natural hair stylist and owner of Deep in the Roots, LLC., natural hair salon and Linda "Moseetta" Jones, journalist and founder of A Nappy Hair Affair, Inc.

"I'm having the expo because I want to give people the knowledge and information they will need to have more insight about natural hair," says Ms. Holt, a licensed hair braider and hair stylist for more than 20 years.

Holt, who operates her salon in Lancaster, said that she started specializing in natural hair care in 1999 after

experiencing damage from repeated use of chemicals in her own hair. Her seminar session will cover how to create and care for natural and African-inspired hairstyles without the use of chemicals. She will also lead a showcase of natural hairstyle creations by her and hairstylists from Dallas and other cities.

The event will also feature an interactive 'hairepy session' by Jones, author of *Nappyisms: Affirmations for Nappy Headed-People & Wannabes!* A former staff writer for the *Dallas Morning News*, Jones broke the stories about state licensing of hair braiding. The issue drew national attention and sparked passionate debate over whether the African art form should be regulated. The Texas State Cosmetology Commission eventually

created a special category for braiders and made the licensing requirements among the lowest in the nation.

"I asked Linda to be a part of this because of her expertise in this area and her knowledge of our culture and heritage," said Holt.

The seminar and expo will be held on February 13, from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 1241 W. Mockingbird Lane. Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance. Jazz musician Don Diego and other local artists will perform during the expo where vendors will sell a variety of goods and services. An after party will follow at 9 p.m.

For information contact Holt at: Deep in the Roots Salon, 972-227-7735; 214-995-0105; deepintheroots@att.net; www.deepintheroots.com.

Feedback sought for Plano's RecycleBank Pilot Program

(NDG Wire) Residents in selected areas of Plano will have the opportunity to share their opinions and make recommendations about a pilot program called "Recycle-Bank." The program was active for 11 months and offered local homeowners in specific neighborhoods store coupons for increased recycling volume.

The pilot area consisted of over 11,000 homes. Input from the survey will assist the Sustainability & Environmental Services department in making recommendations to the City Council on continued funding of the program and possible expansion.

All residents in the pilot area will receive postcards and are encouraged to com-

plete the online survey. Residents completing the 16-question survey by Jan. 22 are eligible for a random drawing for five cubic yards of Texas Pure products (delivered by the City of Plano and valued at up to \$200).

For information: visit livegreeninplano.com: Kim Soto at 972-769-4343, kims@plano.gov.

Actor Burton Gilliam hosts Plano Television Network Special

(NDG Wire) Television and film star Burton Gilliam will star in the Plano Television Network special promoting the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County and the services it provides to Plano's aging community.

A Collin County resident, Gilliam donated his time and talents for the 30-minute special created to educate viewers on the Wellness Center's health, counseling and transportation services provided to residents 55 and older, and senior caregivers.

"During production, Burton was fun and engaging for everyone involved but especially the seniors who gathered to watch us work," Video Producer Ana Gonzalez said. "He



Burton Gilliam

even lured a few not-so-shy seniors on camera with him. His professionalism and enthusiasm enhanced our production, and he was a pleasure to work with."

Gilliam's most noted role was as Lyle in Mel Brook's production of *Blazing Saddles*. However, he has gone on to have a successful television and film

career with parts in *Back to the Future 3*, *Honeymoon in Vegas* and *Walker, Texas Ranger*.

Executive Producer Rebecca Cunningham said, "It is refreshing to see someone give back to his community and we are certainly thankful for his generosity."

The Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County special began airing on Friday, Jan. 8. For more information about the Center, visit www.gwccc.org.

Plano Television Network, a division of the City of Plano Public Information Department, broadcasts programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It can be watched on Verizon Fios channel 30, Time Warner channel 16 and www.planotv.org.



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Black, Mexican-American law school enrollment declining

(NNPA) - The number of Black and Mexican-American students attending U.S. law schools has decreased in the last 15 years, according to a new study, despite students in both groups improving their grades.

From 1993 to 2008, the percentage of law school students from both ethnic groups declined despite Columbia Law School's Lawyering in the Digital Age Clinic and the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) found that 3,000 more first-year seats were available.

"Many people are not aware of the numbers, even among those interested in diversity issues," Conrad Johnson, clinical professor of law who oversees the clinic, said in a statement. "For many African-American and Mexican-American

students, law school is an elusive goal."

A new report by the organizations revealed a 7.5 percent drop in African-Americans in the entering class of 2008 compared to 1993, and during that same time period, an 11.7 percent drop in Mexican-Americans.

Also in the past 15 years, Johnson said the number of law schools has increased from 176 to 200 but enrollment has still not increased among Blacks or Mexican-Americans.

"By analyzing enrollment figures over time and in light of common admissions criteria we are trying to inform the discussion about law school diversity," he said.

Using data from the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), the Columbia clinic determined

that 61 percent of Black and 46 percent of Mexican-American applicants were denied acceptance at law schools to which they applied from 2003 to 2008. White applicants were rejected at a rate of 34 percent.

"SALT is concerned about the trend because a less diverse body of law students leads to a number of poor outcomes, including a less diverse pool of lawyers and judges to serve the public, diminished faith in the administration of justice and a less productive, creative workforce," Johnson said.

"We need our students to see more than one perspective and develop their critical thinking skills. You can't do that if all they see is the same small cut of society in class after class."

TWU welcomes prospective students and guests to Jan. 30 open house

(NDG Wire) This month, the Texas Woman's University (TWU) will host an open house for prospective students from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday, Jan. 30, on the TWU Denton campus.

Prospective students and their guests will have the opportunity to meet faculty and students, participate in a campus tour and attend sessions on admissions, financial aid, housing, student life, commuter information and

more.

Prospective students also could win \$1,000 to be applied to fall 2010 tuition and fees at TWU. Three awards of \$1,000 each will be presented to one freshman, one transfer and one graduate student at the Denton Open House. Students must be eligible for admission to TWU to claim the awards.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in Hubbard Hall, located on Administration Drive between Oakland

Street and Bell Avenue in Denton. Information sessions are scheduled until noon, followed by campus tours that include residence halls. Free parking is available throughout the Denton campus during the open house.

For more information or to register, visit www.twu.edu and click on Denton Campus Open House email TWU at openhouse@twu.edu or call 940-898-3014 or 1-866-809-6130.

