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The Great Texas Warrant Roundup

From staff reports

Plano is one of more than 205 law enforcement agencies across Texas participating in the "Great Texas Warrant Roundup" which commences Saturday, March 7, 2009 and

will run through Monday, March 16, 2009.

A listing of all defendants with outstanding arrest warrants from the Plano Municipal Court is available at plano.gov.

The list consists of the names of more than

10,000 defendants. The site also includes information on how to clear warrants, including credit card payment via the internet or by telephone, which makes personal appearance in the court unnecessary.

Defendants who wish to resolve their warrant(s) prior to the roundup can contact the Municipal Court at 972-941-2199 or visit the above web link for additional information and to avoid being arrested.

94.5FM Debuts New Show, *Freddy Haynes Unscripted...*



From staff reports

If prevention and awareness are the two key elements to address any problems plaguing a community then Freddy Haynes *Unscripted*, is promising to offer the prescription Radio One, Inc.'s KSOC-K-Soul 94.5 FM. *Freddy Haynes Unscripted* com-

bines issues that dominate society and old school music with a message to educate and entertain you for community empowerment.

Beginning on March 1, 2009 and every Sunday thereafter from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dr. Freddy Haynes will present his "unscripted" views com-

bined with a described passion for community activism to inspire listeners to not just complain, but to take action to solve problems. *Freddy Haynes Unscripted* promises to address topics covered and those he feels is not covered by conventional

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The Beginnging Of Me

By TOI PEARSON
North Dallas Gazette

"How still, how strangely still the water is today. It is not good for water to be so still that way." - Langston Hughes. As a junior in college I have spent the last 3 years trying to identify my

specific purpose in this working world. I have hoped for an eye-opening revelation, craved for an instinctive connection to my calling, and I have come short of an answer every time. Next to the river that is born from the fountain of life we can dig a hole in the

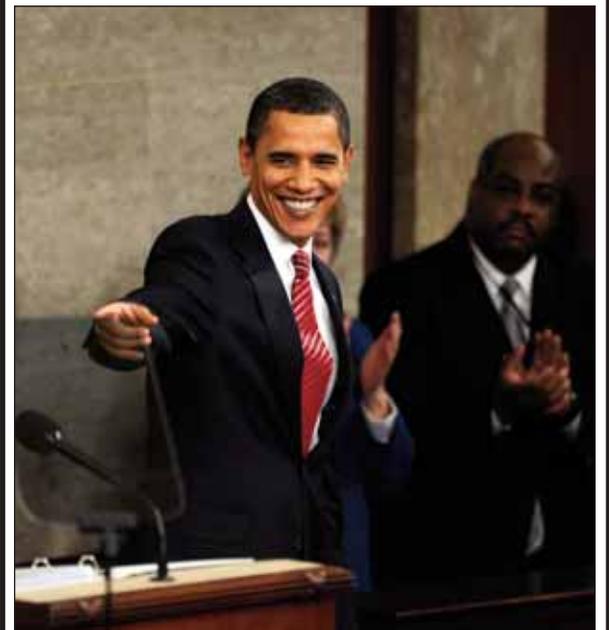
earth, make a well, and draw from the belly of the well when we have thirst. Oh, how strange it is when the water from the fountain of life does not move, it is still. In that stillness we try to make waves but cannot find a start and so we search

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"We're not a nation of quitters."



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Rihanna Speaks Out for First Time Since Alleged Assault

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bye Bye Bi-Partisanship

An open letter to every Republican, living or dead

You really have shown your true colors now. If there were any Americans who believed that you had the country's best interest at heart, they couldn't possibly justify it now. Now I am certain that you are only out for your own best interest and that you would really rather see the United States fall into complete monetary disarray unless you can get credit for

saving it. I used to think you were just misguided, or simply foolish, now I know.

For you to vote against the stimulus package is perhaps the most unjustified, ridiculous move in the history of unjustified ridiculous moves. At long last, Congress do you not realize that ANYTHING is better than what you have been doing in the past?

Let me give you an

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Wayne J. Riley

House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.), has asked President Barack Obama to consider New Orleans' native Wayne J. Riley as his U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary. Riley, a specialist in internal medicine, has served as the president of Nashville's Meharry Medical College for two years.

He says Riley would be ideal for the job, in part because of his consistent focus on the disparate rates of health care coverage, illness, and death in Black and

other racial minority communities.

"There are currently over 47 million Americans who lack health care coverage, fifty-five percent of whom are minorities," Clyburn says in a statement to the NNPA News Service in response to a request for comment. "As CEO of Meharry Medical College, a Historically Black College in Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Wayne J. Riley is on the front line of the health care crisis in this country. His training, skills and experiences make him uniquely

qualified to lead Health and Human Services at this critical time in our nation's history."

The U. S. Health and Human Services secretary is the top cabinet post for the oversight of health policies. The successful candidate would be responsible for carrying the ball for Obama's promised new national health care plan. The department also oversees the U. S. surgeon general, often viewed as the chief health advocate.

Racial disparities in health care systems and statistics had become so deep that an

Office of Minority Health was established in 1986 "to improve and protect the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities," according to a description on the agency's website.

Riley, Meharry's 10th president, previously served as vice-president and vice dean for health affairs and governmental relations at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. According to his official biography, he also has a broad range of patient care and administrative



experience, including at Baylor's affiliate Ben Taub General Hospital, a 500-bed public hospital that serves the indigent and uninsured of Houston and Harris County, Texas. Riley was assistant

chief of medicine at Ben Taub.

Riley supporters say he is uniquely equipped for the job as an African-American physician with extensive experience and study in health policy for the underserved. As a Republican, Sullivan's endorsement of Riley alongside Clyburn gives the bi-partisan support for which Obama has striven in the first month of his presidency. Riley also brings a balance of Ivey League and HBCU with a bachelor's in anthropology from Yale, a master's in public health from Tulane and a doctor of

G. Eric Gordon

G. Eric Gordon believes his use of words can stimulate "greatness which lies within each of us. Failure in people is born out of a "lack of stimulation!" My job begins with stimulating the thinking of an audience!" According to people who have heard Gordon speak, this is exactly what he does. Eric loves being a consultant. He brings excitement, passion, enthusiasm, humor and a wealth of knowledge and

experience to every presentation! What's even more impressive is how effectively he connects with people regardless of age or social status.

After receiving his Masters from George Washington University spent nine years as a hospital administrator. He gained valuable leadership and administrative experience as an Air Force Officer, and as an administrator with two large

healthcare systems.

In 1995, Gordon left corporate America and created his own consulting firm. Eric Gordon has spent years helping companies and organizations throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, and Great Britain achieve greater success! Over one hundred different different companies, businesses, government organizations, healthcare organizations, military installations, colleges and universities, have utilized Eric Gordon's services. Since 2002, he has spo-



ken to over 250,000 college and high school students. His high energy and enthusiasm is infectious and has resulted in him receiving consistently outstanding ratings, and evaluations from his audi-

ences.

