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State Rep. Terri Hodge

## Texas State Rep. Terri Hodge pleads guilty to federal charge and agrees to resign from public office

(NDG Wire) Gladys E. Hodge, also known as "Terri Hodge," who was to go on trial early next month on charges outlined in a 31-count indictment charging 14 public officials and their

associates with various offenses related to a bribery and extortion scheme involving affordable housing developments in the Dallas area, has pleaded guilty, announced U.S. Attorney

James T. Jacks of the Northern District of Texas.

As a condition of her plea with the government, Hodge, who was elected to the Texas House of Repre-

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## New graduate degree focuses on Latin America

Master's program takes multidisciplinary look at culture, history and politics

"We are delighted to be offering a graduate program in the Dallas area that emphasizes Latin American culture," said Dr. Monica Rankin, assistant professor of Mexican/Latin American history.



(NDG Wire) The University of Texas School of Arts and Humanities has launched a new Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies. Building on the expertise of current faculty in the fields of Latin American culture, history, literature, politics and eco-

nomics, the program will allow students to approach the study of Latin America from a multidisciplinary perspective.

The new graduate program will provide a solid scholarly foundation for students who wish to con-

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## From Singapore to Dallas North Hills Prep Model UN Club shines through

(NDG Wire) For the students at Irving-based North Hills Preparatory, international diplomacy isn't just something they're hearing about on the evening news. Stay after school on

any Thursday evening, and you'll find nearly 100 middle and high school students from the charter school gathered for one of

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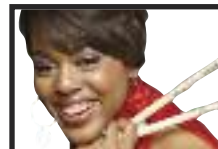
Students at Irving-based North Hills Preparatory travel to Singapore.

## 18th Annual Trumpet Awards sure to stir emotions



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TRUTH CLINIC

## Haiti's duplicitous relationship with the devil

BY JAMES W. BREEDLOVE

As the headlines on Haiti's monstrous earthquake and subsequent recovery efforts begin to fade controversy still remains over the validity of the curse that, according to Pat Robertson, resulted from the Haitian slaves making a pact with the devil in 1791 to obtain their freedom from their French overseers.

While the main stream media has covered the emotional comments of both supporters and de-

tractors of Pat Robertson's curse theory very little factual information has been provided regarding the negative impact on Haiti over the years by America's duplicitous foreign policy. Tim Matthewson's *A Pro-Slavery Foreign Policy*, Henry Louis Gates *The Curse on Haiti*, and Noam Chomsky's *Year 501* provide excellent background information.

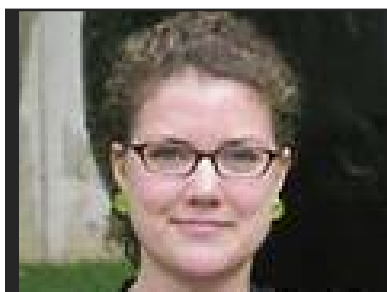
In the emotional debate there is an ambiva-

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## A. Kate Sheerin

(NDG Wire) A. Kate Sheerin has been named the new director of Centraltrak, a Deep Ellum gallery and artists' residency that is part of the UT Dallas School of Arts and Humanities.

Sheerin graduated from New York University's Institute of Fine Arts with a master's degree in art history in 2002. She moved to Texas in 2003 and was appointed assistant curator at Southern Methodist University's Meadows Museum, where she developed the contemporary and regional collections, exhibitions and programming.

Since leaving the Meadows, Sheerin has worked independently on several exhibitions, including curating "El Franco Lee II" at Angstrom Gallery in Dallas and co-curating "Intimidades: Public Access/Private Views," which opened at Banamex in Mexico City and toured through Mexico. Sheerin also has published in several exhibition catalogs and written online exhibition reviews. She is pursuing her doctorate at UT Dallas in the Aesthetic Studies program.

"We are delighted to have Kate Sheerin at Centraltrak,"



said Dennis Kratz, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. "She brings an ideal combination of knowledge and experience to build on our previous success, and brings the artist residency

program to an even higher level of excellence and impact."

Sheerin said her main goals for Centraltrak include strengthening the residency's ties in the local community and extending support for the program outside the local community. "I would like to see greater participation by visiting artists in the programming of the residency gallery, and hope to bring in artists from vibrant countries that we have not tapped so far, such as Brazil, Cuba, China and India."

Upcoming events at Centraltrak include the *Transitive Pairings: Body Object* ex-

hibit, running Feb. 13-April 24, and the Urban Sprawl Symposium on Feb. 20.

Centraltrak is located at 800 Exposition Ave. in Dallas. Hours are Wednesday

through Saturday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information call (972) 883-2476 or visit [www.centraltrak.org](http://www.centraltrak.org).



Patrons enjoy the arts at UTD's Centraltrak.

## John Todd

(NDG Wire) John Todd, owner of Elite Remodeling, said his company continues to add to the firm's trophy cases that are already filled with recognition trophies. Among top award winners for 2009, Elite was named winner of the prestigious ARC *Remodeler of the Year* award, presented annually by the Greater Dallas Home Builders Association.

Elite Remodeling is recognized as one of North

Texas' top remodeling companies, and for the third year in a row it won the "No. 1 Dallas/Ft. Worth Market Leader" award from *Professional Remodeler* magazine. Elite also captured the "2009 Best of Frisco Award" from the U.S. Local Business Association.

The ARC awards were created to recognize excellence in custom building and remodeling in approxi-

mately 60 categories, which include everything from Best Certified Aging in Place Specialist to Best Green Built Home, to Outstanding Service by a Building Services Associate.

Elite Remodeling also took home 2009 ARC awards for "Best Addition Under \$100,000" and, for the third consecutive year, "Best Certified Aging in Place Remodel."

Each year, *Professional Modeler* magazine salutes the top remodelers in the 20



top remodeling markets across the country.

This was the second straight year that Elite garnered the "Best of Frisco Award" in the Remodeling & Repairing Contractors category.

Only one in 70 (1.4 percent) 2008 award recipients qualified as U.S. Local

Business Association 2009

winners, which were judged on quality not quantity.

Elite Remodeling has an innovative Showroom & Design Center in Frisco, where prospective customers can see the construction quality Elite brings to the marketplace, and meet the Elite team.

To judge for yourself, visit Elite Remodeling at [www.elitehomeremodeling.com](http://www.elitehomeremodeling.com), or visit its Showroom & Design Center at 2930 Preston Rd. Suite 980, Frisco.

## Shea Alexander

Shea Alexander is the Clinical Director of the Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center (DARCC). The center is a non-profit organization providing crisis intervention, advocacy, community education, individual and group counseling for sexual assault/abuse survivors, their families and friends who may also suffer the traumatic impact of the violence perpetuated on their loved one.

DARCC provides advocacy with law enforcement agencies and medical facilities on behalf of sexual assault victims.

DARCC serves anyone who considers themselves to be a victim of any forced sexual contact, from sexual harassment and stalking to aggravated sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse.

DARCC offers sexual assault awareness and preven-

tion presentations to schools, businesses and other community groups.

In addition to advocacy and counseling DARCC functions as an information and referral service to anyone who calls the hotline for help. No one is ever denied our services; however their primary focus is to provide sexual abuse treatment and advocacy for Dallas County residents.

Staff or trained volunteer advocates are available on a 24-hr basis to provide crisis intervention and advocacy for sexual assault victims, their friends and family at a Dallas area hospital. The advocates meet with victims and their loved ones at the hospital in order to provide face-to-face emotional support and crisis intervention as well as information about the criminal justice process and procedures, literature on sexual assault, its impact and fi-

nally about DARCC and the services available to the victims through the agency. There may be occasions when a victim is best served through other programs, for example a victim who has been physically and sexually assaulted by her husband may require services of a domestic violence shelter more urgently than counseling at DARCC. A staff member is assigned to follow-up with any victim who is willing to give permission to DARCC to contact him/her the next business day.

The counseling staff at DARCC are specialized in sexual abuse and trauma treatment. A bilingual counselor is available to clients who only speak Spanish or are not fluent in English. Counseling services include individual, family and group counseling. Counselors are also available to meet individually with those con-

nected to the victim who are in need of information and support. In addition to individual and family informa-

tion sessions DARCC also provides support groups for parents and partners of sexual assault/abuse victims.



(L - R) Monica Urbaniak (Bilingual Counselor), Michele Foster (volunteer Coordinator/Victims Advocate), Jana Barker (Executive Director), Shea Alexander (Clinical Director)

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# Aid is power. Who do you want to empower?

BY YIFAT SUSSKIND

In the immediate aftermath of the catastrophe earthquake in Haiti, the first question everyone asked was: How can I help? Many people believe that donating to a large relief agency is the best way to help Haiti. In fact, those agencies do have a critical role to play, though, the problem is that most big relief operations are designed to swoop into a crisis, deliver services and leave.

After the big agencies leave, local people are no more knowledgeable, self-reliant or resilient than they were before. Therefore, it is crucial to help people respond to the next disaster and move toward real development.

One of ways that you can help is to support organizations that reinforce the activities of existing community groups. Too often, big international agencies temporarily set up shop and inadvertently undermine local organizations by attracting their best staff, driving up rents and ultimately weakening the very organizations that communities need for

long-term recovery.