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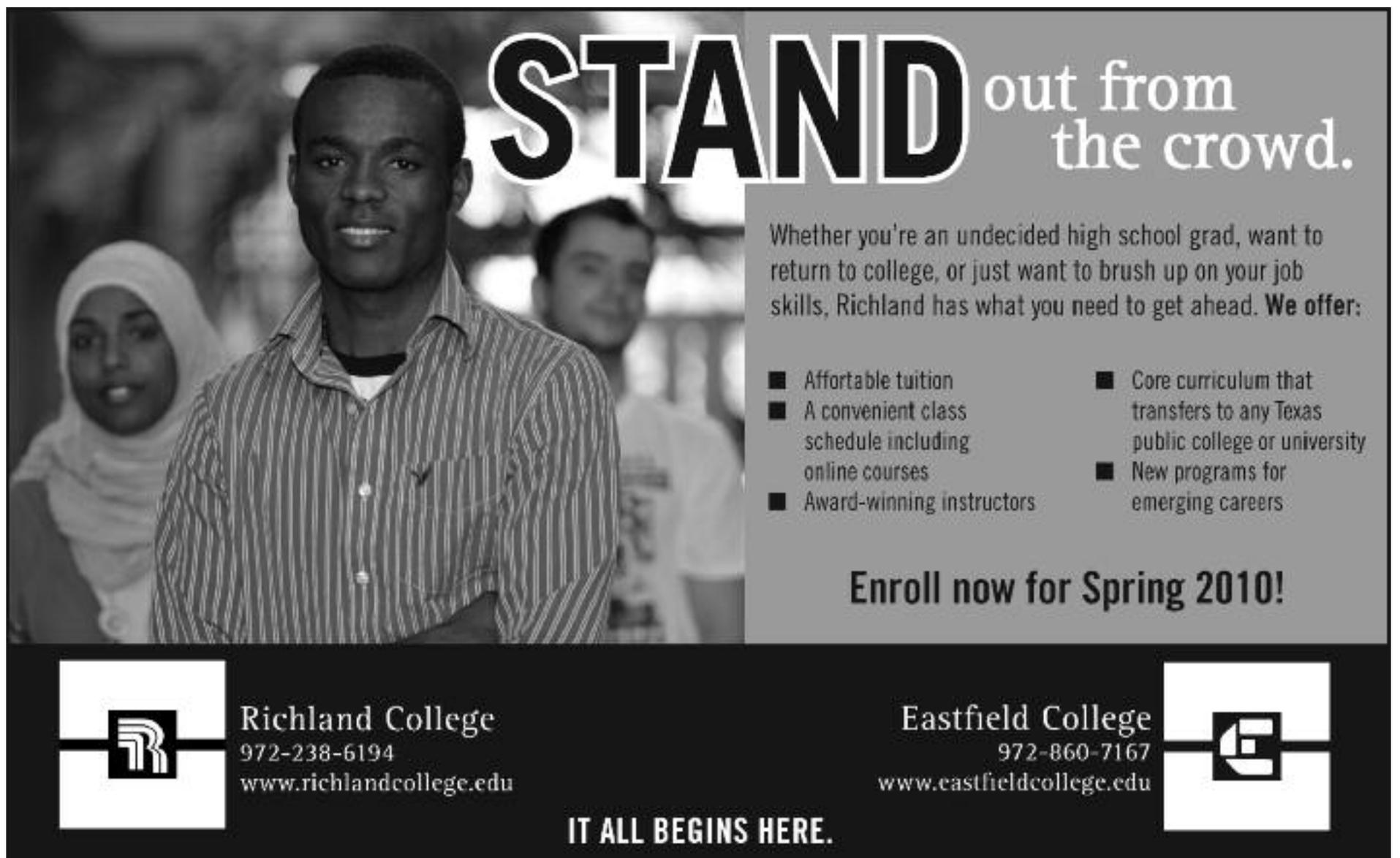
(BLACK PR WIRE) Internship season is quickly approaching, and it is time for students to decide what plan of actions they will be taking; whether it is summer school, an exotic vacation, a summer

job or internship.

Director of the Florida A&M University's Career Center, Delores Dean, recommends every student complete at least one internship before graduation. The Ca-

reer Center assists all students at FAMU seeking full-time, summer employment, co-op positions and internship opportunities. "A lot of

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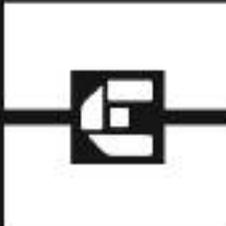
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Habitat Homes & Chase Bank partner to help Plano families

(NDG Wire) During the holiday season four deserving families received keys to their new Habitat homes.

Volunteers and representatives from Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity and Chase gathered as a community and joined the homeowners in blessing and bringing joy to their

new homes.

These homes, in the Frazier Courtyard Homes neighborhood, are part of Chase's ongoing commitment to increase affordable housing, especially in South Dallas.

More than 800 Chase volunteers worked over eight consecutive Saturdays

to make the dream of homeownership a reality for these Dallas families.

In addition to the dedications, 28 homeowners in Frazier Courtyard Homes received new window treatments provided courtesy of JCPenney. A team of approximately 34 JCPenney Associates volunteered a day alongside 32 Habitat volunteers to install the company's large selection of energy savings™ window treatments, all selected by the families earlier this month. The treatments will enhance the décor of each home and further augment these homes' environmental or "green" standard (all Frazier homes are built to LEED Silver certification standards), providing additional energy saving benefits.



One of four homes sponsored by JPMorgan Chase and dedicated on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

Plano celebrates first LEED certification for existing building

(NDG Wire) The City of Plano Animal Shelter has been awarded LEED® Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification (GBCI). It is the first existing building to achieve this recognition in Plano and one of the first 10 to be designated in North Texas.

The USGBC reports building operations consume roughly 72 percent of the electricity generated worldwide. Energy consumption can be reduced by 24 to 50 percent through green building practices. While energy conservation is a global issue, innovative companies such as the City of Plano are addressing it through local solutions.

Plano employees Richard Medlen, Facilities Maintenance Superintendent, and Animal Services Manager Jamie Cantrell helped lead the Animal Shelter to achieve LEED® certification through energy efficiency, lighting systems, water conservation

and green materials; as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, a LEED® certified building saves money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and contributes to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the community at large.

"With each new LEED-certified building, we get one step closer to the USGBC's vision of a sustainable built environment within a generation," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, USGBC CEO & Founding Chair. "As the newest member of the LEED family of green buildings, the City of Plano Animal Shelter is an important addition to the growing strength of the green building movement."

LEED is the nation's pre-eminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. For information about green building, visit livegreeninplano.com.



Left to right – Edgar Moudoma and Georgette Boulingui receive a congratulatory hug and house keys from Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity Board member John Slates at a dedication ceremony on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

Minority contractors often unsuccessful in bid process

BY YASMINE REGESTER (NNPA) - Although Greensboro's economy is kept afloat by many small and minority businesses, often times they are looked over for projects. "Many times minority contractors are getting crumbs or nothing at all," says County Commissioner Bruce Davis. The "public needs to be aware of what is being done with their tax dollars."

Through the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (M/WBE) program, the City of Greensboro provides minorities and women equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of city contracting and purchasing programs, and prohibits discrimination against a person or business in pursuit of these opportunities on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

Todd Baldwin, MWBE coordinator for Guilford County Schools says he has noticed a slight increase of minority business

participation over the last two years. "Our good faith effort is to have 12.46 percent MWBE participation. My goal is to have equitable distribution of the wealth."



The MWBE Web site maintains an updated list of bid opportunities on the local, state, and federal level for the minority businesses to bid upon. Companies interested in applying to become a certified M/WBE business must demonstrate at least 51 percent ownership and control on a day-to-day basis by a woman or minority, including African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American, disabled, or socially or economically disadvantaged. Applicants

must also complete a detailed application and provide ample documentation to support the claim of a minority- or woman-owned business.

In the latest report from GCS in September 2009, MWBE cumulative participation for the 2008 Bond Projects was 25.18 percent for design and 28.47 percent for construction.

Baldwin noted that sometimes small contractors are not able to participate in the bidding process because they are not able to secure bonding, which is another term for a contract with an insurance company that specifies the work to be done and compensation for work. Baldwin also recommended that suppliers break up the materials needed into smaller parts so it doesn't put a financial strain on the business.

James Williams, a minority business owner says owners expect small companies to pull the same

bonding as larger companies. "If a minority business bids low enough to get a job but can't fund it, then they can't take the job." Williams is the owner of Mechanical Concepts, a heating and air business; and Construction Consultants General Contractor LLC. He suggests that suppliers compile an equipment package so that everyone is paying the same price for equipment on a particular project. "If they want to put all the businesses on a level playing field, then they will have to make some changes," said Williams.