"My greatest strength is helping people at every level see, understand, recognize, and respond to challenges within their environment. These 'Challenges' are the opportunities that determine success or failure in our careers and in life!"

Described as an exciting, charismatic and motivational presenter, his passionate, insightful messages leave audiences ready to take actions necessary to improve their lives.

Gordon is the scheduled

keynote speaker on Thursday February 26 when the U.S. Postal Service hosts the stamp unveiling ceremony to honor the courage, commitment, and achievements of twelve African-American civil rights pioneers.

The evening begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and the program will start at 6:00 p.m. at the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum (formerly National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame), 3400 Mount Vernon Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Alisha Thomas Morgan

Alisha Thomas Morgan decided early in her life that she was going to be the change she wanted to see in the world. Hailing from Miami, Florida, Morgan began constructing change through the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at age 14

Becoming involved with the Miami Dade Youth Council of the NAACP, Morgan's hunger for change drove her to become President of the NAACP Spelman Chapter, and eventually President of the Georgia NAACP State Youth and College Division.

A champion for justice, equality and empowering communities, in November 2002, Morgan made history

by becoming the first African American to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives for Cobb County. A servant of the people, Morgan strives to bring "real people" into the political process, ensuring that their voices are heard. In November 2008, Morgan was re-elected to a fourth term with 72% of the vote. She has also been joined in public life by her husband, David Morgan who was also elected to the Cobb County school board.

An advocate for youth, quality public education, access to affordable healthcare, voting rights, and juvenile justice, Morgan has earned the reputation as a voice for the underrepresented throughout Georgia.



As a member of the House of Representatives, Morgan serves on the Children and Youth, Education, as well as the Governmental Affairs Committees.

Representative Morgan has continued to gain support from citizens in her South Cobb district and in surrounding Georgia areas. Receiving a multitude of leadership awards, Morgan is particularly appreciative

of a special recent honor, "2008 Legislator of the Year," given to her by the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus during her for her work on children and youth issues.

Never too busy to give back to her community and the people who help her succeed, Morgan holds memberships with the NAACP, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc Rho Zeta Omega Chapter, Cobb County CASA Advisory Board, Joseph E. Lowery Institute, Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, and Austell Community Taskforce.

Morgan is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Sociology and Drama. She resides in Cobb County.

She and her husband are proud parents a new baby girl, Lailah Camille born in April of 2007.

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Rapid Rail Can Be America's Best Investment

By DR KENNETH L. RUSSELL
Special Contributor

Private business is the mainstay of the U.S. economy, but the government must play an important role in keeping the economy functioning. Without the role of government, the economy would come to a screeching halt. The government is an indispensable investor in America's development by supporting the transportation infrastructure.

Private business and a responsible government have both been necessary for the success of all our endeavors. Nations are great when they have massive public works programs and decay when they stop building. The present economic slowdown requires a massive program to put people to work at good wages. A rapid rail program would be a real stimulus to our economy. The credit crisis is man made and can only be addressed with bold action.

The first major contract should be a rapid rail system between every city and major airport. By changing trains it should be possible to go from any airport and any city by rapid rail to anywhere in the United States.

Secondary projects would involve other public utilities such as roads, bridges, schools, water pipelines etc. Treat these expenditures as repairs and pay for them out of current taxes. This would be much cheaper than the cur-

rent tax rebate of billions of dollars that will be as effective as attempting to put out a fire with gasoline.

Congress should establish a federal savings bank for the rail project that would effectively use public savings for the project. This bank could not create new money nor could it borrow from fractional reserve banks to evade the rules but could only lend the people's savings. This should be a true savings bank to invest the savings that can never be manipulated. It would pull enough money out of the oversupply of money now in circulation to do the job by paying a realistic rate on interest.

The infrastructure savings bank's initial job would be to encourage people to save money by issuing enough bonds to finance the new rail system. The bank would be totally financed with savings of the people. It would be prohibited from selling government assets to raise money or borrowing from fractional reserve banks to evade the 30 day notice or more rule.

Hundreds of thousands of other jobs would be created as the wages from building the railroad in each of the states begin to circulate. This is essentially how we built the Interstate highway system.

Engineers forecast that a total infrastructure investment of billions would be needed over the next five years. This is nearly the same amount we are spending this year in the

form of tax rebates. These inflationary massive rebates will only cause prices to go up with nothing left to show for the money spent. This money could have put thousands of people to work at good paying jobs building a rapid transit system.

Americans deserve railroads as good as Europe and Japan. The Economist reports that China will invest \$200 billion in its railways. This is the largest investment in railroad capacity by any country since the 19th century. In other words, China is becoming a great nation again because of their massive public works programs. When it was building the great wall it was prosperous. When the wall was completed China started to decline. Now the cycle of building again is functioning.

China is using the money from the so-called imbalance of trade. The world is trading us products for the factories that make the same goods we are buying. This puts our own people out of work. There is no imbalance of trade. The only imbalance is in the mentality of Congress for letting this happen in the name of so called free trade.

Delay is causing the deficit and prices to get completely out of control. To compete in the global economy, improve our quality of life and raise our standard of living, we must provide jobs for all able-bodied people. In 2007 we sold nearly another trillion dollars worth of our nation's

productive wealth to pay for goods we can produce ourselves if we had not sold our means of production.

To get us out of this economic mess Congress needs to immediately:

1. Revise the income tax brackets based on ability to pay. Make no exceptions which allow people or businesses to evade their share of financing the business of government.

2. Establish an export tax on productive assets high enough to stop the selling of our factories and jobs to other countries. This is not a tariff. Free trade is great if the means of production is not part of the trade.

3. Establish Rebuild America Savings Banks. This new bank could not create new money nor borrow money from existing fractional reserve banks. The money in one's savings account could only be used to purchase Rebuild America Savings Bonds. The bonds could not be sold before maturity without incurring a penalty, as currently applies to e-bonds.

4. Banks would no longer pay interest on checking accounts. People do not need to make money from the cash in their pockets or in their checking accounts. Idle money should not earn interest. Fractional reserve banks make their money from the interest they charge on the new money they create and from handling the day to day business of the nation.

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example of how ridiculous you look; imagine that if you lost your wallet on the way back from the store. Your brilliant plan to retrieve the wallet is to call a random phone number and ask whomever answers the phone if they found it. After about 12,354 calls with no success, someone suggests that you go back to the store where it was lost and see if it was turned in or even that it may be still in the parking lot where you dropped it. You say no, and continue

with your ridiculous phone call search. That is exactly how absurd you look by voting against the package. Do you not realize this? I think you do, but you are so bent on being the one to solve the problem (that you caused), that you cannot stand that someone else might have a better idea. And by the way, rubbing two cats together is a better idea than you have had in the past. I mean, based on the results.