It is important to help organizations that understand the role that women play in disasters. Usually, women are described as passive victims. In reality, they are the primary caregivers of those who are most at-risk in a disaster. Women supply the basic needs of children, the sick, the disabled and others in their care.

Also, support relief efforts that involve people who are impacted by the crisis. The "victims" may not have the resources to address the disaster, but they know first-hand what they need to recover and rebuild. Relief operations that allow local people to play leadership roles, set priorities and make decisions are the ones that leave skills and resources in the hands of the communities.

It is crucial to help organizations that talk about root causes of vulnerability in a crisis. Haiti's earthquake was a natural disaster but there is nothing natural about families living in shacks without disaster plans or government services. Understanding what makes

people vulnerable is the first step to recovery and building resiliency.

Finding organizations with a history of work in the country is a smart choice. Having local roots, speaking the language and being culturally sensitive go a long way towards getting things done in a crisis.

People should also support organizations that will stay in the country after the news teams and big agencies leave. Long-term projects will keep people planning for the future, helping to ensure that aid is delivered in a way that builds lasting solutions.

Helping organizations that are funded largely by people like you is also critical. Government-supported agencies are often beholden to government policy, not accountable to their members or, more importantly, to the communities where they work. Haiti needs relief efforts that are going to strengthen Haiti itself, not efforts that pride themselves on funneling most of their money back to U.S. corporations.

It's also essential to sup-

port small organizations. A large-scale crisis seems to require a large-scale response. However, many big aid operations are bureaucratic, slow and inefficient. Often, the best response to tremendous, urgent need is to replicate successful small-scale models of aid delivery rather than try to get a giant operation moving quickly.

Choosing organizations with a human rights perspective is crucial. Organizations that view Haitians as rights-holders, not victims, will be more effective at supporting Haitians as they strive to rebuild a society based on human rights for all.

Finally, support organizations that you want to see strengthened. Donating to an organization means boosting the capacity of the organization.

Whenever you have the opportunity to help someone, remember, aid is power. So the next time you give, ask yourself: who do you want to empower?

*Susskind is the Policy and Communications Director of MADRE: Rights, Resources and Results for Women Worldwide.*

# United State Senate has false fear of filibuster

BY GARY L. FLOWERS

(NNPA) In his State of the Union Address President Barack Obama opened with light-hearted recognition of recent Democratic political losses in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia.

The policy significance of the United States Senate race in Massachusetts was that the perceived balance of power in the Upper Chamber of Congress was in jeopardy. Why? Unlike the United States House of Representatives which functions on a simple majority vote of the 435 members, the U.S. Senate operates on a completely different—and un-democratic—set of rules.

For example, in the House bills are introduced and voted on by committees. If a bill is voted out of

committee to the House floor, all members vote it upon with a simple majority vote. However, the down side of democracy in the House is that the majority party (Speaker of the House) can shut down how much of a role the minority party may play. In the Senate one Senator can halt the course of a particular bill under current rules.

In addition, there are no time limits on how long a Senator can speak on an issue, which opens the door for an even larger issue. Paradoxically, the most democratic and un-democratic practice of the Senate is the use of a filibuster.

A filibuster is a procedural tool used by legislators to slow down the passage of legislation or the confirmation of a nominee to a high position. Under a

filibuster, a Senator may speak indefinitely until the other political party withdraws the bill or person nominated.

In its most negative sense, the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's saw racist southern—and northern—Senators filibuster civil rights legislation aimed at securing the right to vote and the use of public accommodations by people of color. In most cases, a legislator would read long books or even the comic section of papers until the other side relented.

In order to diminish the impact of the filibuster in the U. S. Senate a "super majority" rule was adopted to require 60 (of 100) votes to block a filibuster. Problem is: in order to counter-vail the un-democratic nature of frivolous filibuster

the Senate engages in "fuzzy math" that erroneously permits politicians to think that 41 votes (thus, 59 votes on the other side) constitutes a majority. Not true. I would like to see the majority party "call the hand" of the minority party when the filibuster is threatened.

If the Republican Party currently wishes to filibuster health care reform by talking incessantly on the Senate floor, then let them do so. The American people would not look kindly on politicians puffing hot air while people die while being denied access and affordability to health care. My message to the United States Senate: Fear not the filibuster. Call the opposition's bluff and let the voters decide what issues and Senators to support.



# Does the government get it about vitamin D?

(NDG Wire) What if there was one pill you could take to help reduce your risk for 17 types of cancer, heart disease, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis and childhood asthma – and it wasn't a prescription drug? Recent studies indicate this pill could lower breast cancer incidence

by as much as 50 percent and reduce the cost of cancer treatment by \$25 billion annually, while costing only pennies a day.

That pill exists, according to Dr. Soram Khalsa, a member of the medical staff at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. It's vita-

min D, and new data suggests it could help stem the tide of many chronic conditions.

Khalsa is a board-certified internist, 30-year practitioner and pioneer of integrative medicine and author of the book *The Vitamin D Revolution* ([www.vitamincrevolution.com](http://www.vitamincrevolution.com)).

He said the lack of vitamin D in Americans has been cited as a factor in just about every major ailment, and he is on a crusade to stop the trend.

Khalsa believes the U.S. recommended daily allowance (RDA) of vitamin D is outdated and too low, based on the long standing premise that vitamin D only helps fight rickets.

"In the past 10 years, medical science has discovered that vitamin D in higher doses can help prevent numerous other illnesses, yet the RDA does not reflect that new understanding. Simply put, the government is behind the curve," said Khalsa.

Most organs in the body have vitamin D receptors, and it circulates throughout the body and interacts with cells, tissue and organs, said Khalsa. Vitamin D is really a hormone, not a vitamin, and researchers have found that it interacts with more than

2,000 genes.

"Vitamin D is the only substance of its kind in the body," Khalsa said.

The world's best vitamin D researchers are convinced that as many as one billion people worldwide are vitamin D deficient, Khalsa added. "Vitamin D deficiency has been implicated in conditions including cancer, coronary artery disease and even chronic pain. ... The bottom line is that dozens of scientific studies have proclaimed resoundingly that the incidence of these illnesses is lower in people with higher levels of vitamin D in their systems, and is higher in those who lack it. It's just that simple," said Khalsa.

The best way to find out if you are vitamin D deficient is through a simple blood test from your physician or a home test kit. Khalsa said some symptoms of vitamin D deficiency can include:

- Muscular weakness

• Feeling of heaviness in the legs

• Chronic musculoskeletal pain

• Fatigue

• Frequent infections

• Depression

In 2002, the Journal of the American Medical Association urged adults to take a daily multivitamin. With the same urgency, Khalsa said he would like to see every adult taking 1000 IU – 2000 IU per day of vitamin D as part of their wellness regimen

He also said lack of access to basic health care increases risk for an array of illnesses.

"By adopting an integrative model of health care that incorporates safe and accepted self-care and complementary medicine strategies, like adding vitamin D, consumers can actively participate in managing their health – proactively mitigating certain risks and improving the quality of their daily lives."

## DoubleDave's to raise money in second TWU Alternative Spring Break event Feb. 9

(NDG Wire) DoubleDave's Pizzaworks in Denton will host a second fundraising event Tuesday, Feb. 9, for Texas Woman's University's Alternative Spring Break program, which allows to students perform volunteer work during spring break. Money raised will go toward helping TWU students complete various community service projects in the Albuquerque, N.M., in March.

Ten percent of all sales between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. will be given to the program. That includes dine-in, carry out and delivery orders. To place a carryout or

delivery order, please call DoubleDave's at 243-DAVE (3283) or go to [www.doubledaves.com](http://www.doubledaves.com).

The restaurant is located at 220 W. University Drive, just minutes from the TWU campus. DoubleDave's supports many of TWU and the University of North Texas' charitable efforts each year.

"Turn out was less than we would have liked for the Jan. 26 event, but we are committed to supporting the TWU Alternative Spring Break program because it does good work for others," said Ali Kohandani, one of the franchise restaurant's owners.

Each year, TWU facilitates an alternative spring break experience for students and this will be the tenth trip. 16 students and two staff advisers will travel to Albuquerque to volunteer time and perform tasks that address poverty, hunger and women's issues.

"We will learn more about the Native American population in Albuquerque and its culture," said Erin Lansmon-Winter, volunteer coordinator at TWU's Center for Student Development. "We will travel by van and the students will be staying in a local hotel and preparing their own meals."

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tinue an academic career beyond the MA degree, as well as for students who are interested in pursuing a professional career requiring familiarity with Latin America.

Dr. Luis Martín, a scholar of Spain and Latin America and professor emeritus of history at Southern Methodist University, will teach selected courses in conjunction with his new role as the director of Outreach Programs for the Center for Values in Medicine, Science and Technology at UT Dallas.

Dr. Monica Rankin, assistant professor of Mexican/Latin American History at UT Dallas, says students enrolled in the program will have the opportunity to work extensively with Spanish and Portuguese resources as part of course assignments. Before completing the degree program, Latin American

Studies students will complete a language exam and participate in either a study abroad program or an internship in partnership with local companies, creating an emphasis on language and Spanish culture.