Another barrier faced by minority businesses is when individuals get an opportunity to work and complete the work but have to wait longer to get paid.

"Although the economy is down, this is a time where we can put people to work," said Baldwin. "Aside from the MWBE, this is people's livelihood we're talking about."

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. (Doors open at 6:30 pm.) Collin County Republican Party HQ, 8416 Stacy Rd., McKinney. Call Linda Wynn Drain, 214-498-7574 or website www.aarcc.com

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CCBCC General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Call 469-424-1020 or email: info@CCBlackChamber.org for location.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or meeetup.com/378.

Group Business Seminars at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, (214) 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

North Dallas Texas Democratic Women Regular Meetings 4th Thursday, 6:45 p.m. Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Rd (between Forest & Royal Lanes).

January 15 – February 7 Southwestern Exposition and Stock Show & Rodeo One million people from around the world will come to the Will Rogers Memorial Center for the nation's oldest livestock show and daily performances of the world's original indoor rodeo. The carnival midway thrills the young and not so young while fashions, home furnishings as well as farm and ranch equipment will be offered by more than 200 exhibitors. Food for every taste - including a new destination restaurant called Diego's Cantina - will be found over the entire Will Rogers Complex. The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - this thing is legendary!!! For times and ticket information, please visit www.fwssr.com

January 15

2010 MLK Candle-Lighting Ceremony at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. -Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter. The 2010 Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Jerome McNeil of Christian Chapel Temple of Faith. Admission is free. See www.mlkcelebrationdallas.org

January 16

Learn how to be a successful business owner when The PLAN Fund provides the key resources and valuable entrepreneur training which is vital as you start and grow your small business. The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; cost is \$45 per person. Call 214-942-6698 or visit www.planfund.org.

Cajun Family and Ray's Ragin Cajun Fried Turkeys presents "A Taste of The Bayou II" **Saints v Cardinals Playoff Game Watch Party @ Lost Society-Lower Greenville 2008 Greenville Ave.** Dallas with doors opening at 2 p.m. FREE GUMBO AND CAJUN FRIED TURKEY

during game (while supply last). RSVP your BOOTHs and/or Bottles Services at: TasteOfTheBayou@yahoo.com and 214-395-6517

The Youth Ensemble of the Texas Ballet Theater School will perform a program of ballet and modern dance at the Latino Cultural Center in Dallas. To obtain tickets or receive additional information about January 16 program, call the Dallas Academy office at 214 369-5200, extension 138.

January 17

27th Annual Black Music /Civil Rights Movement Concert, at Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30, \$20 \$15 Info: 214-743-2400

January 18

Cowboys of Color Rodeo from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Will Rogers Coliseum Fort Worth, Admission \$16.00; Info: 817-877-2420

January 19

Kids Vision Fest A program of Kids Vision for Life Coalition & Essilor Vision Foundation 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas located at 1515 Young St. at Ervay St. There will be FREE vision screenings, eye exams for children who qualify. For children with Medicaid or CHIP, eye doctors will be available who accept those benefits. Also FREE glasses (if prescribed that day) from a wide selection of really cool frames and ophthalmology appointments for children with crossed eyes. If you plan to bring a group of children or have a child who needs an ophthalmology appointment, contact barbara@essilorfoundation.org or call Barbara at 972-401-1186.

January 22-23

Chamber Music International Concerts featuring

the enormous talent and virtuosity of pianist and Avery Fisher winner Alessio Bax; and violinist Nai-Yuan Hu, Gold Medalist in the Queen Elizabeth Competition in Brussels. The concert will take place on Jan. 22, 8 p.m., at SMU's Caruth Auditorium; and will be repeated on Jan. 23 at St. Barnabas Church in Richardson. For tickets and information call 972-385-7267 or go to www.cmi-tickets.org.

January 22

Relay For Life 2010 Community Kick-off in Historic Downtown McKinney at the McKinney Performing Arts Center at 6 p.m. www.mckinneyrfl.com

January 23

The Fifth Dimension will perform at 8:15 p.m. at the Eisemann Center - 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. The reserved seating tickets \$14- \$80; Special rates for groups of ten or more; Add \$2 at the door. Call the Plano Symphony Orchestra at 972-473-7262 or visit www.PlanoSymphony.org.

UNCF's An Evening of Stars TV special screening party being held at the African American Museum. 7pm - 11pm. Tickets are \$40 donation and include food & beverages. Museum galleries will stay open late for guests. Tickets call 972- 234-1007. A limited amount of tickets will be available for sale at the door. Info www.uncf.org/dallas

January 26

Live Healthy North Texas 100 Day Challenge Dr. Kenneth Cooper, "father of aerobics" and founder of the Cooper Aerobics Center is the guest speaker at the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Event beginning at 11:15 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas-Richardson, 701 E. Campbell Rd. Richardson

January 31

Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Silly Strings** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. TICKETS: Call 972-473-7262, prices range from \$7 - \$11.

February 5

MTBC Mgmt Luncheon Series: Jim Keyes, Chairman & CEO, Blockbuster, Inc. Hyatt Regency North Dallas-Richardson, 11:15 a.m. 701 E. Campbell Road, Richardson, Pre-Paid Reservations Required. Cost: \$35 members, \$40 prospective members. <http://www.metroplexmtbc.org/>

February 11-13

NBA All-Star Jam family-fun event is one of the highlights of the NBA All-Star activities set for Feb. 11-13 at the Dallas Convention Center. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster.com, American Airlines Box Office or by calling 800-4NBA-TIX TICKET PRICES: Adults: \$20; Children (3-12): \$12; Senior/Military (with valid ID): \$12; Children (2 and under): FREE

February 18

Nokia Theater Presents **Mariah Carey** in Grand Prairie, the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$59.75-\$150.73; Info 214-373-8000

February 19-20

6th Annual Weekend Festival of Black Dance, at Naomi Bruton Main Stage, in Dallas 8 p.m. Tickets \$10.00 Info: 214-743-2400

February 21

Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Brass-A-Palooza** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. TICKETS: Call 972-473-7262, prices range from \$7 - \$11.

February 26

Urban League Luncheon at the Hilton Anatole Hotel

February 27

UNCF's 11th Annual Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit Gala being held at the Sheraton Hotel downtown Dallas. Reception/Silent Auction begins at 6pm. Dinner program begins at 7:30 pm. Individual tickets \$200. For details visit www.uncf.org/dallas

March 3 - 7

Dallas Auto Show is the ideal opportunity for consumers to compare styling and pricing of every major line make under one roof in just a few hours. The Dallas Auto Show was conceived in 1982, and now boasts more than 550,000 square feet of new cars, trucks and SUVs at the Dallas Convention Center and an attendance of close to 400,000 auto enthusiasts. More than 40 manufacturers will display more than 700 vehicles. Details at www.dallasautoshow.org.

March 5

Savor Dallas Arts District Wine Stroll will feature wine and food tasting in the beautiful Dallas Museum of Art - Seventeen Seventeen Restaurant; Meyerson Symphony Center; Nasher Sculpture Center; Winspear Opera House; and Wyly Theatre (from 5-7pm); plus wine, food, music, and art in the exciting new Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Park, featuring the restaurants of One Arts Plaza: Dali Wine Bar, Fedora Restaurant and Lounge, Jorge's, Screen Door, and Tei-An (5-8pm). Details at www.savordallas.com

March 7

Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Gone with the Winds** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. TICKETS: Call 972-473-7262, prices range from \$7 - \$11.

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BY JUDGE GLENDA A. HATCHETT

Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to a dream of equality. He dreamed of a day when “little black boys and black girls would be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.”