You are lucky that another

election cycle is not looming, because if there were, the result would probably not leave enough republicans standing to have a pick up basketball game.

I know that you are chaffing at the bit hoping that this new stimulus package fails and the country spirals into such a deep economic depression that it can NEVER recover, so that you can say "I told you so." But you should also start working on whom you want to give credit to in case it succeeds. Like you did with President Clinton when he predicted and promised that

balanced budget.

You remember that? You said that it was impossible, and did everything in your power to stop it from happening. And then when it did happen, you credited President Bush I for the balanced budget, you remember that? Well, in case this stimulus package succeeds you are going to need another person to credit, and hopefully it won't be President Bush II.

I doubt that American will stand for another manicured lie without serious revolt.

*Victor Conedy,
American Citizen*

Mandela Throws Support to Zuma and ANC

NNPA

Former South African President Nelson Mandela, along with his eldest grandson, Inkosi Zwelivelile Mandla Mandela, and his daughter Zindzi, pledged

their full support for the African National Congress in the coming watershed elections on Apr. 22.

The Mandelas endorsement is a big boost for the ANC party which is facing mounting opposition from

reformers who say the party has abandoned its goals for the landless and poor.

At last Sunday's rally on Feb. 15, under a heavy downpour in rural Eastern Cape, the former president pledged his continued sup-

port for the ANC. It was his first appearance at a political event in some years since he retired from active politics.

"Mandela is here today to say he will 'die in the ANC'," said ANC President Jacob Zuma. "He was the

number 10th president; Zizi (Thabo Mbeki) number 11th, and I am number 12th. We are blessed that he became South Africa's first democratically elected president of South Africa."

Said the grandson:

"Today we are here to show that the house of Mandela will die in the ANC... We stayed in Robben Island for this organization. We were born in this organization and we'll never leave it like others did."

Free Health, Safety Fair Set for March 6 at Collin College

From staff reports

Collin College will host its third annual Live Smart! Health and Safety Fair

from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, March 6, at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center.

Live Smart! will feature

hearing, glucose and body fat screenings. Also, attendees will have the opportunity to give blood. Medical and wellness

experts will provide informative safety demonstrations.

Dr. Ricardo Guerra of Medical Center Plano will

lecture on cardiovascular diseases and Dr. Dan Maurer of Centennial Medical Center will lecture on sports medicine.

The event is free and open to the public. The Spring Creek Campus is located at 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

Healthy Living Expo 2009: Health and Environment Come Together

From staff reports

Learn how to improve your personal health and the health of the environment all in one event: Healthy Living Expo 2009: Healthy You, Healthy Earth: Rx for

a Better World.

The City of Garland, Garland ISD, Baylor Medical Center at Garland and the Garland Chamber of Commerce will join forces on Saturday, May 2, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. at the GISD Special Events Center, to look at how caring for both ourselves and the earth creates a healthy lifestyle, and has a positive impact on the world around us.

"Healthy earth" topics,

such as recycling, conservation, energy efficiency and alternative fuels will be highlighted.

"Healthy You" activities will include health screenings, immunizations, information on prevention serv-

ices, stress reduction methods, and much more.

The first 1,000 attendees will receive a microfiber, reusable shopping bag containing a variety of gifts and information. The Expo will offer exhibitor booths,

free services, demonstrations and entertainment, all focused on helping citizens make positive changes to their daily lives.

More information is available at www.garland-chamber.com.

Free Community Health Fair Benefiting the Shoh-Sohail Family of Irving

From staff reports

Buchanan Associates will host a community health fair in the Shoh-Sohail family's name on Wednesday, March 11th. The fair, which will include free health screenings for the local community, will be held from 10 am to 3 pm at the VHA Building on the Mandalay Canal, 220 Las Colinas Blvd.

The fair will be hosted in an effort to inform, educate and empower the community to adapt healthier lifestyle behaviors for 2009.

All donations and proceeds of the fair will directly benefit the family of Zargham and Suzie Shoh-Sohail, owners and operators of of Subz-n-Stuff, a popular restaurant in Irving.

On November 28, the owners and their two chil-

dren were involved in a very tragic accident. During a serene carriage ride in the town of Little Rock, Arkansas, the entire family was struck by a city bus, resulting in hospitalization of several family members. The family was not medically insured and has since incurred several medical bills from the hospitalization. Throughout this hard time, the family has main-

tained their business in the Las Colinas area with superb service.

The majority of the booths located at the community fair will be free to the public, although a few will require proof of insurance and/or minor fees.

The booths at the fair that will offer free services include:

- American Cancer Society
- Dr. Andy Ullman: Chir-

opractor Massage

- Irving Podiatry
- American Heart Assn.
- University of Phoenix
- Gold's Gym
- Jeffrey K. Olson, DDS
- Carter Blood Care Ctr.
- Parker School of Chiropractic
- Tammy Wittson - Bio-Feedback
- Dr. Sylvia Gonzalez: Alternate Holistic Clinic
- Green Irene

•Sunstone Yoga

Other screenings will be available with minor fees and/or proof of insurance:

•Southwestern Medical Center: Pre-arranged Breast Screenings

Health information and community resources will also be available. Door Prizes, a silent auction benefiting the Shoh-Sohail Family, and refreshments will also be available.

West Introduces Bill (SB 968) to Regulate Spray Parks & Interactive Water Parks

From staff reports

In an effort to prevent outbreaks of water borne illnesses associated with interactive aquatic facilities, State Senator Royce West has filed Senate Bill 968 to set standards for these facilities. Senator West has worked in tandem with the Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services (DCHHS) to cre-

ate this bill after an investigation last summer.

"Swimming pools, spas, and wading pools currently are regulated by the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 341. During the investigation of a widespread outbreak of cryptosporidium (crypto) linked to aquatic facilities in Dallas and surrounding counties, DCHHS discovered that stand-alone spray

parks and interactive fountains were not regulated under statute. Senate Bill 968, which I filed today, seeks to apply the same level of standards, currently required for pools and spas to spray fountain parks and interactive water features," said West

"We want to thank Senator West for spearheading the efforts to include this important piece of leg-

islation to the Texas State Health and Safety Code," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "If passed, municipalities and local health departments will have the tools necessary to better protect the health and safety of our citizens by extending existing pool and spa regulations to spray parks and other aquatic facilities currently not included in state Statutes."

"Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services recognized during this past summer's Crypto Outbreak that patronage to these facilities were often by younger individuals, including non-toilet trained persons," said Dr. John Carlo, DCHHS Medical Director. "As such, an enhanced transmission can occur when one person who is sick with an infection

enters and uses these facilities. While chlorination to the current level of standards as spas, swimming pools, and wading pools will not remove the risk of disease transmission completely, inadequate chlorination has been shown to significantly enhance disease transmission," Dr. Carlo continued.