"We are delighted to be offering a graduate program in the Dallas area that emphasizes Latin American culture and allows students to put their Spanish language skills to use," Dr. Rankin said.

Dennis Kratz, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, said the new program will offer significant opportunities to individuals within the Dallas-Fort Worth region and throughout the state of Texas who wish to acquire an in-depth knowledge of Latin America.

"Furthermore, this program will enhance the scholarly experience of the strong

cohort of graduate students at UT Dallas who are currently specializing in Latin American history, literature, and other related fields," said Kratz.

To help draw awareness to the program, on Feb. 4 the school will host an academic lecture open to the public, featuring Rolando Hinojosa, a renowned scholar of Latin American literature at The University of Texas at Austin.

Registration for the spring semester is now open to currently enrolled students.

Application deadlines for domestic applications are April 1, 2010, for the summer semester and July 1, 2010, for the fall semester. Deadlines for international students are March 1, 2010, for the summer semester and May 1, 2010, for the fall semester.

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## TWU to present forum on Islam and politics Feb. 11

(NDG Wire) Understanding society and politics from an Islamic point of view is the focus of a Texas Woman's University public affairs forum to be held Thursday, Feb. 11.

Dr. Mohsen Kadivar, visiting professor of religious studies at Duke Uni-

versity, will present the forum. Dr. Kadivar is an internationally recognized scholar, theologian and political activist.

"The Politics of Islam: A New Approach" will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in room 204 of the Classroom Faculty Office Building

(CF0) located on Texas Woman's University's Denton campus. For a map of the Denton campus, visit [www.twu.edu/maps.asp](http://www.twu.edu/maps.asp). The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, email [JWilliams2@twu.edu](mailto:JWilliams2@twu.edu) or call 940-898-2052.

## Fun fishing at Towne Lake Trout Derby in McKinney

(NDG Wire) The McKinney Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department will host its annual Trout Fishing Derby on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon. The event will be held in the East Pavilion at Towne Lake, 1405 Wilson Creek Parkway.

More than 4,700 Rainbow Trout will be stocked into Towne Lake for the

derby. The event is open to the public, and prizes and trophies will be awarded in various categories. Casting clinics are available to all attendees. There will be a free hot dog roast, and refreshments will be provided.

The derby is free for kids. Adults 17 and over will pay a registration fee of \$3 and must have a fresh water

fishing license. All participants must also provide their own pole and bait.

Call 972-547-2686 for information or visit [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org). The main sponsors of the event this year are Texas Parks and Wildlife, The Colony Bass Club, Pat Lobb Toyota, United Financial Services and the City of McKinney.

## Plano City Council declares February 2010 Census Awareness Month

(NDG Wire) On Monday, Feb. 8, the Plano City Council will recognize 2010 Census Awareness Month and the efforts of the Plano Complete Count Committee. The City Council formed the committee a year ago as a partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau to create local awareness about the 2010 Census.

The 20-member committee has promoted the 2010 Census by speaking to local organizations, operating informational booths at Plano events, walking in parades and distributing literature with water bills. February marks the big push before the census forms begin arriving in mail boxes in March.

Chairman Dr. Thomas

Martin, Collin College Associate Vice President for Research & Institutional Effectiveness, said "We want Plano residents to know being counted is safe, important and easy. With only 10 questions to answer, it can't get much easier. Collected individual information is kept confidential by law for 72 years. Until then, the data can only be presented in an aggregate format to provide statistics to help communities plan for infrastructure and social needs."

More than \$400 billion is distributed through 180 programs based on the Census data.

Those programs include low-cost lunches, senior services, healthcare

services, education, transportation improvements and more.

During the 2000 Census Plano implemented its first Complete Count Committee, which resulted in a 76 percent return. More importantly since the 2000 Census, the City has received over \$40 million in grant funds based on demographic information gathered through the census. That amount is conservative because it does not include what non-city organizations and agencies received through grant programs.

An interactive sample census form is available at [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov). It explains how each question's information is used.

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# What would you sit in for?

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX  
NNPA COLUMNIST

(NNPA) - It has been 50 years since four young North Carolina A&T State University students sat in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter for a cup of coffee, 50 years since their action triggered a movement that challenged, and ultimately changed a nation. While a gala and concert were snowed out, thousands will line the streets of Greensboro to celebrate the museum's opening.

The International Civil Rights Museum is an absorbing exploration of our nation's past. There are poll tax receipts, photos of some of those arrested, and the actual lunch counter where the four young men –Ezell A. Blair (now known as Jibreel Khazan), Joseph McNeil, David Richmond and Franklin McCain – sat down on February 1, 1960. There are also photographs – of Emmitt Till in his casket, of lynching, of segregated classrooms, of slaves working. A visit to the museum is a reminder of how

far our nation has come in fifty years, but also a reminder of how much more work we have to do before we reach the goal of social and economic justice.

These times, they are a'changing. The signs no longer say "white" or colored. The question is not whether one rides at the back of the bus, but whether one has bus fair, can own a bus company or zone one, or decide whether bus parts should be manufactured domestically or imported. There are no segregated lunch counters anymore, but don't sit down if you can't afford that cup of coffee. In some neighborhoods, there are no segregated lunch counters; there aren't even grocery stores. It is not clear that the tactics of the sit-in movement would bring affordable and healthy food to the 'hood, where often fresh fruit is scarcer than antiquarian bookstores.

In honor of the A&T Four, each of us must ask a question of ourselves. What would you sit in for?

What would make you juggle the many emotions that the A&T Four experienced – audacity, anger, fear, trepidation, anticipation, and righteousness – and choose to make a stand? Would you sit in for the environment? To stop the spread of AIDS? To increase wages?

To stop foreclosures? What would make you risk everything to make a point, to take a stand? Or has complacency so invaded our consciousness that there is nothing that would make us want to sit in?

In his State of the Union address, President Barack Obama placed priority emphasis on job creation. It is one of the most pressing concerns in our nation, with more than 15 million people out of work, half of them for more than half a year. He can't do anything about employment, though, without action from the Congress. The House seems willing, but the Senate is dragging, with some of them suggesting that a balanced budget is far more important than job creation.

They ought to ask the people who aren't working how they feel about that!

How many of the unemployed would be willing to stand or sit outside the Senate until those august representatives take action on job creation. President Obama has asked that \$30 billion be set aside for job creation initiatives, but the Senate is balking.

Wouldn't it be a powerful statement if unemployed people were willing to flood the streets of Washington, DC, even in winter cold, demanding that the Congress take action on jobs? This is the kind of action that Dr. Martin Luther King contemplated when he conceived of the Poor People's campaign, the kind of action that outraged Ameri-

cans were once capable of.

What did we sit in for now? If you need to have your fire for justice rekindled, a good place to start is with a visit to the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro.

*Julianne Malveaux is president of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.*

## Destination College parents workshop covers basics of higher education

(NDG Wire) Going to college is not just complicated and tough for students. It can be equally stressful and worrisome for parents.

Destination College, a Collin College initiative that helps high school students and their parents prepare for college, will host its annual Parent Workshop.

The Parent Workshop is free and open to any parent of a prospective college student, no matter where the student plans to attend.

This popular workshop

will provide parents with the essentials of planning and preparing for their child's college experience.

The fast-paced sessions are presented by a variety of speakers, and will cover practical parenting concerns, financial aid resources and terminology, and strategies for a successful admissions process.

Dinner will be provided at the parent workshop. Attendees will receive a copy of the 2010 Parent Resource Guide.

The workshop will be

held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, February 4, at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano.

This event is one of a series of workshops scheduled to help high school students prepare for college. Visit [www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/explore/destinationcollege/](http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/explore/destinationcollege/) for a complete schedule.

For information, contact Destination College at [destinationcollege@collin.edu](mailto:destinationcollege@collin.edu) or call 972-377-1772.

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the school's most popular clubs – Model UN – and the opportunity to debate hot topics such as nuclear proliferation, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, naval build up in Southeast Asia, global sustainability, and the issue of Tibet in China. The students don't just get to voice their own opinions though. Part of their role as acting as a diplomat means researching the country they represent and voting in its best interest. The growing club has competed in multiple regional conferences and recently took their first ever international trip to participate in The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) Singapore conference.

North Hills was one of only two high schools from the United States to take

part in the THIMUN Singapore conference. THIMUN conferences are widely regarded as the premier Model UN conferences, with Singapore being the sister-conference of the original Netherlands conference. Thirteen of North Hills' most experienced high school students were selected to travel to the five-day conference in November, along with Model UN advisor Charles Ryder and the school's Senior Director Cheryl Huisman.

"We have gone to conferences in Denton and Oklahoma several years and were looking to broaden our experience," said Model UN president and senior Jingshen Zhao. "We looked at college conferences at Georgetown, Penn, Harvard, Stanford and UT, as

well as the Hague and Singapore THIMUN conferences. One of the things we liked about THIMUN Singapore is that if your work is good and other nations accept your work, it is reported in a book that goes to the actual UN."

At THIMUN Singapore, North Hills students were assigned to represent the small Southeast Asian island nation of Brunei Darussalam in five committees of the General Assembly and also participated in a special Youth Assembly and attempted to create youth-doable solutions to current global problems. Senior Meyappan Subbaiah had the opportunity to act as the Ambassador of Brunei and present a speech about the country to the full 600-person General Assembly.