Although Dr. King is no longer with us, his spirit and dream live on.

January 18, 2010, marks the 16th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. It is a day for us to transform Dr. King’s life and teachings into community service to help solve social problems.

One of our nation’s glaring social problems is the plight of African American children trapped in the foster care system.

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, nearly 800,000 children experience foster care every year. Although the 2000 US Census reported that African American children represent 15 percent of the total U.S. population, they make up 35 percent of all children in the child welfare system. Additionally, more than 50 percent of African American children in foster care are boys.

How can we help our African American children realize Dr. King’s dream?

One way we can start is by becoming involved with the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association, a non-profit organization that I support because it has been proven to work for children

in care. CASA is a national network of trained community volunteers who are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for the safety and wellbeing of abused and neglected children. Research shows that children with a caring CASA volunteer by their sides are significantly more likely to find safe, permanent homes. Less than 10% of children who have had a CASA volunteer return to the foster care system.

More than 68,000 CASA volunteers serve more than 240,000 abused and neglected children through 1,018 program offices across the US; however, only 12 percent of these volunteers are African American.

As African Americans, we must stand up for our children and actively embrace the old African proverb “it takes a village to raise a child.”

As the chief presiding judge over the Georgia juvenile court system, I saw many abused and neglected children fall through the cracks, only to end up permanently in the criminal justice system and be a drain on the social service system.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said that “Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.”

As we reflect on Dr. King’s dream and his tireless service to our nation, it is paramount that we stand up and fight for our children in foster care.

For more information about National CASA or the local CASA program in your area, call 1-888-805-8457 or visit online at www.CASAforchildren.org.

Judge Glenda A. Hatchett, author of Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say!, is a nationally recognized authority on juvenile issues and serves as a national spokesperson for the National CASA Association.

The Garland Branch of the NAACP Annual MLK Parade and Youth Extravaganza

(NDG Wire) The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Garland, Texas branch will host its 21st annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and march on Saturday, January 16, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Parade starts on Dairy Road at Garden Drive (near Embree Park), Garland, Texas

It proceeds north on Dairy Road to Highway 66 (Avenue D) going West (left) on Highway 66 (Avenue D) to First Street. From there the parade will proceed North (right) on First Street to Highway 66 (Avenue B), West (left) on Highway 66 (Avenue B) to Fifth Street and then North (right) on Fifth Street to

Austin Street. The parade ends at the Granville Arts Center, 330 North Fifth Street, located in downtown Garland.

The 2010 theme is “Giving a Double Salute on MLK Day.” The grand marshals for the 21st annual parade and march will be: Gwendolyn H. Daniels, the Garland MLK parade and commemorative program coordinator and Corsharra L. Prenell, Garland’s MLK Youth Extravaganza program coordinator.

The celebration continues with an MLK commemorative program in the Granville Arts Center’s main auditorium, immediately following the parade and march. The MLK Community-wide Youth Choir, St. Luke AME Pup-



2009 Garland NAACP MLK Parade

pet Ministry and Ida Handley Elementary Choir will perform. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Youth groups from area churches will showcase their spiritual talents in praise dance, step routines and military style drills on Sunday afternoon, begin-

ning at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information on these events, please contact the NAACP Garland branch at 972.381.5044, voice box #5, or visit their Web site at: www.garlandtxnaacp.org.

Cowboys of Color to perform at Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

(NDG Wire) Cleo Hearn was born in Seminole, Oklahoma in 1939. He planned to be a baseball star until age five when he met his first black cowboy, Marvel Rogers, at an all black rodeo in Boley, Oklahoma. From that a dream was born. Today he can say he lived his dream of being a professional cowboy.

A member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association since 1959, he still competes today in calf roping events throughout the West and Southwest. He also produces the largest multicultural rodeo in the United States – the Cowboys of Color Rodeo Tour – which runs from April to October and visits a number of cities in the Southwest.

As a youngster, he would walk a mile or two to a local barn just to be near the horses. His family still doesn’t know where he got his love of horses but it might be from his father, a Native American. Hearn is proud to represent two cultures and tell the stories of African Americans and Native Americans who both played a largely untold role in the settling of the American West.

Due to the draft, he was one of the first African Americans to perform in an Army rodeo in New Jersey. Later, he left the Army and Honor Guard to go back to college on a rodeo scholarship. After graduating from Langston University with a degree in business and while at a rodeo in New York, he was spotted by Ford Tractors – then a subsidiary of Ford Motor Company. Ford was looking for a cowboy to appear in a commercial. Not only did he get the commercial but Hearn was offered a management trainee position with Ford Motor Company where he worked for 33 years. Throughout those years he continued to rodeo on the weekends and vacations.

He put on his first rodeo in 1971 in Harlem, New York for 10,000 kids. His second venture, called the Texas Black Invitational Rodeo, became an annual event. Hearn’s phil-



Cleo Hearn

anthropic spirit is always front and center with portions of the proceeds going to local non profits including the African American Museum in Dallas, and the Multicultural Western Heritage Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas.

Hearn helped establish the American Black Cow-

boy Association in 1971 to encourage minorities to compete in rodeo and become members of the PRCA. He has been recognized for his achievements as an inductee into the 2005 Texas Trail of Fame – 2005, nominee for Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame – 2006 and an inductee into the African American Museum of Dallas Bandera Museum Hall of Fame – 2009.

Hearn will once again make history by staging the Cowboys of Color Rodeo at the 2010 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The performance will be held on the day reserved to commemorate another real American hero, Martin Luther King Jr.

This will be the first time the Cowboys of Color Rodeo has been featured at the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR). “It’s a great honor to host this event for the first time during the Stock Show and pay tribute to the cowboys of color and their heritage. We are pleased to highlight their influence and we look forward to a continued relationship with them in the future,” noted Brad Barnes, Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Stock Show.

As a community outreach initiative, a portion of the pro-

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Richmond Punch Jazz Quartet at library

BY TOM KEENER
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CONTRIBUTOR

A blend of jazz, classical and gospel music will be presented by the Richmond Punch Jazz Quartet at the Allen Public Library, 3:00 pm, Sunday, February 21, Allen Public Library, 300 N. Allen Dr. Featuring a violin, piano, bass and drums, this quartet is known for performing a wide range of musical genres. Sponsored by ALLEN Reads and Bach to

Books, this program is free and no reservations are required.

A Dallas native, Richmond has been playing the violin since he was five years old. The following year, his life began to change as a result of caring people. Joan Williams, his teacher at L.L. Hotchkiss Elementary School in Dallas, recognized Richmond's potential and purchased him a violin. At age 14, he was admitted into Dallas Sym-

phony Orchestra's Young Strings Program, the Southern Methodist University pre-college program, and the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, directed by Richard Giangiulio, who now serves as Director of the Allen Philharmonic Orchestra. These organizations afforded Richmond access to professionals who gave him superb training, mentoring, and teaching.

Richmond now holds a music degree from the Juil-

iard School and a graduate degree in Music from Yale University. He has performed for WRR 101.1 Live and Good Morning Texas. Richmond states, "One of my goals is to be a voice for the black culture and represent its beauty for more than what is represented on television and film."

Giving back to the community, Richmond performed a concert for the patients, employees and volunteers at the Children's

Medical Hospital in Dallas where he was once a patient. Richmond serves as artistic director of the Dallas Uptown Youth Orchestra, a program of the Punch Family Foundation that reaches more than 3500 children and adults annually.