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Plano City Council Hosts Roundtable

From staff reports

The Mayor and City Council of Plano invite Council District 1 residents to join them for a Neighborhood Roundtable discussion on Thursday,

March 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

Roundtables are part of an ongoing outreach program to present information and answer questions regarding city services and

programs. It is a working meeting where citizens help the City explore solutions to district concerns. Though the meeting is focused on District 1, all Plano residents are welcome to participate. Light refreshments

will be served.

Residents in the Council District 1 area will receive a special postcard invitation. District 1 is bounded by City's Limit on the north, City's Limit on the south and City's Limit on the

east. The western boundary is Alma Road. A map with all the districts is available at on the plano.gov website, click on Departments and then Community Outreach.

Roundtables are held quarterly and rotated

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

Bond Election Facilities Subcommittee Seeks Input On Priorities

From staff reports

The City of Rowlett Bond Committee has a Facilities Subcommittee which is seeking public opinion on the prioritization of the

City's needs for new facilities through an on line survey on the City's web site.

The City of Rowlett is preparing for a possible bond election in late 2009 or early 2010 and has formed a Bond

Committee to address the city's needs. A Facilities Subcommittee was formed to evaluate the needs to revitalize or replace existing facilities that the City has outgrown and they are seek-

ing public input to help prioritize those needs.

Citizens are encouraged to click on the link below or go to the City's web site at www.rowlett.com and click on the Customer Care

Survey at the bottom of the home page to take the survey. The survey asks for a prioritization of the facilities listed and there is also a comment box for those who want to express their opin-

ions.

Public feedback is extremely important in this decision-making process. Citizens are invited to visit <http://www.rowlettcustomercare.com>.

140 DAYS OF OPPORTUNITY

Texas prison growth has slowed since 2007

By TESSA HOWINGTON
North Dallas Gazette

With the passage of President Barack Obama's economic stimulus bill, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Texas is set to receive \$17 billion in stimulus money. The bill states that \$5 billion of the allotted money is to go toward the Texas Medicaid program and \$4 billion to help fund and strengthen public education and higher education programs in the state.

Wednesday, February 18, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and his staff announced that they have just started reviewing the bill and how it will impact Texas. He said, "We need to be careful on how we use one time funds, so that we're not painting ourselves into a deficit in 2011, but a number of these funds, I think, will be able to help us in these program areas."

Robert Duncan, a Senate Finance Committee member from Lubbock, said, "This is Texas, we're fairly independent here, and it's because of that independence that we are as healthy as we are today." He

added, "You can rest assured that the Texas Legislature will be very careful in going through these programs so that we can ensure that we maintain independence and the Texas spirit in the way these funds are expended."

On Tuesday, February 17, Senator Rodney Ellis, from Houston, filed Senate Bill (SB) 877. If passed, the bill would require doctors to offer an HIV test to patients, allow patients to deny the test, and the set the cost around \$25 or covered by existing health care plans.

SB 877 is in response to recommendations that the Center for Disease Control made in 2006; the goal is to help slow the spread of the disease in Texas. "Thankfully HIV is no longer a death sentence, but it is clear that early diagnosis is a key to fighting the disease and its spread," Ellis said. In Houston, HIV cases in black males 1 in 27, and there are a reported 62,000 cases statewide. Texas ranks fourth highest in the US in HIV infection. Ellis adds, "The sooner a person is made aware of their status, the sooner they will

change their behavior, which will reduce the risk of transmitting the disease to others."

Also in the Senate this week, the Senate Finance Committee heard testimony on Thursday, February 19, from The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Executive Director Brad Livingston and Officials from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

The TDCJ reported that Texas prison population growth has flattened since 2007. Livingston cited that the drop was due to less repeat offenders, less parole or probation violators, more space at substance abuse programs, and the state's ability to imprison lesser crime criminals within their community instead of at state facilities. He also asked the Senate Finance committee for funding to give a 20% pay raise to guards, increase employee incentives, and to hire more workers.

Officials from DPS asked for more funding from the Senate as well. DPS would like to use any additionally money given to the department to hire

more employees and State Troopers, add an additional 450 marked patrol cars, and improve communication between DPS and

other state departments by implementing new technologies.

Additionally, DPS would like to give State Troopers

a pay increase. Texas Public Safety Commission Chairman Allan Polunsky

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LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on March 9, 2009. You have until September 5, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games:

- Game #803 **Cash Celebration** (\$1) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.15
- Game #1067 **Hot Streak!** (\$7) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.98
- Game #1073 **World Poker Tour**® (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.92
- Game #1082 **Lucky Dice Doubler** (\$2) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.59
- Game #1085 **King Tuts Treasures** (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.29
- Game #1097 **Bonus Cashword** (\$3) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.18
- Game #1109 **Cherry Doubler** (\$1) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.97
- Game #1113 **Wild 7's** (\$1) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.42

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on March 23, 2009. You have until September 19, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games:

- Game #797 **Bonus Break The Bank** (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.23
- Game #1042 **9's In A Line** (\$1) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.80
- Game #1098 **Jewels Of The Nile** (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.98
- Game #1117 **Holiday Package** (\$3) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.79
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University Democrats Seek Alumni

From staff reports

Were you a "UDem?" Do you remember block walking for Ann Richards? Have you ever made a rally sign for LBJ? Do you still "Bleed Orange" and "Vote Blue?" If so, then the University Democrats of UT-Austin would love to hear from you!

In their 56 year long histo-

ry, the University Democrats have done many things to change the world, things that could only be done through the dedication and passion of so many talented and enthusiastic members. While their time on the UT Campus is brief, University Democrats remain "UDems" for life.

To celebrate this fact, the

University Democrats will be holding an Alumni Reunion Event to honor the alumni of this dynamic organization. If you call yourself a "UDem" then the University Democrats want to hear from you. This chance to reconnect with old friends from formative political years will be held in the coming months in Austin, TX.

Without the efforts of those who have come before, the University Democrats would not be the premier political organization that it is. That is why the University Democrats welcome all alumni to contact udemsalumni@gmail.com to share their stories and to reconnect.

Keys to Success Program Set at DCCCD

From staff reports

For high school juniors and seniors thinking about college, it's crunch time.

They are asking themselves which colleges they should apply to, and they wonder whether they can afford the cost of tuition and books. They - and their parents - are concerned about applications, financial aid forms, or courses of study; and the students simply want to know how to navigate the waters of higher education. They are confused, excited and sometimes a little bit frightened to cross the bridge from high school to college.

The Dallas County Community College District will eliminate some of that fear and confusion by providing a fact-filled and useful day of information to those students and their parents through the Las Llaves del

Exito (Keys to Success) program on Sat., March 7, 2009. The free event, which is geared toward all high school juniors and seniors - as well as their parents, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster.