"Model UN has been an excellent opportunity build public speaking skills and has also influence my college goals," said Subbaiah. "I'm looking at studying nuclear engineering, and Model UN has influenced my decision to incorporate that with an international relations aspect. I've applied to Berkley, Purdue, MIT, Penn State, and Texas A&M because they would allow me to pursue this as a double major."

With the Singapore conference now behind them, the group has set their sights on their own upcoming conference, the Dallas Area Model UN (DAMUN) conference, which they are hosting at North Hills on January 30. The high school students from North Hills will be acting as conference

hosts and moderators and completely in charge of making sure things run smoothly, being familiar with the conference topics and maintaining parliamentary procedure. Close to a dozen schools have signed up to participate, including North Hills Middle School, Hockaday, St. Marks, Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, Lovejoy, RL Turner and Berkner. The conference will help raise money for merit-based scholarships for future trips by the North Hills Model UN club.

DAMUN one of five registered conferences of United Nations Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs Non-Governmental Organizations Branch.

North Hills students' goal is to make direct con-

nections with the UN secretariat to make direct diplomatic lobbying from the youth, like the THIMUN conferences – a powerful step that makes every participant a winner. They're also hoping to get invited to the original THIMUN conference in The Hague next year.

"Since North Hills is part of the Uplift Education family of schools, we're really hoping that the success of Model UN here will spread to the other campuses," said Zhao. "It's an amazing opportunity for any student to learn how to make policy work and influence the world on a macro scale."

For information on the Dallas Area Model UN Conference, call 972-501-0645.

## The McKinney Housing Authority receive recognition from HUD

(NDG Wire) Recently the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan recognized the HUD partners who worked together over the past two years to successfully complete the Katrina-Rita Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP), a rental assistance and case management program that helped 37,000 families who were displaced by the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes find a permanent housing solution.

Representative from nearly 20 housing authorities, including the McKinney Housing Authority, a Louisiana non-profit organization, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and HUD Headquarters and field office staffs joined Donovan in Washington to celebrate DHAP's conclusion.

DHAP was developed in 2007 by FEMA and HUD to provide up to 18 months of rental assistance and case management to families who were displaced by the devastating



**US Secretary of Housing Shaun Donovan (Far Left); Executive Director MHA; Local Authority Board Chair Arthur Simmons; Program Lead for DHAP; US Assistant Secretary of Housing Sandra B. Henriquez at DHAP Award Ceremony in Press Conference Area following DHAP Roundtable.**

hurricanes and were not previously HUD assisted.

The program was scheduled to end in February 2009. When Donovan became HUD Secretary in January, he and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced a six-month transition program to ensure families had an

opportunity to move on to self-sufficiency or to obtain a rental assistance voucher that allows them to rent housing from private landlords. The program ended October 31, 2009 after assisting 37,000 families. Approximately 12,000 of those families obtained a HUD Housing Choice Voucher.

## CASA of Collin County upcoming gala features Hollywood glam

(NDG Wire) Upon arrival at the exquisite and newly renovated Hotel Inter-Continental, guest will enter a Vintage Hollywood scene, complete with red carpet, paparazzi, and all the glitter and glamour of the nostalgic Hollywood era.

The theme for the March 6 Voice for Children 2010 gala is *Hooray for Hollywood*. Held the day before the actual Academy Awards, you will experience Vintage Hollywood, in all her glory, while supporting vulnerable children in our community.

All the glitz and glitter of the evening will be setting the stage for fine dining, entertainment, including Think Big! Brass Band with special guest emcee David Ahearn.

The silent auction will be featured in the foyer adjacent to the Ballroom, and will be highlighted with décor reminiscent of the Hollywood Walk of Fame. As attendees browse the silent auction faire, CASA planners hope they will find an item they cannot live without.

At 7 p.m. the doors to the Grand Ballroom will open to

unveil a Hollywood Extravaganza.

Then guests are invited to mix and mingle over cocktails at the Classic Lounge vignettes featured around the Ballroom.

Tickets for the Voice for Children Gala 2010 event are on sale now at <http://casaof-collincounty.org/> for \$250. After completing your reservation details, please proceed to checkout to guarantee your reservation. If you would like to process your payment by phone, call Susie Addison at 972-529-2272.

## Federal Judge approves new voting districts

(NDG Wire) A new system for conducting Irving City Council elections has been approved by a U.S. district judge. To ensure elections accurately reflect Irving's growth and demographics, the city's voting districts and at-large voting system have changed and will affect the way residents vote when they go to the polls for early voting on April 26 for the May 8 election.

Irving's at-large voting system, which is open for residents to vote for all candidates, has been divided into six single-member voting

districts. Only residents living within a specified district's boundaries will be able to vote for candidates who run for a seat in his/her respective district.

Single-member districts include Places 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Two city council seats, Places 2 and 8, as well as the mayor's seat, will remain at-large, meaning any Irving resident may vote for the position.

The changes follow an ongoing exchange between city leaders and federal court. City representatives have been in communication and

full cooperation with the federal court to ensure that the district redesign is in compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

This year, council seats for Places 1, 2 and 7 are up for election. Places 1 and 7 are single-member districts and Place 2 remains at-large. Interested Irving residents may pick up a filing packet at the City Secretary's Office on the fourth floor at City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd. For questions about the election process, call the City Secretary's Office at 972-721-2493.

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sentatives, District 100, in 1996, and re-elected to the same position in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008, has agreed to resign her office and never seek or hold future public office.

Hodge entered her guilty plea this morning, before U.S. District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn, to fraud and false statements on an income tax return.

She faces a maximum statutory sentence of three years in prison, a \$100,000 fine, and restitution to the IRS. At the hearing, Judge Lynn indicated that she would be setting the sentencing date as expeditiously as possible.

According to the factual resume filed in the case,

over the course of her tenure as a state representative, Hodge supported Southwest Housing Development Company, Inc. (SWH) developments which, among others, included affordable housing developments in District 100.

Co-defendant Cheryl L. Potashnik, the wife of co-defendant Brian L. Potashnik, a real estate developer and the founder, president and a principal of SWH, served in multiple roles in management and development of SWH, including that of chief operating officer and principal of SHW. Cheryl Potashnik pleaded guilty to bribery in connection with benefits given to Hodge by the Potashniks

and SWH.

Brian Potashnik also pleaded guilty to bribery of various public officials. Both Potashniks are awaiting sentencing.

According to the factual resume filed, sometime on or before February 27, 2002, Hodge asked Brian Potashnik for assistance in the form of affordable housing for herself within the geographical boundaries of her political district. She indicated that she had financial problems and could not afford to pay the full rate for housing.

Beginning in April 2002, the Potashniks made arrangements to provide Hodge with housing in one of SWH's market-rate af-

fordable housing development units, which was located at Rosemont at Arlington Park in District 100.

Hodge moved into the apartment on April 1, 2002, and renewed her lease, at the same rental rate of \$200 per month, in November 2002 and again in March 2003. As reflected in the executed lease agreements, the market rate for this unit was \$899 per month, and the difference in rent was paid by the Potashniks.

In addition, the Potashniks paid the utility bills on the apartment from their development funds and provided new carpeting for her house located on Abrams Road in Dallas. The carpeting cost \$1,995 and was

paid for by the construction arm of SWH, a company named Affordable Housing Construction, Inc.

The total value of the rental subsidies, utilities and carpeting provided to Hodge by the Potashniks from 2002 through 2005 was \$32,541. None of this amount was included as income on the corresponding federal income tax returns for the tax years in which it was received by Hodge.

The plea documents further state that Hodge had additional income, in tax years 2001 through 2005, totaling \$41,465, comprised, in part, of campaign contributions which she used for her own personal benefit and which she did

not include as income on the corresponding federal income tax returns for the tax years in which she received it.

Hodge admits that she filed a U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, with the IRS, that she knew omitted income of \$6,914 in 2001; \$27,062 in 2002; \$13,402 in 2003; \$19,908 in 2004; and \$6,720 in 2005.

Hodge further admits that as a result, she owes the following in taxes (excluding penalties and interest) to the IRS: \$1,937 for 2001; \$1,496 for 2002; \$1,908 for 2003; \$3,887 for 2004, and \$1,680 for tax year 2005, for a grand total of \$10,908.



**Ongoing**

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

**Through 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](http://www.fwssr.com)

**Through March 28**

**The Arthur Primas Collection: 200 Years of African American Art** (Reception Feb. 6, 5-7PM) Admission is free. Irving Arts Council Gallery. Significant collection of African American Art including paintings, sculptures, works on paper, graphics and documents covering a period of 200 years.

**February 4**

**Plano Mayor and City Council hosting Neighborhood Roundtable** with residents of District 1, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

**Herskovits: At the Heart of Blackness** at 6 p.m. at the Studio Movie Grill, 11170 N. Central Expressway, Dallas. Admission is \$8. Presented by the Texas Black Film Festival, this documentary recalls the life and work of renowned Jewish anthropologist Melville Herskovits, who established the first African Studies Department in 1927. Visit [www.texasblackfilmfestival.com](http://www.texasblackfilmfestival.com) for tickets and information on this event.