Richmond is currently preparing his 2010 release of *Voyage: Vol. 1* which is a mix of jazz meets hip hop on a trip around the world. Dedicated to musicians and composers whose songs are

in this series, he performs their original works but also adds a modern fusion twist.

When asked about what advice he would offer today's young people, Richmond replies, "Seek the advice of teachers, parents and religious figures, but make your own decision about what is the most passionate part of your life. Place a great value on instruments and books."

For information, call 214-509-4911.

Dallas Symphony Brass Quintet free concert

(NDG Wire) The Bancroft Family Concert on January 30, 2010 will present the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet in a free performance of music for trumpets, trombone, horn and tuba. The Bancroft Family Concert will be held in Horchow Auditorium at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas.

The auditorium doors open at 2:30 pm for the 3:00 pm concert. No admission charge and no reservations or tickets are required.

Members of the Dallas

Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet include Ryan Anthony and Kevin Finamore (trumpets), John Kitzman (trombone), Gregory Hustis (horn) and Matt Good (tuba). The quintet will perform Baroque music by Handel, Scheidt and Bach plus music by South African/Canadian composer Malcolm Forsyth and Collier Jones' *Four Movements for Five Brass*. Collier's quintet was written for the New York Brass Quintet in 1957 and has become standard repertoire for American

brass quintets.

Fine Arts Chamber Players' Bancroft Family Concerts are made possible in part by the Sue & Christopher Bancroft Family, Union Pacific, the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, TACA, the Dallas Arts District Foundation, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and WRR - FM Classical 101.

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UNCF to hold special screening of its annual TV special the 31st An Evening Of Stars® Tribute to Lionel Richie

(NDG Wire) On Saturday, January 23, the United Negro College Fund, (UNCF) will host a screening party of the 31st anniversary broadcast of UNCF's TV special *An Evening of Stars® Tribute to Lionel Richie Presented by Target* at the African American Museum at 7:00 p.m. located in Fair Park at 3536 Grand Avenue, Dallas.

Tickets for the event are a \$40 donation and include food, beverages dancing and door prizes. The museum galleries will also be open for party guests. Tickets can be purchased by calling the UNCF office at 2800 Swiss Avenue, Dallas 972-234-1007.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door the

night of the event. All proceeds will benefit UNCF's Texas-based historically black colleges and universities.

"Lionel Richie, a graduate of the prestigious UNCF member school Tuskegee Univ., has consistently supported UNCF throughout his career," said Diane Stephenson, UNCF Area Development Director. "We are excited to be able to host this special screening party featuring this TV special honoring him for his contributions to the entertainment industry and for his dedication to helping minority students earn college degrees."

The broadcast of the UNCF's 31st anniversary *An Evening of Stars® Trib-*

ute to Lionel Richie will air across the nation on January 23 and 24, 2010. The DFW broadcast is Saturday January 23 at 9:00 p.m. on TXA 21. The program features stars from the worlds of music, TV and education paying tribute to UNCF Award of Excellence recipient Lionel Richie. Honoring Richie with performances of many of his best-known songs are nine-time Grammy Award winner Natalie Cole, Akon, Jesse McCartney, Grammy-Award winner, Chrisette Michele, Boney James, Katharine McPhee, Ledisi, Johnny Gill, James Ingram, Brian McKnight and 25-time Grammy Award winner Stevie Wonder.

Joining UNCF Presi-

dent and CEO Dr. Michael L. Lomax and the all-star cast celebrating Richie's artistry and humanitarian efforts are Tom Joyner, Shemar Moore, Terrence Howard, Romeo, Cedric The Entertainer, Justin Chambers, Bobb'e J. Thompson, Gina Raveria, Tracie Thoms, Regina King, Lauren Velez, Paige Hurd, Terri Crews, Suzanne de Passe, Merri Dee, *Extra's* AJ Calloway and *Access Hollywood's* Shaun Robinson.

"I am a product of a historically black college and university, and that experience has had a tremendous influence on my life. I am honored to be able to contribute to UNCF's mission of helping kids get a college education," said Richie.

"Education opens doors of opportunity and will enable our youth and our nation to have a brighter future."

Woven throughout *An Evening of Stars®* broadcast are reminders of UNCF's work on behalf of education. There is a special appreciation of Michael Jackson, which recalled the King of Pop's legacy of generosity and foresight in endowing a UNCF scholarship program that has helped more than 500 students graduate from UNCF member colleges. Another segment focused on the scholarship program established by Cedric the Entertainer, and included a visit by Cedric to scholarship recipients.

A segment regarding

UNCF's highly successful Gates Millennium Scholars Program, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, reports that the program is being seen as a model for increasing the number of Americans with college degrees, meeting President Barack Obama's goal of regaining world leadership in the share of citizens who have a college education.

Once again this year UNCF is offering limited edition DVDs of this year's 31st anniversary *An Evening of Stars® Tribute to Lionel Richie* to Super Viewing Party attendees who donate \$100 or more. (DVDs will be shipped after the show is broadcast on January 23 and 24, 2010.)

Take Charge of Business at Texas Business Conference in Denton

(NDG Wire) The dynamics of today's fast-paced, challenging economy can make it difficult for employers to keep up with laws affecting their businesses and workers. To address that, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is inviting Denton-area business owners and managers to the Texas Business Conference on Friday, January 22.

"The conference helps employers recognize how laws affect them and their workforce," said TWC Chairman and Commissioner Tom Pauken. "Tools presented at the event will give employers the information they need to operate a business effectively. Texas is a great place to do business, and we need to do our part at TWC to encourage job creation and economic growth in the private sector, while

helping our employers address the regulatory challenges of employment law."

Chairman Pauken and his staff will present practical, up-to-date information and tips to avoid costly pitfalls when operating a business and managing employees.

Agency attorneys and staff will discuss employee handbooks, hiring and retention, firing, workplace investigations, Unemployment Insurance (UI), preparing for UI hearings, wage and hour laws, workers' compensation and more.

Participants will receive the latest edition of the popular publication *Especially for Texas Employers*, which addresses basic legal issues regarding hiring and post-employment and work-separation policy. Certified public accountants who attend can earn six hours of continuing

education credit. Other conference participants may qualify for other general professional credit.

The conference is from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites - Denton University Area, North Texas Ballroom, 1434 Centre Place Dr. in Denton. Registration is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Registration is \$85 per person and is nonrefundable. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.texas-workforce.org/twcinfo/tbc-forms/tbcform.html, mailed with the fee payable to: Texas Business Conference — TWC, Texas Workforce Commission, 101 E. 15th St., Room 218, Austin, TX 78778.

Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Eight tips to help you choose a tax preparer

(NDG Wire) The IRS urges people to use care and caution when choosing a tax preparer. Remember, you are legally responsible for what's on your tax return even if it was prepared by another individual or firm.

Most tax return preparers are professional, honest and provide excellent service to their clients. However, unscrupulous tax return preparers do exist and can cause considerable financial and legal problems for their clients. Therefore, it's important to find a qualified tax professional.

The following tips will help you choose a preparer who will offer the best service for your tax preparation needs.

1. Check the person's qualifications Ask if the preparer is affiliated with a professional organization that provides its members with continuing education and resources and holds them to a code of ethics.

2. Check on the preparer's history Check to see if the preparer has any questionable history with the Better Business Bureau, the state's board of accountancy or for CPAs or the state's bar association for attorneys.

3. Find out about their service fees Avoid preparers that base their fee on a percentage of the amount of your refund or those who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers.

4. Make sure the tax preparer is accessible Make sure you will be able to contact the tax preparer after the return has been filed, even after April 15, in case questions arise.