The one-day college fair is designed for high school juniors and seniors, plus their families. CVC is located at 3030 N. Dallas Ave. in Lancaster. To travel to the college, take Interstate 20 to Lancaster Road (marked "Exit 342") and go south to Cedar Valley. Take the second marked entrance for CVC on the left and proceed through the main gate to parking areas.

Las Llaves is sponsored by DCCCD, the Dallas Independent School District and the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in partnership

with area colleges, universities and non-profit groups.

The program includes hands-on workshops during which students will learn how to fill out applications for admission to DCCCD and area colleges and universities, as well as paperwork for financial aid and scholarships - including DCCCD's Rising Star program. Bilingual volunteers will be available to assist participants.

Interested seniors will receive assistance with filling out and submitting their college admissions and financial aid forms. Those students should bring the following documents: a copy of their parents' 2008 income tax return; students' valid picture ID; and W-2 forms or any other records of money earned. Students who have all of the essential forms will receive assistance complet-

ing the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA).

College representatives, admissions specialists and financial aid advisors will talk to families about the steps they need to take to be considered for admission and financial aid. Other sessions will explore paying for college, SAT/ACT test preparation and more. Breakfast and snacks will be provided.

Las Llaves was started several years ago by a committee of community members who wanted to encourage high school students to graduate and continue their education.

For more information in English, call DCCCD at (214) 378-1771; for details in Spanish, call (214) 378-1773; or visit sites: www.dcccd.edu/keystosuccess or www.dc-ccd.edu/llavesdelexito.

COLLEGE CORNER

Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program to Recognize Volunteers

Through the Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship program, the Kohl's Corporation plans to award a total of over \$350,000 in scholarships and prizes this year to more than two thousand kids whose volunteer efforts have made a positive impact on their communities. The program recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6 to 18) who help make their communities a better place.

To be eligible for an award, the young person's efforts should be above and beyond what is normally expected of a child his or her age. Volunteer efforts should have made a positive impact on others and occurred in the last twelve months. The activity cannot be performed solely to benefit a family member. Creativity, initiative, generosity, leadership, and project reach will be evaluated during the judging process.

Nominees must be legal U.S. residents of a state in which a Kohl's store is located. Nominees must be

between the ages of 6 and 18 and not yet a high school graduate as of March 15, 2009. Each nominee must be nominated by someone 21 years of age or older.

Nominees will be divided into two groups (ages 6 to 12 and 13 to 18) and awards will be given on three levels. More than two thousand store winners will each be awarded a \$50 Kohl's Gift Card.

The 194 regional winners will each be awarded \$1,000 scholarships toward their postsecondary education. Ten national winners will each be awarded \$5,000 scholarships. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a non-profit organization on behalf of each national winner.

The program will accept nominations through March 15, 2009. Visit the Kohl's Corporation Web site for complete program materials (available in English and Spanish).

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016669/kohlscorp>

Tax Credits Offer Effective Means To Offset Education Costs

From staff reports

Education tax credits can help offset the costs of higher education for yourself or a dependent. The Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit are two education credits available which may benefit you. Because they are credits rather than deductions, you may be able to subtract them in full, dollar for dollar, from your federal income tax.

The Hope Credit

The credit applies for the

first two years of post-secondary education, such as college or vocational school. It does not apply to the third, fourth, or higher years of undergraduate programs, to graduate programs, or to professional-level programs.

It can be worth up to \$1,800 (\$3,600 if a student in a Midwestern disaster area) per eligible student, per year.

You're allowed a credit of 100% of the first \$1,200 (\$2,400 if a student in a Midwestern disaster area) of qualified tuition and related fees paid during the tax year,

plus 50% of the next \$1,200 (\$2,400 if a student in a Midwestern disaster area).

Each student must be enrolled at least half-time for at least one academic period which began during the year.

The student must be free of any federal or state felony conviction for possessing or distributing a controlled substance as of the end of the tax year.

The Lifetime Learning Credit

The credit applies to undergraduate, graduate and

professional degree courses, including instruction to acquire or improve job skills, regardless of the number of years in the program.

If you qualify, your credit equals 20% (40% if a student in a Midwestern disaster area) of the first \$10,000 of post-secondary tuition and fees you pay during the year, for a maximum credit of \$2,000 (\$4,000 if a student in a Midwestern disaster area) per tax return.

You cannot claim both the Hope and Lifetime Learning Credits for the same student

in the same year. You also cannot claim either credit if you claim a tuition and fees deduction for the same student in the same year. To qualify for either credit, you must pay post-secondary tuition and certain related expenses for yourself, your spouse or your dependent. The credit may be claimed by the parent or the student, but not by both. Students who are claimed as a dependent cannot claim the credit.

These credits are phased out for Modified Adjusted

Gross Income over \$48,000 (\$96,000 for married filing jointly) and eliminated completely for Modified Adjusted Gross Income of \$58,000 or more (\$116,000 for married filing jointly). If the taxpayer is married, the credit may be claimed only on a joint return.

For more information, see Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education, which can be obtained online at www.irs.gov or by calling the IRS at 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Source: IRS

THE FADE SHOP HAIR SALON

Dallas' Flex Your Style Barbershop of the Year!

By JACQUINETTE MURPHY

North Dallas Gazette

The Fade Shop Hair Salon and its owner, Ozell Graham, was announced as the 2009 winner of the Dallas Flex Your Style urban promotional marketing event hosted by the Ford Motor Company. Referred to as the Oscars of the Barbershops, this evening at Sambucca's (Uptown) restaurant on McKinney Avenue was the culmination of weeks of hard work, promotional advertising and competition between five local barbershop finalists and their teams.

Graham, received a 2009 Ford Flex vehicle as the grand prize in addition to the \$1000 check awarded to all five finalists to assist in their efforts to serve the community. The other four barbershop finalists were Ronnie Mac of Shops and Salons, Jerry Roseman of Trimmers Salons, Mr. Perry of Class Act and Kevin Smith of So Fresh Cutz.

"I was stunned. They had to tell me that they called my name," said Graham moments after viewing his new crossover vehicle. "It is good to know that after all the hard work you put in, you do the right thing and you receive the right gifts."

The Ford Urban Flex Your Style program is an innovative marketing tool used by the Ford Motor Company to promote its latest product line directly to main street individuals. The Flex is a seven-passenger, full-size crossover vehicle, complete with a built-in fridge, two-toned roof, and capless fueling system.

"Ford wanted to use a grassroots approach and was trying to find a unique way to get [the Flex] out there. What other way than to go to the real taste makers-the barbershops?" said Crystal Worthem, Multicultural Marketing Manager at Ford Motor Company.

At the conclusion of a



Ozell Graham (Center)

search for Dallas' best in the barber circuit, representatives from Ford interviewed and selected ten barbershops to participate in the local marketing project. For one month, Ford allowed barbers to campaign at their shops for the opportunity to become one of the five finalists. The shops were judged on their reputation, contributions to the community and customer satisfaction.