**Estate Planning Seminar** at the Plano Centre 10:30 a.m., a free 90-minute program. This educational program will be presented by Dallas Estate Planning Attorney, Richard P. Johnson who is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. RSVP to Karen at (972) 497-1010 or email [Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com](mailto:Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com)

**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/>

**The Chamber Orchestra Kremlin** will perform with special guest Emanuel Borok, concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, at UT Dallas at 8 p.m. in the Conference Center.

**February 6 - May 29**

**White Rock Lake Through the Looking Glass: Photographs by Dan Richard Barber** at the Bath House Cultural Center. [www.dallas-culture.org/bathHouseCultureCenter/](http://www.dallas-culture.org/bathHouseCultureCenter/)

**February 6**

**Dallas Vision Seminar** is a FREE informative seminar on age-related macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, and related diseases from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Plano Centre. Info: Dorie Wilson, 410-568-0181 or [www.FightBlindness.org/DallasSeminar](http://www.FightBlindness.org/DallasSeminar)

**February 10**

**LegalLine** Volunteer attorneys will answer legal questions at no cost from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 214-220-7476.

**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 Adults: \$20; Children (3-12): \$12; Senior/Military (with valid ID): \$12; Children (2 and under): FREE

**February 12 - 13**

**Ticketstock 2010** Join Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket for two days of Sports, Love, & Fun. They will broadcast live from the Plano Centre. Free activities for the kids! Over 60 vendors scheduled. Stay tuned for the big announcement on who will be at Ticketstock 10 on Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket! Info: contact Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket at 214-526-7400 or [www.theticket.com](http://www.theticket.com)

**February 12 - 27**

**End Days** by Deborah Zoe Laufer at the Bath House Cultural Center is a rapturously funny play about a slowly healing family hurtling towards Armageddon. Father hasn't changed out of his pajamas since 9/11; Mother abandons Judaism for the warm embrace of Jesus; Daughter finds solace in Stephen Hawking; The Boy-Next-Door just wants to feel welcome in someones house...oh...and dress like Elvis. Tickets: Pay-What-You-Can to \$25, info: [www.echotheatre.org](http://www.echotheatre.org).

**February 14**

**"Jazz/Blues Lovefest 2010"** featuring ANGELA BLAIR, live in Concert, at 7 p.m. Hosted by 94.5KSOUL's TONY B, also appearing Jazz SaxMan, Keith Anderson, Blues Man "TuTu Jones, Micheal Guinn, and more. Info: 214.893.8157 or [nearbyentertainment.net](http://nearbyentertainment.net). Group rates and VIP available.

**February 17**

**LegalLine** Volunteer attorneys will answer legal questions at no cost from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 214-220-7476.

**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 23**

**History to Move Texans Forward** at 7 p.m. at the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, SMU, 3140 Dyer Street, Dallas. Admission is free. This public forum will explore the purpose and passion behind the creation of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission, the most important development in Holocaust education in years.

**February 26**

**Urban League Luncheon** at the Hilton Anatole Hotel 11:45 a.m., tickets are \$50 at 214-915-4631.

**February 27 - May 30**

**American Moderns on Paper: Masterworks from the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art** at Amon Carter Museum of Art [www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions](http://www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions)

**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](http://www.uncf.org/dallas)

The Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presents its **7th Annual Scholarship drive**, Caribbean Cruise for two. Travel good for 12 months after drawing. Donation \$10, call 972 424-0930 to purchase tickets

**Entrepreneur 101** - The PLAN Fund provides 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. at a cost of \$45 per person. Info: call Tarsha 214-942-6698 or [www.planfund.org](http://www.planfund.org).

**March 3 - 7**

**Dallas Auto Show** is the ideal opportunity to compare styling and pricing of every major line make under one roof in just a few hours. The Dallas Auto Show 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.dallasauto.show.org](http://www.dallasauto.show.org).

**March 5-7**

**Annual Dallas Home and Garden Show** attractions include Vacation, Leisure & Outdoor show, NARI New Product Pavilion, Dallas County Master Gardener experts and Lectures, Kid's Corner, Cooking with Clive - Featuring Clive Berkman, Home Décor, Energy Efficient Products, Outdoor Storage Solutions, Builders & Remodelers, Kitchens, Bath & more. For information, see [www.texashomeandgarden.com](http://www.texashomeandgarden.com).

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# 18th Annual Trumpet Awards sure to stir emotions

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The 2010 *Trumpet Awards Red Carpet Roll-Out* featured many top notch celebrities, politicians, news anchors, community leaders and other prominent African Americans. The red carpet was aligned with media outlets from across the country. *The North Dallas Gazette* waited patiently for the high fashion, high profile inductees, honorees and guests to enter into the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta, Georgia.

Among the first attendees to arrive were members of the United States Congress, television and circuit judges, news personality, professional athletes, and many more. During their walk down the star-studded red carpet they happily addressed the shouts from the media for comments and photo opportunities. The media correspondents, me included, began to cheer as the crème de la crème of 2010 Trumpet Awards ceremony and entertainment entered into the Performing Arts Centre.

The evening hosts and hostess Roland Martin of TVOne's *Washington Watch* and CNN, actress and actor LisaRaye and Malcolm



*Trumpet Awards co-hosts LisaRaye and Malcolm Jamal Warner*

Jamal Warner strolled hurriedly down the aisle in order to get into position for the pre-recorded awards ceremony. Martin offered his elation for Frankie Beverly and Maze receiving their very first award.

"The Trumpet Awards is about us and is giving Frankie Beverly and Maze their first ever industry award and it will be televised. That's what this is all about, giving back to those who go unnoticed but work hard for others." Lifetime Achievement Awards recipient Frankie Beverly and Maze, R&B Band, silently slipped past the crowd, dressed in all black – contrary to Frankie Beverly's signature all white attire and Kangoo hat.

Steve Harvey, radio per-



sonality, comedian, actor and *New York Times* best-selling author, Steve Harvey escorted his lovely wife down the red carpet as he attempted to speak to every media outlet possible. He expressed his profound excitement on receiving such a high honor in the African American community, the Pinnacle Award.

"I tell jokes and here I am receiving an award for being an outstanding leader in the community. I couldn't be more honored," said Harvey. "I hope I don't get choked up like I did at the *BET Celebration of Gospel*," he jokes, "Oh man, I was torn up at that show."

The highlight of the *Red Carpet Roll-Out* was the arrival of the Trumpet Awards founder and former secretary of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Xernona Clayton, arrived with her husband. Her small frame could not be more deceptive as this 79 year-old civil rights movement coordinator always gives more than her all to locate and honor everyday African Americans around the world.

"This feeling is indescribable," Mrs. Clayton tells the *NDG*.

"I hope people are touched and inspired by the lives of the honorees and inductees," Clayton says before she is escorted to her seat.

Inside the performance hall awaits a soul stirring, soul searching and rocked to the core feeling as we are ushered in to watch the recording of the 18th Annual Trumpet Awards. The consensus of many of the attendees, honorees and inductees was the privilege they felt to be at an event which honored normal, although highly achieved and recognized in their communities, African-Americans.

The performers engaged the crowd with soul-stirring, upbeat or and even solemn musical performances. Of the performers Rachelle Farrell's tribute to military honoree, General William E. Ward left the crowd on their feet. R&B group sensation, After 7 rocked the crowd with classics and Kevon Edmonds, of the group and an accomplished solo artist debuted one of his upcoming singles. Jazz Pianist Chizuko Yoshihiro played a tribute selection for entertainers, performers and other deceased African-Americans. Also included in the tribute performance was a choreographed performance for the late Michael Jackson. Other crowd pleasing performances of the night include R&B artist K'Jon; Jazz saxophonist Kirk Whalum; and many more.

The 2010 Trumpet Awards presenters included Rocky Carroll of *NCIS*; comedian Cedric the Entertainer; Chef G. Garvin; Honorable Judge Penny Brown Reynolds of syndicated court television show *Family Court*; the Honorable Judge Glenda Hackett; actress Tasha Smith; Tyler Perry's *House of Pain* co-star Keisha Knight-Pullam; professional athlete Brian O. Jordan; and many more celebrities.

The night continued on and as each recipient received their coveted award

emotions began to stir. Some of the emotional acceptance speeches included Dr. Farrah Gray who received the Young Entrepreneur Award. Dr. Gray quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "If you are not at the table, you are one the menu." He is one of the country's youngest millionaires making his first million by the age of 14 from a



*Radio personality, comedian, and NYT best-selling author Steve Harvey*

star Black General. In his emotional speech he thanked God for being born in such a great nation such as the United States. In closing his acceptance speech he added,

"I only hope there will be a time where the military achievements of African-Americans will not continue to be one at a time but rather a more common happening."

The most emotional testimony came from honoree and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Frankie Beverly of the iconic R&B band Frankie Beverly and Maze. He received a soul stirring musical tribute of a Maze classic, Thank You, from gospel legends the Clark Sisters and gospel greats, J. Moss and Kierra "Keke" Sheard.

As Beverly accepted his award, he began to get choked up, "I never thought



*Trumpet Award Attendees.*

syrup recipe he received from his grandmother.