5. Provide all records and receipts needed to prepare your return Most reputable preparers will request to see your records and receipts and will ask you multiple questions to determine your total income and your qualifications for expenses, deductions and other items.

6. Never sign a blank return Avoid tax preparers that ask you to sign a blank tax form.

7. Review the entire return before signing it Before you sign your tax return, review it and ask questions. Make sure you understand everything and are comfortable with the accuracy of the return before you sign it.

8. Make sure the preparer signs the form A paid preparer must sign the return as required by law. Although the preparer signs the return, you are responsible for the accuracy of every item on your return. The preparer must also give you a copy of the return.

You can report abusive tax preparers and suspected tax fraud to the IRS on Form 3949-A, Information Referral or by sending a letter to Internal Revenue Service, Fresno, CA 93888. Download Form 3949-A from IRS.gov or order by mail at 800-829-3676.

Red Mango to offer franchisees kiosk, self-serve and co-branded options in addition to full-service stores

All-natural frozen yogurt retailer announces new franchise offerings as part of accelerated growth plan for 2010

(NDG Wire) Red Mango is expanding its franchise offerings to include kiosk, co-branded and self-serve concepts in addition to the full-service stores that have made the company the fastest-growing retailer of all-natural nonfat frozen yogurt, fresh fruit smoothies, and probiotic iced teas. The move comes as part of a strategic plan to grow the Red Mango brand even more aggressively nationwide in 2010.

"We are adding unprecedented flexibility to increase our market presence while ensuring the integrity of our successful brand and expanding menu," said Dan Kim, founder and CEO of Red Mango.

"Our new store platform extensions and how we deliver our products to the market will allow us to adapt to more venues, reach more customers, secure the best brand exposure and deliver the greatest returns to our prospective franchisees and licensees. Our goal is to serve our all-natural, award-winning products to more people in more ways."

Red Mango franchise opportunities will now include three store formats:

Red Mango Full-Service, which offers cus-

tomers a comprehensive line of made-to-order Red Mango menu items in stylish and engaging retail environments;

Red Mango Express, which offers customers a comprehensive or select line of Red Mango menu items in venues with smaller footprints, such as kiosks and co-branded venues; and

Red Mango Self-Serve, which will offer customers the opportunity to serve Red Mango's line of frozen yogurt and toppings themselves, as well as enjoy Red Mango's made-to-order products.

These flexible options will enable the Red Mango menu and experience to be delivered in a wide range of real estate platforms including shopping malls, lifestyle centers, captive audience venues, free-standing pads, and traditional strip mall and inline street destinations.

The Red Mango Express platform has been tested successfully in select markets across the U.S. Current versions of this platform include the Red Mango kiosk at the MSNBC.com Digital Café at 30 Rockefeller Center in New York City, the Red Mango kiosk at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, the

Red Mango kiosk co-branded with Auntie Anne's Pretzels at Burnsville Center Mall in Minnesota, and the Red Mango kiosk co-branded with The Original Soupman at NorthPark Center Mall in Dallas.

The Red Mango Self-Serve platform is scheduled to debut early 2010 in New York and Texas.

"Stores that will be developed from Red Mango's record number of franchise agreements awarded this year will be opened based on this variety of platforms," said James Franks, vice president of franchise sales for Red Mango.

"Our expanded real estate offerings have attracted highly-skilled multi-unit franchisees and licensees looking to add the Red Mango brand to their growing portfolio of successful businesses. In addition, entrepreneurs entering the franchising arena have also welcomed the additional options."

Kim added, "With the introduction of our new self-serve platform, we will be the only frozen yogurt retailer to embrace a versatile and adaptive portfolio of real estate solutions through which we will be able to deliver our innovative and evolving menu."

Holiday DWI patrol results

(NDG Wire) Garland Police stepped up their DWI patrols from December 18, 2009 through January 3, 2010 in an effort to keep Garland citizens and visitors safe during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The additional enforcement resulted in 25 DWI arrests.

No fatality wrecks were reported during the same time period.

The additional patrols were funded by the IMPAIRED DRIVER MOBI-

LIZATION GRANT that is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The grant's aim is to enforce DWI laws for all drivers with a special emphasis on Driving Under the Influence by Minors.

Girl Scout cookie time: season kicks off January 8

(NDG Wire) Every year, millions of girls across the United States gain valuable knowledge while providing the community with a special treat—Girl Scout Cookies.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program began in Northeast Texas on January 8 and goes through the end of March. One new Girl Scout Cookie joins the cast this year: Thank U Berry

Munch - features real premium cranberries and creamy, white fudge chips.

Everyone's favorite Girl Scout Cookies are still available: Do-Si-Dos, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Samoas, Dulce de Leche, Lemon Chalet Cre-mes, and the world-famous Thin Mints.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is an integral part of Girl Scouts' Business and Economic Literacy initiative for girls in grades K through 12. What started out as a bake sale has turned into a sophisticated leadership program where girls learn valuable life & business skills: goal setting, public speaking, teamwork,

brand awareness, responsibility, money & time management, financial literacy and grassroots entrepreneurship in its finest form.

The entire Girl Scout Troop sets a goal and follows a plan leading toward that goal. Girl Scout Troops use funds from the Girl Scout Cookie Program to fund service projects, exciting educational field trips, and other leadership activities.

Whether girls are dreaming of becoming a doctor, teacher, businesswoman, president of the PTA, or superstar athlete, the Girl Scout Cookie Program gives them the self-es-

teem they need to reach for the stars.

Many successful women have credited their business skills to the Girl Scout Cookie Program, making it the premiere business and economic literacy program for girls in the United States. As one successful Dallas entrepreneur put it, "It's not about how many cookies are sold or which girl sells the most - It really is about learning to create a business plan, how to sell, and how to deliver on a promise."

The Girl Scout Cookie Program also promotes community service. Project Troop to Troop is a Girl

Scout service initiative that encourages members of the community to buy packages of Girl Scout Cookies to donate to the U.S. Armed Forces.

Last year, Project Troop to Troop generated more than 127,000 packages of Girl Scout Cookies. Project Troop to Troop Cookies are transported to Fort Hood, the USO, the American Red Cross and ultimately service men and service women at home and abroad. Girl Scout Cookies will also reach local Veterans' Organizations and wounded soldiers.

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tomers base.

By way of introduction to the "new" *North Dallas Gazette*, attractive advertising packages, including complimentary editorial opportunities will be offered during the first quarter of this year. In addition, *NDG* wel-

comes the area's business and cultural organizations' feedback as to how the publication may better serve their needs.

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terest in our happiness.

We need a strategy to fight back, to help us re-frame decisions linked to our happiness. So what researchers from UCLA did was they asked people to choose between a luxury car with the basic features, or the same car with all the bells and whistles, for only 10 percent more cost.

Most people, when they made the choice from the narrow perspective of simply comparing the two models, chose the upgrade.

A separate group of people were then given the same choice, but these peo-

ple were also told that buying the basic version was like getting almost the same car as the luxury version, but the difference in cost would be enough to pay for a couple of years worth of gas.

Simply framing the decision a bit more broadly caused most people to choose the basic car. Same choice, same demographic, but the emphasis was on spending less, not more."

A lesson from this is that instead of measuring the cost of everything in terms of money, its more useful to think of what

economists call the opportunity cost which measures cost in terms of the next best thing we have forgone.

In this spirit, Abey described the concept of happiness opportunity cost, where the measurement is happiness forgone.

Closely linked to that is the idea of happiness arbitrage, which refers to the potential to increase happiness without spending more.