Beginning in January, the final five candidates were allowed an additional month to promote the Ford Flex on-site and to host a Ford-sponsored customer event. The event attendees voted on-line for the best barbershop experience and a winner was selected - Graham and The Fade Shop team.

"We like to celebrate entrepreneurship and to empower economic development, so we found a way to make it a win-win for both Ford and the barbers," added Worthem. Regarding the checks received by all the finalists, she added, "They [the barbers] use their facilities to sponsor events in the community and give free haircuts to the homeless or to the son of a single mom. It helps them to pay it forward to the community."

For Graham, the participation in such a campaign was alone an exciting venture. "It was great to promote the product. It was like cutting hair and I am happy with the outcome," he began. "It gave me a chance to connect and see what the major companies are doing. They came out to the community and even threw a customer appreciation party. Stepping up like this made me see that this is something that we should do all the time."

Charlene Fountain, Graham's mother, was cheering for him from start to finish. "I knew he was going to win. I give praise to God." With tears streaming down her face and a wide smile, Fountain shared the stage with her son, hugging him immediately in celebration of his accomplishment.

Graham has over 8 years of barbering experience and has been a shop owner for the last four years. The Fade Shop Hair Salon has locations at 201 W. Lamar Street in McKinney and at 18900 Dallas Parkway in the Dallas area.

Atlanta was the number one city on Ford's urban-focused Flex Your Style location list, but the Dallas shop has raised the bar. "This

was our first time here and it was amazing. Dallas took it

to the next level," said Worthem. For more informa-



Ozell Graham

tion on the Ford Flex crossover vehicle, the recently named 2009 Urban Truck of the year, visit www.fordurban.com and Drive One!

Dreams N-2 Destiny

N2NE (In-Tune) Youth Mentoring presents *Dreams N-2 Destiny*, a fundraiser & talent show featuring youth in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. The event will take place **Saturday, March 7, 2009** from **2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** at the **Lake Highlands North Recreation Center**, located at **9940 White Rock Trail, Dallas, Texas.**

Datwon Thomas
Master of Ceremony

Adell Henderson
Presenter

Mesha Millington
Judge

HOST, GUESTS & JUDGES
Datwon Thomas, the creator of *KING & RIDES Magazines* and currently the editor of hip-hop magazine *XXL* joins N2NE as the official host. The multi-talented mogul will be introducing local talent and surprise celebrity guests who will be speaking, judging and performing.
Mesha Millington, NY-based singer, actress and director of *Gloria Eve Performing Arts Foundation* is bringing in her expertise as an accredited artist to the judging panel. Gospel Rap group **Tru Prophets** from McKinney, Texas will also be on hand for an aspirational performance.

AWARDS
A segment of the fundraiser will be dedicated to community activists and companies in the Dallas area making a difference in the lives of the youth. Nationally published writer, producer and business consultant **Adell Henderson** is heading up the N2NE awards ceremony during the fundraiser, presenting awards and certificates to ordinary people doing extraordinary deeds.

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For more information or to register online, visit:
WWW.N2NE-YM.ORG

DREAMS N-2 DESTINY
Dallas' first *Dreams N-2 Destiny* fundraiser. Presented by founder and chief executive officer, **Rich Etta Weathersbee** of N2NE (In-Tune), a non-profit youth mentoring program that encourages the youth to "Focus on your future and Believe in your dreams," the event will gather versatile individuals with talent in areas ranging from dance, music (gospel, R&B, country, rap, etc...), poetry, on one platform for a chance to showcase their talent, meet celebrities, win prizes and more! *Dreams N-2 Destiny* will raise money for the youth mentoring non-profit while simultaneously giving money back to these driven teens.

Ongoing

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

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm. At Reel Thing Catfish Cafe, 600 East Main Street - Suite A, Allen, TX 75002. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

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

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

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

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: Monthly workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and serv-

ices, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. 4th Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. Visit <http://nbwenorg.ning.com> for more information. **THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT** so register early!

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

February 20 – March 15 Teatro Dallas presents ORINOCO! honoring Mexican playwright Emilio Carballido and directed by Cora Cardona. Performances are Thursdays- Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students, children and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at www.TeatroDallas.org. All performances will take place at 1331 Record Crossing Rd, Dallas, TX 75235.

Feb. 22 -Mar. 1, 2009 Sesame Street: Elmo's Green Thumb Join all your favorite friends on an amazing adventure as they help Elmo find a new home for Sunny in the all new Sesame Street Live stage show, "Elmo's Green Thumb". NOKIA Theatre Grand Prairie, nokialivedfw.com or visit sesamestreetlive.com

February 26 The Urban League will host the 2009 Annual Meeting Community Report Luncheon the theme is The Legacy Continues: Passing the Torch. Call the League

office (214) 915.4631 for more information.

February 27**North Texas Business Conference: Business Solutions EXPO!**

This is the first business conference of its kind for small and medium business. Those attending this business transforming platform will be learning sales, marketing and advertising strategies from experts. More information at: www.businesssolutionsexpo.com

February 28

"Business Basics for Entrepreneurs" This class combines financial management and other key business concepts, such as Marketing, Forecasting, Cash Flow, Pricing, and Business Planning. The class will be held 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, no lunch provided at the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, 11881 Schroeder Road Dallas, TX 75243. The cost is \$40.00 if paid in advance, \$45.00 at the door, to register visit www.planfund.org or call 214-942-6698.

The **Alpha Iota Iota Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**, will present its 18th Annual Talent Hunt, at 2:00PM, at the Plaza Theatre, Garland, TX. Students from our local schools (9th-12th grade), are invited to participate. Talents such as interpretive movement, instrumental, poetry, vocalist, and speech will be graded by a panel of judges. Contact Horace Satisfield, 972 424-0930 or Wayne Powe at 214-906-9079.

2009 Collin Cabaret Scholarship Benefit Gala Collin Radio Variety Hour at

the Embassy Suites Frisco. Call Mary Frazier 972-599-3145.

The Invisible War Freedom Conference A unique and special event to share with other believers in the study of God's Word concerning the spiritual battles of life. 9AM-10PM \$50 per person; \$75 per family; scholarships available call 877-808-8886 or www.theinvisiblewar.org

Richardson Humane Society holds an Adopt A Pet event at noon-4 p.m. Feb. 14 and 28 at Petco, Coit and Campbell. Also, Feb. 7 and 21 at Petco at Spring Valley and Plano roads. Information: 972-234-5117 or richardson-humane.org to view pictures of adoptable pets.

March 1 – 3

Divine Consign Children's, Juniors and Maternity Consignment Sale children's consignment sale specializing in the highest quality gently worn children's, juniors and maternity clothing, toys, books, games, DVDs, baby equipment and baby & children's furniture. Admission is free. Contact Tina Teutsch at 214-513-2838 or divineconsign@hotmail.com or visit www.divineconsign.net

March 2

Healthy Living Expo 2009 City of Garland, Garland ISD, Baylor Medical Center at Garland & the Garland Chamber of Commerce hosting from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the GISD Special Events Center, to look at how caring for both ourselves and the earth creates a healthy lifestyle, and has a positive impact on the world around us.