Dr. Gray was accompanied by his mother, who doctors told would be a paraplegic after discovering a tumor pressing against her spinal cord. "MD got confused with GOD and my mother is here with me tonight, walking," Dr. Gray said.

General William E. Ward, a decorated military officer, won the Military Service Award is the only 4-

it would be like this but this goes to show you that if you just wait on the Lord...just wait on the Lord he will make it all happen."

The entire experience was magical and it was an honor for the *NDG* to be in attendance to the various events preceding the 2010 Trumpet Awards in Atlanta, GA. The official airing of the 2010 Trumpet Awards will air on TVOne, check your local listings for the date and time.



*Bryan Jordan, former NFL & MBA star, with his wife.*



# How I Became a Pirate on stage at the Dallas Children's Theater

## A Musical by Alyn Cardarelli and Steve Goers

(NDG Wire) Ahoy thar, matey! Hoist in the New Year with some high seas adventures at Dallas Children's Theater (DCT). It's the southwest premiere of a

swashbuckling new musical based on the colorful award-winning book, *How I Became a Pirate*, playing through February 21, 2010 at DCT's Rosewood Center

for Family Arts. AAR-RRGH!

Young Jeremy Jacob joins Captain Braid Beard's scurvy crew for some high seas adventure, but soon learns that the truly important things in life are worth much more than buried treasure. This joyful family musical is sure to leave you and your young mateys singing and dancing in the aisles.

DCT's Education Director and director of the play states, "For kids and grown-ups who love adventure, this show will not disappoint. It's a laugh-out loud, high energy romp in pirate fun." *How I Became a Pirate* sails from the page to the stage with sea chanteys, sword fighting, mutinies, walking the plank and "beauteous plundaaa-rghh".

The DCT continues its

unique "autographs" tradition following the show. Meet all the pirates in the lobby and receive a free treasure map activity sheet! Buccaneers are invited to join in the fun by dressing like a pirate. It's a yo-ho, blow-the-man-down hilarious piratin' journey you won't want to miss! Enjoyed by ages 4 and above.

Performance times are each Saturday 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Dallas Children's Theater, Rosewood Center for Family Arts is located at 5938 Skillman Street, Dallas. Tickets range from \$14-\$25 depending on performance time. Discounts are available for youth, college students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the DCT Box Office: 214-740-0051 or online at [www.dct.org](http://www.dct.org).



Shown here clockwise from highest point: Scott Zenreich (Jeremy Jacob), Chad Patrick Smith (Wheezing Stephen McGee), Lloyd Harvey (Jacque LaToe), Karl Schaeffer (Stubby Barbossa), Paul Taylor (Captain Braid Beard), Alexandra Valle (Millicent "Milt" Skeeter) Photo by Mark Oristano

# Professional Bull Riders invades the brand-new Cowboys Stadium

(NDG Wire) The Professional Bull Riders, Inc. (PBR) has announced the elite Built Ford Tough Series (BFTS) tour will invade the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Top PBR superstars will ride in the largest, most technologically advanced entertainment venue in the world on Saturday, February 20 for the Dickies 2010 Iron Cowboy Invitational presented by WinStar World Casino.

In a one-of-a-kind format created exclusively for Cowboys Stadium, the Dickies 2010 Iron Cowboy Invitational will be the first true, head-to-head competition in the history of the PBR. A total of twenty-four riders will qualify to ride at Cowboys Stadium - eight riders will qualify based off

of the 2009 World Finals standings after Las Vegas and will receive a bye in the first round; fourteen additional riders will qualify based off of the 2009 BFTS standings as of January 31; and the PBR Competition Board will award exemptions to two riders. The riders will be paired up and then will each take on comparable bulls, with the winner moving on to the next level.

During the semi-final and final rounds, riders will compete on the same bull, the cowboy with the highest score moving on. The winning rider will be determined by who obtains the highest score. If both riders buck off, the rider who stayed on the longest will move on.

In the end, the rider who

rides their fourth and final bull for the highest total points will be declared the winner and will take home the largest payout for a one-day event in the history of the PBR.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$150 (standard ticket fees apply) and are available by phone at 800-745-3000, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or in person at the Cowboys Stadium Box Of-

fice.



Dickies 2010 Iron Cowboy Invitational scheduled for February 20

# DCCCD's African American Read-In 2010

(NDG Wire) Sometimes writers listen to beat of a different drum. They tell stories, visit foreign lands (and even outer space) through their words, or they share history, people's achievements and reminders that explain how the past affects the future.

Those journeys - history, art, literature and dreams - are part of the legacy of the Dallas County Community College District's 2010 African American Read-In. During the two-hour program on Sat., Feb. 6, printed words come to life as readers and performers share the works of African American authors with young and old alike. The free event, which is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre in downtown Dallas, takes the audience on a journey that stresses the importance of literacy and reading.

Featured presenter Cora Coleman-Dunham hears the beat of that drum...literally. The author of *G.A.G.U.* is a renowned percussionist as well; she is a former drummer for international pop artist Prince and has worked with Pink, Lalah Hathaway, Richard Smallwood and others. While she has produced her own two-disc HD DVD titled *Kick Snare, Hat: The Superstars of Hip-Hop Drumming*, Coleman-Dunham also has devoted her time to others through *G.A.G.U.*, an interactive workbook that is a life guide for all young people.

*G.A.G.U.* explores options that young people can choose after high school and encourages them to get in the habit of learning for the sake of their overall growth in preparation for adulthood. Some of the options that Coleman-Dunham explores in the book include college, trade school, the work force and the military.

A sense of history is written into the pre-show and main show during the readings, and audience members also will see history in action through the *American Legacy Mobile Museum Tour*, which will visit the read-in site on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. The mobile museum is an interactive, traveling exhibit of African-American history that focuses on the milestones and newsmakers of the 20th century. Children and families who attend the DCCCD read-in are welcome to tour the museum free that day. The *American Legacy Mobile Museum* also will welcome visitors during three other visits in the Dallas area during February:

- Sun., Feb. 7, at the African American Museum in Fair Park, 3536 Grand Ave., from 12 to 4 p.m.

- Mon., Feb. 8, at DCCCD's Mountain View College (west campus parking lot), located at 4849 W. Illinois Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and

- Tues., Feb. 9, at DCCCD's Richland College (East Circle Drive), 12800 Abrams Rd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Performances and works also will be presented by Alice Childress, Buster Spiller, Hill Harper, Chinua Achebe, Osley Cook Jr. and The Alumni, O.W. Holmes Drumline, William Hibler, DFW Poetry SLAM, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, New Arts Six, Act of Change, Kris Ray, W.E. Greiner Academy Dance Group, Michael Guinn, N.I.A. Performance Arts Academy, plus the annual Writer's Walk.

All audience members will receive a free book, tote bag and T-shirt that celebrates the read-in.

For more information, visit [www.dcccd.edu/readin](http://www.dcccd.edu/readin).



# Emerging Business Program set to host second workshop

*Event at Cowboys Stadium will provide minority- and women-owned businesses with hands-on training and information on Super Bowl XLV procurement opportunities*

(NDG Wire) The North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee recently announced the second in a series of three workshops designed to educate minority- and women-owned business entities on how to pursue business-related opportunities for next year's Super Bowl. This second workshop, titled "Training Camp," will take place Feb. 25 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Texas Instruments is the official sponsor for the

Emerging Business Program. NFL contractors will be on site to answer questions and offer first-hand knowledge of what to expect. Also offering advice will be experts from the banking and insurance industries. "Training Camp" will offer plenty of interaction during the networking and exhibit session starting at 11 a.m. The goal is to provide answers to questions area businesses might have. "The second workshop is called 'Training Camp' be-

cause we will focus on specific topics and provide more in-depth information," said Robbie Douglas, the Host Committee's director of business development, who oversees the program. "We're going to talk about possible obstacles and hurdles for businesses who participate." Co-chairs of the Host Committee's Emerging Business Program Action Team, Gina Puente-Brancato and Emmitt Smith, will speak at the workshop. Also presenting will be Tisha Ford, the

NFL's Manager, Events Business Development. "We've been very impressed by the excitement of the North Texas emerging business community," said Ford. "The turnout at the first event in Fort Worth was outstanding (better than 600 businesses were in attendance). The program really seems to be taking hold in the community and is making terrific progress." While participation in the program does not guarantee receipt of Super Bowl

XLV-related contracts, the NFL and North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee want interested minority- and women-owned businesses to be educated about the procurement process and have an introduction to potential purchasing entities. To fully understand the NFL's procurement process and opportunities offered via the program, attendance at these events is highly recommended. Attendance at the first two workshops is not a requirement, but businesses

owners wishing to have an opportunity to earn service contracts must be registered online no later than March 31, 2010. To register for the workshop online, visit [www.northtexassuperbowl.com/workshopregistration](http://www.northtexassuperbowl.com/workshopregistration). For more information on the program, see [www.northtexassuperbowl.com/emergingbusiness](http://www.northtexassuperbowl.com/emergingbusiness). Super Bowl XLV will be played in Cowboys Stadium on Feb. 6, 2011.