Abey conducted some research with AXA to show a simple way of getting people to apply this idea.

"We asked a focus

group of people what they could do with \$10 to \$20 to make themselves happy," he said. "Instead of trying to buy a small luxury item or trinket, they mostly responded that they'd use the money to have a cup of coffee with a friend. The focus was spending time with a friend, and not what they bought with the money.

Again, they asked the group what would they do with \$100, and most of them responded by saying they'd spend it on an evening out with friends. The centerpiece was the fellowship of their company,

not the meal they bought or the show they'd see with them."

"The most telling thing I encounter is a test I give people in my seminars," he said. "Shortly after the last episode of wildfires in California, I began asking people what they would run back into their house to save if they could only get one thing before it went up in flames.

Do you think they grabbed the \$3,000 flat screen TV or the \$1,000 leather jacket? No - most people respond by saying they'd rescue photos. Fam-

ily photos tucked away in a \$5 photo album possessed more value than any expensive material good in the house, and that illustration hits home with people more than anything"

"At the end of the day, we need to let the realization sink in that it is not only possible, but desirable, for us to work on increasing our happiness without necessarily increasing our spending. And by having in the back of your mind the things that make you most happy it makes it a lot easier to say no to people trying to upsell you."

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would invigorate the economy, provide an opportunity to train and employ a new, highly skilled workforce in the building trades, and strengthen nuclear power.

In fact, some manufacturers already have begun to expand their facilities and payrolls in anticipation of new nuclear business.

Two companies broke ground this summer on a facility to build heavy components for nuclear reactors in Newport News, Va., a \$360 million investment by AREVA that will create 500

jobs.

Also, a turbine-generator supplier by Alstom reopened and expanded its manufacturing plant in Chattanooga, Tenn., as part of a \$200-million investment that's expected to create 350 jobs. Other plants are opening in Louisiana, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. So far, about 15,000 jobs in nuclear power have been created. But that's only a start.

A company planning to build a new nuclear plant in Maryland estimates that the project will generate 11,000

jobs, mainly in manufacturing. Among the jobs created are 1,800 in plant construction and 400-800 permanent jobs in plant operation and maintenance. And secondary jobs are generated in the surrounding communities, along with revenue for state and local governments, which, in turn, creates jobs.

The average nuclear plant generates \$430 million a year in total output for surrounding areas and nearly \$40 million per year in labor income. Considering the economic benefits,

it's no surprise that polls show overwhelming support for building additional nuclear units from people who live near existing plants.

The pace of nuclear power growth depends on several factors. One is passage of climate-change legislation. Earlier this year the House of Representatives approved a bill requiring an 80 percent cut in greenhouse-gas emissions by 2050.

To reach that goal, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that about

130 additional nuclear plants would need to be built. The nuclear industry says this would create 350,000 jobs.

Nuclear power development also depends on financing support from the federal government. Congress has made \$18.5 billion available for government loan guarantees, but that would cover just five or six nuclear plants. Obviously, the level of support needs to be raised substantially.

So it is possible to produce jobs and clean energy.

More than possible, it is essential.

If the economy doesn't turn around soon, the problem of unemployment and the millions of people furloughed into part-time work or have stopped looking for jobs will only worsen, and the economy will stagnate. How better to promote growth than to stimulate investment in manufacturing facilities and American workers?

Emmanuel K. Glakpe is professor of mechanical engineering at Howard University.

Congresswoman Johnson's statement on Haiti Earthquake

(NDG Wire) Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson released the following statement on the earthquake that occurred Tuesday in Haiti:

"My thoughts and

prayers are with the victims of yesterday's earthquake near the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, and with those in other parts of the world who are frantically trying to contact loved ones

in Haiti.

President Obama has made a commitment to deliver immediate humanitarian relief to the people of Haiti, and I fully support his effort to mobilize American

resources. He recognizes, as I do, that the long-term challenges within Haiti make the unwavering support of the United States even more critical."

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students need to take advantage of our facilities," Dean said. "After fulfilling an internship, students gain a sense of pride, as well as being able to seek greater opportunities because of the experience they have gained." According to Dean, some companies are even willing to pay for students' graduate school if employed by them.

Tiffani Davis, a fall 2008 professional MBA graduate, said she has fulfilled three internships during her college career. "I have gotten all of my internships through relationships that the School of Business and Industry has with our Office of Internship and Career Development," said the 23-year-old Dallas native. After Davis spoke with officials at SBI about various companies and industries she was interested in, the internship office scheduled interviews for her. "They make the process of finding internships much easier than searching on my own," she said.

Davis believes that with

the economy in a recession, internships also give students a leg up against their colleagues. She said employers tend to prefer students who have on-the-job experience and training. "After being on my internship this past summer, I was given an offer," she said. "I did not have to worry my last semester about trying to find a job and deal with that stress." Davis received an offer from her most recent internship with JP Morgan in New York. She said not only do internships help gain experience and open doors, but also some offer long-lasting opportunities and positions.

Brie Lewis, 26, a 2005

professional MBA graduate, is proud to say that four years after graduation, she is still with the same company. The Philadelphia native currently works for Decatur Pharmaceutical in New York. "While on internship, I was able to decide what it was that I

wanted to do and not do," Lewis said. Lewis said she feels her internships prepared her for the professional world. She said she gained a lot of invaluable work experience, including being able to meet deadlines and work well in groups.



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Construction begins on King National Memorial at the Mall

BY KAREN BRUNDIDGE

(NNPA) For 13 years, Ed Jackson has been steeped in a struggle to make a dream come true. He is chief architect for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the Northeast side of the Tidal Basin lining up with the Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson memorials.

President Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. President Lincoln saved the Union and signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Scholars credit King with providing the road map for all Americans to realize the ideals of equality and justice.

"For me, I am still holding my breath, Jackson said. "I can't exhale until we have the final dedication."

The memorial, scheduled to open next year, would be the first to honor a Black man on the National Mall. It will cost \$120 million, only \$13 million of which remains to be raised.

"We hope people con-

tinue to help support the memorial to complete the dream," said Dina Curtis, director of the memorial project. Anyone can make a donation by going to www.buildthedream.org, www.buildthedream.org or calling 1-888-4-THE-DREAM.

It's a dream 26-year-old DC resident Ebony Jackson has also been waiting for. Jackson is an employee of a tourist shop near the site of the King Memorial. She knows that many civil rights icons contributed to the movement, but she is glad that Dr. King is having his statue built where every American and tourist can see it.

"Now kids will say I've seen Jefferson, Lincoln, and now we finally get to see Dr. Martin Luther King," Jackson said. "I am excited that he will have a place on the mall."

People working on the project are excited, too, anticipating that this will bring

people together even more.

"I think the memorial is significant. It says that Dr. King belongs to us all; he advocated non-violence to achieve social change. And that affects all cultures and all people," said Dina Curtis, among the project workers.

Preparation for construction began just before Christmas, but a wooden fence blocking off the construction trailers on Independence Avenue is the only sign that construction has begun. In the next few weeks, people driving by can expect to see big earth zoning equipment, cement, and to hear the familiar sounds of bulldozers going to work.

When finished, the three-acre memorial will feature a 28-foot-tall statue of King with his arms folded across his chest. According to the memorial project's website, natural elements water, stone, and trees are used to underscore the themes of justice, democracy, and hope. Large majestic trees like pine, oak

and magnolias will exhibit seasonal change and annual growth.

It was about 20 years ago when six men were sitting around a kitchen table in Silver Spring, Md., discussing the possibility of a memorial the civil rights icon. These men were members of Alpha Phi Alpha and they thought that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who belonged to the same fraternity, should have a revered place on the National Mall, just as he did in history.