March 5-7

Texas Instruments Classical

Series at Dallas Symphony Orchestra Single tickets range from \$17 to \$110 and can be purchased by calling 214.692.0203 or visiting www.DallasSymphony.com.

March 6-7

The Alta L Buford Owens "Understanding Your Established Purpose" Women's Conference will consist of motivational and inspiring speakers and presenters, along with awesome praise and worship that will propel and encourage attendees to live more victorious and productive lives. \$20 contact: altabufordowensministries@yahoo.com or 214-542-1252.

March 6

The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) chapter of **Keep A Child Alive (KCA)**, presents **SMASH OUT AIDS Gospel Benefit Concert** on March 6 from 7-10:30 pm. Created by chapter President Melissa Felix, the concert will promote AIDS Awareness and raise funds for Keep A Child Alive.

Collin College will host its third annual **Live Smart! Health and Safety Fair** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center located at 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Free

March 7

Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County Building Foundations Building Lives Samsung 2009 Gala & Casino Night at the Richardson Hotel, Campbell & Central at 6:30PM. Sign up for tickets at www.habitat-scc.org/gala/2009

March 11

The Irish Rovers will bring the heart of Ireland to the

Meyerson stage with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra just in time for St. Patrick's Day. Single tickets range from \$17 to \$110 and can be purchased by calling 214.692.0203 or visiting www.DallasSymphony.com.

March 10

Garland Hosts Vendor, Buyer Mixer, 2 – 4 p.m. Vendor Education 3:30 – 4 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, The Atrium 300 N. Fifth Street Garland, 972-205-2415.

American Career Fairs Professional and Diversity Career Fair 10AM – 2PM Meet the hiring managers ready to hire on the spot. Free Admission, Free Parking Contact Bill Mueller at 817-685-9850 or email bill@ineedajob.com or www.ineedajob.com.

March 20-22

Past American Idol contestants sing some of their favorite tunes from the hit TV show alongside the Dallas Symphony Orchestra – live for two nights. From the soulful singing of Kimberley Locke, to the Southern charm of Diana DeGarmo, to tunes from Chikezie Eze and David Hernandez, this evening of song will have everyone jumping to their feet in excitement. Single tickets range from \$17-\$110 214.692.0203 or DallasSymphony.com.

March 24

LEAN tools can transform Health Care organizations. Learn how at an Executive Briefing for Health Care Professions at 9 A.M. The briefing will be held at the Bill Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth St. in Dallas. Call the LEAN Institute of El Centro College at 214.860.5934 for more information.

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Obama Tells Nation: 'We are not quitters'

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

Standing before a nation on an economic precipice, President Barack Obama warned anxious Americans Tuesday night the U.S. faces a dire "day of reckoning" but can emerge ever stronger by pulling together, sharing sacrifices and confronting hard choices head-on.

"The time to take charge of our future is here," Obama said, delivering his first address to a joint session of Congress.

Balancing candor and candor, Obama acknowledged the battered economy, shaken confidence and the "difficult and uncertain times" that are all too real in homes and businesses across the country. But, he said, "The weight of this crisis will not determine the destiny of this nation."

He said both political parties must sacrifice on favored programs while uniting behind his campaign promises to build better schools, expand health care coverage and move the nation to "greener" fuel use.

"Tonight I want every American to know this: We will rebuild, we will recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before," he said, according to excerpts released by the White House in advance of his speech.

Just five weeks after his inauguration, Obama was set to address an ebullient Democratic congressional majority and an embattled but reinvigorated GOP minority as well as millions of anxious viewers at home as a popular leader wielding significant clout to advance his agenda. Despite the nation's economic worries and the lack of support for his plans from all but a few Republican lawmakers, Obama enjoys strong approval ratings across the nation.

But he spoke in the House as bad economic news continues to pile up. Some 3.6 million jobs have disap-



With a statue of Abraham Lincoln peering, President Barack Obama smiles in the Rotunda on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, while attending a Congressional ceremony celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. From right are, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., the president, House minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, and Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

peared so far in the deepening recession, which now ranks as the biggest job destroyer in the post-World War II period. Americans have lost trillions of dollars in retirement, college and savings accounts, with the stock market falling nearly half from its peak of 16 months ago.

And new polls — some with his public support rising higher and others with it dropping — show that the political climate can be as precarious as the economic one. Aware that his and his party's fortunes will suffer if he cannot right the economic picture, Obama sought to blend the kind of grim honesty that has become his trademark since taking office with a greater emphasis on optimism.

"Those qualities that have made America the greatest force of progress and prosperity in human history we still possess in ample measure," he said. "What is required now is for this country to pull together, confront boldly the challenges we face and take responsibility for our future once more."

The central argument of

his speech was that his still-unfolding economic revival plan has room for — and even demands — simultaneous action on a broader, expensive agenda including helping the millions without health insurance, improving education and switching the U.S. to greater dependence on alternative energy sources. This is the big lift of his young presidency: bringing the public behind what are sure to be enormous outlays on contentious issues.

His hopewas to begin to persuade the country that those longer-term items on his presidential agenda are as important to the nation's economic well-being as unchoking credit and turning around unemployment numbers.

"The only way this century will be another American century is if we confront at last the price of our dependence on oil and the high cost of health care, the schools that aren't preparing our children and the mountain of debt they stand to inherit. That is our responsibility," Obama said.

New in office, he wasn't charged with producing a for-

mal State of the Union status report. But for all intents and purposes, that's what it was: a night for the president to sketch out his priorities in a setting unmatched the rest of the year.

The gallery was to include a special section hosted by first lady Michelle Obama in which guests were selected to serve as living symbols of the president's goals. Cramming the floor were to be the leaders of the federal government: Supreme Court justices, all but one Cabinet member — held away in case disaster strikes — and nearly every member of Congress.

Pre-speech, Wall Street was in a better mood than it had been in for days: Stocks were up after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the recession might end this year.

Comments on Obama's address came in early from Republicans, hours before he had uttered a word.

Louisiana's young, charismatic governor, Bobby Jindal, who was delivering the televised GOP response to the Democratic president, exhorted fellow Republicans

to be Obama's "strongest partners" when they agree with him. But he signaled that won't happen much, calling Democrats in Congress "irresponsible" for passing the \$787 billion stimulus package that Republicans have criticized as excessive and wasteful.

"The way to lead is not to raise taxes and put more money and power in hands of Washington politicians," Jindal said, according to excerpts of his remarks released by the Republican Party. "Who among us would ask our children for a loan, so we could spend money we do not have, on things we do not need?"

Jindal is considered a likely presidential contender in 2012.