## Banquet says 'Thanks A Million' to loyal consumers by giving away \$1 million in redeemable cash prizes

(NDG Wire) Banquet, a brand of ConAgra Foods announced the kick-off of its "Thanks a Million" promotion for consumers. Beginning today and running through April 2010, more than 16,000 promotional Banquet single-serve dinners will contain redeemable cash prizes ranging in value from \$10 to \$100,000. The "Thanks a Million" promotion is designed to thank Banquet's loyal customers while also providing a little bit of financial relief. With the economy still struggling, families across the country continue to work hard to put food on the table and make grocery shopping

stress-free and cost-effective. Additionally, more consumers are looking for ways to save money on meals, and Banquet provides good, quality meals for families to enjoy at affordable prices. For example, Supermarket Guru Phil Lempert conducted a national survey that found that more than 60 percent of consumers have eaten more meals at home and 56 percent have bought less expensive brands - such as Banquet - during the prior six months. By giving consumers the chance to win a little extra spending money through the "Thanks a Million" promotion, Banquet affords its consumers the op-

portunity to do what matters most to them: provide for their family and friends. "We know that times are tough for a lot of Americans right now, especially when it comes to providing their families with good, quality food without breaking the bank," said Tom McGough, vice president and general manager of Banquet at ConAgra Foods. "Banquet wants to reward our loyal customers and say 'thanks' by giving them a little extra spending money." Consumers should look for Banquet's "Thanks a Million" promotion at any retailer where Banquet frozen meals are sold. Seventeen different Banquet single-

serve dinner meals are included in the promotion, with a "Thanks a Million" announcement on the front package to help consumers identify participating meals. Each package includes instructions on how to redeem any cash prize, which is provided in the form of a check. Non-winning packages include coupons so all con-

sumers receive some form of "thanks" for participating in the promotion. The end-date of the promotion is subject to promotional product availability.

## The Comfort Suites in Plano wins prestigious 2010 Gold Hospitality Award

(NDG Wire) The Comfort Suites hotel of Plano was recently announced as a recipient of a prestigious 2010 Gold Hospitality Award from world lodging leader Choice Hotels International, Inc.. "The Comfort Suites, Plano hotel's commitment to excellence and outstanding guest service has earned it this well-deserved recognition as of the best hotels among the Comfort Suites brand," said Steve Joyce,

president and chief executive officer for Choice Hotels. As a top performing property among the company's more than 4,800 U.S. franchised hotels, the Comfort Suites, Plano is among the top 10% of properties within the Comfort Suites brand, and one of only 6 hotels within the state of Texas to receive "Gold Award" status. As one of the company's

top franchised hotels operating under the Comfort Suites flag, the hotel has demonstrated an exceptional focus on guest satisfaction and dedication to providing superior service. Additional award criteria are evaluated by Choice Hotels through its official property ranking reports. Call the Choice Hotels toll-free reservation line at 800-4CHOICE or visit [choicehotels.com](http://choicehotels.com).

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# Money makes people happy, especially if they're paid by the hour

BY CHRISTINE BLACKMAN  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Money makes people happy, and more so for workers paid by the hour than by salary, according to researchers at Stanford and the University of Toronto. The relationship between money and happiness is stronger for people paid by the hour because they are more often reminded of how much they earn, and this makes money more salient in their thinking.

"If you are paid by the hour or account for your time on a timesheet, you

begin to see the world in terms of money and in terms of economic evaluation," said Jeffrey Pfeffer, the Thomas D. Dee II Professor of Organizational Behavior at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. "To the extent that time becomes like money and money becomes more salient, the linkage between how much you earn and your happiness increases."

Hourly paid employees know the exact worth of each hour of work. They think about their income regularly and begin compar-

ing the value of their time to the amount of their happiness.

Pfeffer and Sanford DeVoe of the University of Toronto studied data from American and British surveys of income, hourly vs. salary pay status and general happiness. The surveys showed that pay determines the happiness of hourly workers more than it does for people paid by salary.

Money linked to wage awareness

The researchers ran their own experiments to demonstrate that even salaried peo-

ple would rely more on income to evaluate their happiness if they were made aware of their implicit hourly wage. They asked people to assess their happiness, requiring a random set of the participants to first calculate their hourly earnings. They rated statements such as "I am satisfied with my life" and answered questions such as "Have you been feeling unhappy and depressed?"

Salaried participants who made the calculations used their income to rate happiness about as much as

did hourly paid participants.

"If they're thinking about their income, then all of a sudden, even people who are paid by salary become much more like hourly paid workers; they think of their time in terms of money, the connection between income and happiness goes up and they become economic evaluators of their use of time in their life," Pfeffer said.

The study shows that organizational practices such as paying people by the hour affect employees beyond the workplace, Pfeffer

said. Workers begin to think differently about money, time and happiness. "How organizations pay people has profound effects outside of that organizational context. If you're paid by the hour, you come to see your time in a certain way that doesn't change when you walk out of your employer's door."

The study was published Dec. 1, 2009, in the *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

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lence of public attitudes. There are some that believe that the very poor in Haiti, like Katrina victims, are not worth assisting and that these culturally dysfunctional misfits should be sent elsewhere. *New York Times* columnist David Brooks wrote in a recent op-ed that, "Haiti, like most of the world's poorest nations, suffers from a complex web of progress-resistant cultural influences." Brooks, however, fails to mention the role of U.S. trade policy in destroying Haiti's former thriving economy.

The Republic was established on January 1, 1804 following a slave uprising against the French colonial rulers. The country produced three-quarters of the world's sugar by 1789 and also lead the world in production of coffee, cotton, indigo, and rum. The slave masters provided France with enormous wealth from the labor of their 450,000 slaves. The white population, including poor overseers and artisans, numbered 40,000 of Haiti.

Despite American support, in principle, for independence movements there was little enthusiasm for the efforts of Haiti's slaves to end their enslavement and establish the New World's second republican government.

Between 1791-1804, the slave population of the

French colony of Haiti revolted against the white minority. The revolt appalled Europe as well as the newly independent United States of America. The United States, because of its commercial interests with the French colony, sent the French \$750,000 in military aid as well as some troops to help quell the revolt.

The Treaty of Alliance of 1778 signed by France and the United States required that the United States protect French colonies in the New World. American merchants also hoped to exploit the loss of French control over the colony and extend the commercial interests of the United States into the West Indian market. The ongoing French Revolution, the Quasi War, and anxiety about the future of the Louisiana Territory and the port at New Orleans also effected American policy decisions.

The French commander in Haiti wrote Napoleon that it would be necessary to wipe out virtually the entire black population to impose French rule. However, his campaign failed and Haiti became the only case in history of an enslaved people breaking its own chains and using military might to beat back a powerful ruler.

The Haitian victory came at tremendous cost. Much of the agricultural

wealth of the country was destroyed, along with perhaps a third of the population.

The victory horrified Haiti's slave-holding neighbors, who backed France's claims for huge reparations, which Haiti finally accepted in 1825 as a precondition for participation in the global marketplace.

The United States did not recognize Haiti as a nation until 1862.

While Presidents Washington, Adams and Jefferson made policy decisions detrimental to Haiti it was during Jefferson's tenure that the revolt's critical mass developed.

There has always been a contradiction between Jefferson's ownership of slaves and his expressed belief in the rights of all to enjoy liberty. One aspect of Jefferson's beliefs was both Blacks and Whites would always view each other in racial terms and when slavery no longer existed blacks would rebel due to the long years of intense and cruel oppression. This view of slavery led Jefferson to support the concept of colonization in a new country as the ultimate solution to the slavery problem.

Jefferson had initially expressed to the French in 1801 that the "United States opposed Haiti's independence under Black rule and wanted to see French au-

thority restored. The French emissary reported to Paris that it was Jefferson's "dread of the blacks, not devotion to French interests" that motivated his offer of assistance to the French.

Jefferson's policy changed when Napoleon was in desperate need of money to

support his army resulted in Jefferson making the largest land acquisition in American history, the Louisiana Purchase.

Therefor, the ultimate change in Jefferson's policy that contributed to France's defeat in Haiti was due to geopolitical and commercial

implications impacting the balance of power in the Caribbean and not a moral imperative to support the emancipation of an oppressed people.

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# Forget the deficit; people need jobs

BY REV. JESSE JACKSON SR.

(NNPA) The state of America's union is stark. The economic collapse triggered by the bursting of the housing bubble continues to take its toll.

We know the statistics. Nearly one in five American workers is unemployed or underemployed. That means wages are losing ground.

One in three homes with a mortgage is under water. Millions of Americans are headed to losing their homes. That will leave families adrift, children displaced.

The desperate effort to keep the financial system from failing has succeeded. It has saved the big banks - leaving them more concentrated than ever -- but not succeeded in removing the clot in financing. Small businesses can't get loans; homeowners can't get mortgages adjusted. Finance is like the blood of the economy. When there is a clot, the economy can't work and people suffer.

Republicans argue that the president's recovery plan has failed. Then they prescribe the same poison that created the breakdown in the first place. They want more top-end tax cuts, more breaks for business, more deregulation. We tried tax cuts under President George W. Bush; it leads nowhere.