They headed to Capitol Hill to try to lobby legislators to support their idea. In 1996, Congress passed a bill authorizing a King monument on the Mall. The National Capital Planning Committee approved the site in 1999. But it took the memorial foundation 13 years of intense fundraising effort to raise most of the \$130 million needed to construct the memorial and to break ground.

Last weekend, several young people braved sub-

zero temperatures at the Mall to peak at the site where their hero will be in majestic display a year from now. They were touched, they said.

Fifteen-year-old Charles Hall said he would work hard to fight stereotypes of young Black youth. He wants to keep the legacy alive by focusing on education.

"I've been staying on top on my grades to make sure that I don't kill the dream," he said.

On January 18, Metro DC will be honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a variety of ways,

including a "day on," instead of a "day off." Many will be volunteering and working in their communities, instead of just sitting at home watching television or playing video games.

Volunteerism on MLK day is the appropriate spirit of the day, they said.

"We all need each other, and it shows the patriotism, love, and appreciation for him," said 35-year-old Amadu Cham from Maryland. "It is not about one race over another. We are all brothers and sisters; we are all one people."

McKinney Main Street helps kick off the 2010 Relay For Life

(NDG Wire) McKinney Main Street has partnered with Relay For Life to host the 2010 Community Kick-off in Historic Downtown McKinney. The event will

take place at the McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC) on Friday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. The Community Kick-off is a way to educate potential participants about the of-

ficial Relay event, which will be held on April 30 through May 1 from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. at the Ballfields at Craig Ranch.

Relay For Life is the

American Cancer Society's (ACS) national fundraising event to raise money to fight all types of cancer in children

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Wednesday Nights
7:15 pm



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Another Chance Today

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

Happy New Year! 2010 is a 'New Year and a New Decade'. This could be a fresh start and a second chance for individuals who want a new start. Now is a great time for you.

Bill Lott, my son-in-law, was a committed golfer, he played often and on a regular schedule. This was before he became a husband and especial a father. He discovered that his priorities had changed.

In golf, a mulligan is a golf term which allows a player to play a second shot off the first tee if the first shot is poor. It's a second

chance to get a fresh start without penalty.

Sometimes in life an individual may want or need a mulligan, a new start. Christ represents the invitation to throw away your first life and begin anew with Him as a new creature.

The Promised Land represented a new life for the people of Israel who had lived a life of bondage and slavery in Egypt. Read Deuteronomy Chapter 8. It is also symbolic of a new life in Christ. It says we are no longer going to be driven by the things of our old nature, but Christ now lives in us to live a righteous and holy life. This does not mean that we are perfect, but that we are forgiven.

A new life in Christ has nothing to do with church attendance or even going goods things for people.

Christ said there will be many people who will claim Him as their Savior but they never really knew Him. In other words, there was no evidence of the living Savior in them. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:22 & 23 (KJV)

Jesus invites everyone to partake of the new life He offers. The new life that He died on the cross for everyone to have. An individual must only believe, and then invite Him to remove your sins and allow Him to live as your Lord and Savior through your new life, in

this New Year and in this new decade. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if Any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelations 3:20 (KJV)

If you have never had a mulligan in your life, now is your time to let Jesus give you a brand new start. All you have to do is ask Him for your mulligan today, in 2010 and the start of a new decade. He died to do this for you. "Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures." James 1:18 (KJV)

There are times when talking to Jesus is not easy, because that takes faith in Him, whom you have never seen. It's hard enough to



Bill Lott, son-in-law of Sister Tarpley

communicate with others that you see often. They can become hardheaded and self-centered. Ask Jesus to help you to understand them and what they may be going through this New Year and new decade. Ask Him to help you to talk to others in soft words, always. Ask Jesus to help you think of others and see their point of

view, their needs and their situations so that you can interact appropriately. Ask Him help you to love others through Him this New Year. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." James 1:19 & 20.

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and adults, men and women. It is a volunteer-driven, local community event in which teams of 8 to 15 members commit to camp overnight, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., with each participant raising a minimum of \$100 through pledges and fundraising activities. More than 91 cents of every dollar raised at Relay goes to the ACS to

fund cancer research and patient services that can directly benefit McKinney residents.

"McKinney Main Street is honored to support and participate in such an important cause," said Ty Lake, Main Street Program Director. "So many people have been affected by cancer. With more than 128 businesses located in Historic Downtown

McKinney, it made perfect sense to launch the Kick-Off downtown and do our part to help increase community awareness."

The Community Kick-off is free and open to the general public. It will provide opportunities for event attendees to learn how to form a team, sign up as a survivor or caregiver, purchase lumi-

narria, become a sponsor or serve on one of several committees. Relay For Life officials will be on hand to answer questions and provide information.

Mayor Brian Loughmiller will welcome the crowd, and Jon Christopher Davis of Lone Star Attitude will take center stage to perform a concert during the

evening's awareness activities. Davis, a McKinney-based singer/songwriter, will introduce the theme song which he recently composed for Relay For Life.

"McKinney's Relay For Life has been named the #1 Relay out of 54 in the North Texas Region," said Becky Neeley, Relay for Life Co-Chair. "McKinney's Relay is

larger than those held in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio. In its first eight years, Relay For Life of McKinney has raised almost \$2.4 million dollars for the fight against cancer, and we are extremely grateful to our wonderful community for the ongoing support."

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NTTA customers can win \$100 gift card for completing survey

(NDG Wire) The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) is offering customers the opportunity to win a one of ten \$100 gift cards for completing a customer experience survey. NTTA customers can access the survey before January 20

by visiting www.ntta.org and clicking on the link to the survey. The survey will take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete and is available in English and Spanish.

The survey is intended to help the NTTA identify strengths and opportunities

for improvement in its operations, products and services. The NTTA will factor the results into future decisions.

The survey is being conducted by an independent third party market research firm, and identities of re-

spondents will remain anonymous. Winners of the drawing will be notified within a week of the survey closing. For any questions or support regarding the survey, contact Tamer Partners Corporation at info@tamerpartners.com.

Texas Stadium implosion date set for April 11

(NDG Wire) It was announced Wednesday during the Irving City Council Work Session that the Texas Stadium implosion is set to take place early Sunday morning

on April 11.

Concrete is being removed from the lower bowl and 95 percent of the material removed will be recycled and used for the reconstruction of

the State Highway 183 and 114 interchange. Upon the completion of the excavation, the area will be filled with dirt used from the DART Orange Line station construc-

tion. Asbestos removal will be completed inside and outside the structure, followed by the soft demolition until only the structural concrete and steel remains.

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ceeds will go to benefit the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum whose mission is to offer the visitor a true and complete historical perspective of the people and activities that built the unique culture of the American West.

The FWSSR runs Jan. 15 to Feb. 7, 2010. The Cowboys of Color will perform on Monday, Jan. 18 at 2:00 p.m. For more information about the Cowboys of Color Rodeo or other FWSSR events, visit www.fwssr.com.

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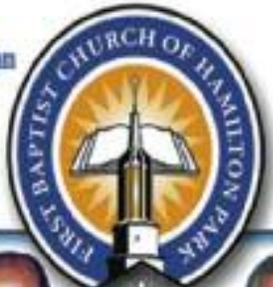
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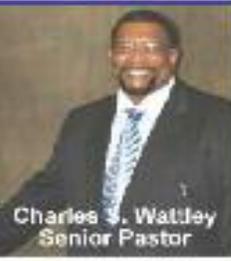
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