The reality is that the recovery plan created or saved millions of jobs. Aid to states and localities kept teachers and police from

being laid off in large numbers. Spending on infrastructure helped put some to work. Investment in new energy created new jobs. Aid to the unemployed -- extending unemployment benefits, subsidizing health care COBRA payments, and providing food stamps -- put money into the pockets of those who need it most.

The problem with the president's plan -- as any honest economist will tell you -- is that it wasn't big enough. The collapse was far deeper than the president's economists predicted.

We need another big jobs program. Aid should go to states and localities that now face brutal cuts that will lay off teachers, police and professors. Public jobs programs -- a green corps, an urban corps -- should target hard-hit areas like the Midwest and urban centers. We should invest in infrastructure by repairing schools, weatherizing public buildings and creating the projects that will hire construction workers.

Without these commitments, there will be no recovery. Businesses won't expand into an economy in which one in five people are unemployed. Exports won't increase -- particularly with the Chinese continuing to manipulate their currency. Consumers have taken a \$10 trillion hit on assets, and are tightening their belts. States and localities are facing brutal cuts.

People are confused and angry. They see high

deficits and think the money is going to Wall Street. There is a crisis of confidence as well as a grinding fear of what comes next.

Here we need the president to lead and take on the naysayers and the false leaders. He must lay out what needs to be done, and rally the country to act.

The pollsters say independents are angry about deficits, so Washington is talking about deficit reduction. "If we expect families to balance their budgets in hard times, shouldn't the government do so also?" goes the mantra.

That is the big lie because, in reality, when everyone else is cutting back, government must step in and put people to work. This will require deficits because tax revenues are down and expenditures on unemployment and food stamps are up.

The simple fact is, you can't balance the budget without generating economic growth. Any attempt to do so now will deepen the downturn. Once people go back to work, and the economy gets going, tax revenues will go up, emergency spending will decline and steps can be taken to bring the deficit down. But it is utter foolishness to do so before people are at work.

That's why the State of the Union is so important. It is vital that the president use this moment to set the direction, to rally the coun-

try, to take on the naysayers and to call this country to move forward.

*The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. is president and CEO of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.*

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now is the time to apply.

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taker is only temporary, but the pay starts at \$17.50 per hour. For more information on the North Dallas office, call 214-432-7850 or for any job with the Census, call the 2010 Census job line at 866-861-2010 and schedule a basic employment test.



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**February 6,  
9:30 am-11 am**

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**February 6, 10 am-12 pm** All youth from ages 12 to 18 and interested in "Motions of Praise for Christ Dance Team" join our Youth Ministry in Room D2112, the Youth Classroom.

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**February 14, 11 am**  
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**Editor's Note:** We invite our readers to enjoy Sis. Tarpley's column on the importance of Black History Month which was originally published February 8, 2007. Each year teachers and parents use this column to highlight the importance of celebrating the achievements and contributions of Black Americans.

This is not just Black History that we are celebrating; not just America's history, but World History. Many great and useful inventions that are being used worldwide and that are taken for granted were invented by Black Americans.

**Henry T. Sampson** in 1971 invented the **cell phone**; and how many cell phones do you see in use today? **Dr. Philip Emeagwali**, considered a 'father of the Internet' helped give birth to the 'supercomputer' the technology that spawned the **Internet, World Wide Web (WWW.)** **Otis Boykin** invented more than 25 electronic devices that are used in **computers and guided missiles** today. **Frederick M. Jones** on February 23, 1960 invented the **Thermostat Control**. **P. Johnson** on November 2, 1880 invented the **Eye Protector**.

## Black History Month

How many industries that are vital to America's success have been profoundly influenced by the contributions of Black Inventors? There is an endless list of contributions by Black people in America. We would not have much agriculture and automobiles products; and communications as we know it.

Thank God for **Black History Month**.

Some individuals think it's an accident that Black Americans have done anything worthwhile. Some people easily accept that we have a few famous entertainers, sports figures and a few entrepreneurs making millions of dollars; but they are slow to recognize that there are many Black Americans that have excelled, and are continuing to excel and invent useful and life-changing changing devices, they use **math and science** to make a difference in how we live, work, play, and entertain today.

As a parent, grandparent, and a teacher, I also wish that all history of great magnitude is put in our textbooks especially Black history, which is American's history; in spite of what we have been taught. But wishing it is not going to get the information in our textbooks on the grand scale that it needs to be. It's going to take some changed minds

and hearts of our society to accomplish that.

What needs to be done is for Texas and California, two states that purchase the largest amount of textbooks, request that our textbooks are updated with relevant, useful and accurate history. I guarantee you that when it's the bottom line (business profits) that counts and it's in the best interest of publishers; our history books will reflect history more accurately.

Read the story of Carter Godwin Woodson, Father of Black History (December 1875 – April 1950, it is a captivating and inspiration story in itself. Dr. Woodson said, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history."

Dr. Woodson, a distinguished Black author, editor, publisher, and historian who put his money, life, blood, sweat and tears in establishing Black History **Week**, (in the 1960s it was established as Black History **MONTH**) he believed that Blacks should know their past in order to participate intelligently in the affairs in our country. He strongly believed that Black history—which others (even some Black Americans) have tried so

diligently to erase—is a firm foundation for young Black Americans to build on in order to become productive citizens of our society.

Dr. Woodson often said that he hoped the time would come when Negro History Week would be unnecessary; when all Americans would willingly recognize the contributions of Black Americans as a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country. His concept has given a profound sense of dignity to all Black Americans; and we must not forget it! Nor should we stop Black History Month.



Deacon Gregory and Sunday School Superintendent Sis. Vickie Mason at Word of Life COGIC in Carrollton enjoying the Annual MLK City-Wide Parade and Activities and looking forward to Black History Month activities.

## The SBA is helping the economy

The economy has given the small business a beating over the last few years. One of the challenges for the owners is how to capitalize their business. One way is through the Small Business Administration's loan program.

For many small business owners understanding how to navigate the process and obtain SBA financing can be a challenge.

Small business can learn about the different loan programs from the SBA at [www.sbaloans-123.com/](http://www.sbaloans-123.com/)

The SBA has many loan

options and the flag ship program is the 7(a). This program includes the SBA Microloan program that lends money through an intermediary for smaller loan amounts. This program can be used for financing equipment or making payroll. You will need some collateral to qualify for this type of loan, however the guarantee has been increased to 90%.

The other popular program is the 504. This is geared toward commercials financing of property. If you have a business that needs

purchase new or additional property for expansion and to grow this program could be for you.

Many small business owners have tried a more conventional approach to funding and have been turned down. This is where the SBA can help. With the guarantee many banks will except more risky loans. The problem is many owners do not understand the loan types and what they need to qualify. Taking time to learn about the SBA can pay off in the form of a loan guaranteed by the SBA.



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## Black History Events

# Irving Black Arts Council & Irving Arts Center present *Celebrate the Harlem Renaissance*

(NDG Wire) The Irving Black Arts Council and the Irving Arts Center present a season of entertainment celebrating the creativity, passion and artistry of the 1920s and 1930s cultural movement known as the *Harlem Renaissance*.

**Celebrate the Harlem Renaissance** features the best of theater, jazz, poetry and art with three power-packed performances, exhibitions and free family programming.

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can culture. By obtaining your tickets early to such a unique and entertaining season-long slate, you will witness the origins and maturation of the special artistry that has become a part of mainstream visual arts, theater, music and dance," stated Colvin Gibson, member of the Irving Black Arts Council and Irving Arts Center partnership.

Season tickets are on sale and start at \$37. To purchase season or single tickets, contact the Irving Arts Center box office at (972) 252-ARTS (2787) or visit [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com)

or [www.irvingblackarts.com](http://www.irvingblackarts.com). The Irving Arts Center is located at 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75062. Schedule highlights are featured below:

***Dreaming the "Duke"***  
Featuring Nnenna Freelon and Harolyn Blackwell with Mike Garson, 8 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Carpenter Performance Hall. Tickets are \$25-\$35.

Jazz meets classical in a musical celebration of Edward "Duke" Ellington, marking the 110th anniversary of his birth. Award-winning jazz vocalist Nnenna Freelon and Met sensa-

tion Harolyn Blackwell join forces with Mike Garson for an unforgettable evening filled with beloved jazz standards.

***The Langston Hughes' Project – Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz*** at 8 p.m. on April 16 at the Carpenter Performance Hall. Tickets are \$20-\$30.

Hughes' homage in verse and music to the struggle for artistic and social freedom in the 1960s. The multi-media event features a live narrative of Hughes' poignant, witty and soulful prose mixed with music from the Ron Mc-

Curdy Jazz Quartet and a visual backdrop of images from Jacob Lawrence, Gordon Parks, Romare Bearden and other artists from the period.

**City of Irving's Free Black History Month Program** begins at 5 p.m. at the Dupree Theater on Feb. 21. *The Birth of a Rhythm* is

a salute to the dance and sounds of the Harlem Renaissance written by local playwright, Brittanie Dawson.

The Irving Black Arts Council began as a vision of Irving's first African-American City Council member, the Hon. Jackie Townsell in 1989.

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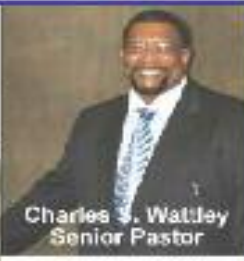



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