In contrast to many State of the Union addresses by George W. Bush, Obama was emphasizing foreign policy. He was touching on his intention to chart new strategies in Iraq and Afghanistan and to forge a new image for the U.S. around the world even as he keeps up the fight against terrorism.

Obama declared that the

budget request he is sending to Congress on Thursday will slash that deficit by at least half by the end of his term in 2013, mostly by ending U.S. combat in Iraq and eliminating some of Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy. He said his budget officials have identified a total of \$2 trillion in savings over the next 10 years, also including ending education programs "that don't work" and payments to large agribusinesses "that don't need them," eliminating wasteful no-bid contracts in Iraq and spending on weapons systems no longer needed in the post-Cold War era, and rooting out waste in Medicare.

"Everyone in this chamber, Democrats and Republicans, will have to sacrifice some worthy priorities for which there are no dollars," he said. "And that includes me."

But he said this belt-tightening must not preclude increased spending in the areas he deems crucial.

"Now is the time to act boldly and wisely to not only revive this economy, but to build a new foundation for lasting prosperity," he said.

Rihanna Speaks Out for First Time Since Alleged Assault

NNPS

Rihanna's camp has broken its silence after the pop star was allegedly attacked by Chris Brown. On Friday, Feb. 20, the singer issued a statement of thanks to her fans.

"At the request of the authorities, Rihanna is not commenting about the incident involving Chris

Brown," says the statement from her rep.

"She wants to assure her fans that she remains strong, is doing well, and deeply appreciates the outpouring of support she has received during this difficult time."

The statement comes on her 21st birthday and a day after she was spotted in Los Angeles after spending nearly two weeks in seclusion.

The singer was photographed Thursday heading to an airport the same night a graphic photo reportedly showing her battered face surfaced on the Internet, upsetting her father, who criticized police for their "sloppy work."

Prior to the statement, neither Rihanna nor her representatives had commented

since the arrest of 19-year-old Brown on Feb. 8

On Friday, friends in Rihanna's native Barbados marked her birthday by taking out an ad in the local paper wishing her a happy 21st "amidst all the negativity about Ri Ri. God will continue to bless her."

Information from People.com contributed to this report.



In a Dec. 12, 2008 file photo singers Rihanna and Chris Brown perform at Madison Square Garden in New York. Brown, who was arrested a week ago in connection with a domestic violence investigation, said Sunday Feb. 15, 2009 he is "sorry and saddened" by what happened and is seeking counseling from his pastor and loved ones.



Attorney Gloria Allred, right, displays accident photos as her client, Demaris Meyer, looks on at a news conference in Los Angeles Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, to discuss a lawsuit against actor Morgan Freeman stemming from an accident in which she was seriously injured while he was driving her car in Mississippi in 2008. (AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

Woman in Freeman crash: Not his mistress

Associated Press

The woman who was with Morgan Freeman the night of a car crash that left both injured insists she was never romantically linked to Freeman and is suing the actor for negligence.

Demaris Meyer and her lawyer, Gloria Allred, held a press conference Wednesday

announcing that Meyer has filed a lawsuit against the 71-year-old Oscar winner.

In the days following the accident last August, Freeman's lawyer, Bill Lockett, told media outlets that Freeman and his wife of 24 years, Myrna Colley-Lee, had been separated since December 2007 and were getting a divorce. Several media outlets

reported that the 48-year-old Meyer was Freeman's mistress.

Meyer says she met Freeman the night of the accident at a dinner party. She says Freeman agreed to let her stay at one of three houses on his property, so that she "would have an easier drive to work the next morning."

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January Home Sales Follow Expected Seasonal Decline

From staff reports

January projected sales in Collin County and surrounding areas were 26 percent lower than the

same time last year, reports the Collin County Association of Realtors (CCAR). While January marked the lowest number of sales for a single month

in several years, new listings and homes under contract were up sharply from December.

"January is typically the slowest month of the year

for real estate sales, and this year is no exception," says Steve Haid, CCAR member services director.

The CCAR Pulse, which delves into the real estate

markets of 36 local communities, reports that the average time a house was on the market in January was 110 days, compared to 112 days in January 2008.

In addition, the median sales price of a home in January was \$156,200, which was down substantially from the same time last year: \$170,000.

PEARSON, from Page 1

for the beginning of a new wave, a new life, the beginning.

I have been on this earth for twenty years, yet I feel as though my life is just beginning. I have noticed a stillness in the water, thereby setting out to find a new beginning, the beginning of me. Me, I love to dance and I have a niche in writing. I followed my heart instead of my head and decided to focus my collegiate studies on dance, which I still argue as a wise declaration. This spring, however, my history teacher became intrigued by my writing skills and pushed

me to explore the possibility of a career in journalism. Ironically, an opportunity to work with the North Dallas Gazette presented itself around the same time. After careful consideration I accepted the offer and became an administrative intern with the North Dallas Gazette.

Organizing photo archives, business contacts, distributing mail, maintaining an up-to-date community calendar, and submitting to the needs of anyone who may need my assistance, was not too hard. My unfamiliarity with the inner workings of a newspaper did not hin-

der my ability to perform all required tasks. However, I have seen Spiderman and the great hustle and bustle of journalism portrayed in the cinema jackpot intimidated me. For the first week I sat at my desk anticipating an explosion of chaos, flying papers and angry editors everyday. Surprisingly, the papers did not fly, aside from the occasional wind blown edition.

I found great excitement in recycling old files and documents. I came across numerous published articles about racism, economic strife, humorous thoughts, and mis-

cellaneous wonderings. There were many mornings in which I found myself seated in the conference room for hours reading over the articles and soaking in the colloquial structure of diction, and the fountain of information from which I drank freely. The North Dallas Gazette allows unspoken words to come to life, authors are set free from the chains of "words unsaid" (Keys, Alicia). Their voices come to life within the pages and their stories scream for change, equality, consideration, and participation. The North Dallas Gazette is a

place of opportunity, not just for minorities but for the world. As I gleaned from the wisdom of my co-workers, writers, and the publisher of the North Dallas Gazette, Mr. Thurman Jones, my gourd of knowledge filled to the brim and overflowed with living water, like that sent down from the Lord above. This living water is alive, and creates a thirst for a deeper understanding and connection with the source. I

have been bitten by the journalism bug and my fever has become fatal. I yearn for words, thoughts, ideas, and a chance to show my community things they never noticed before.

I am grateful to The North Dallas Gazette for affording me the great privilege of spending time in their office this summer and I look forward to developing a working relationship in the near future.

PRISON, from Page 5

noted that State Troopers that work at the Capitol building can make 40% less than an Austin Police Officer who also works at the Capital building.

On the other side of the Legislature, in the House, on Tuesday February 17, Reps. Brandon Creighton, Leo Berman, and Bryan Hughes authored and filed a bill emphasizing Texas' sovereignty in relation to the United States and require the federal government stop issuing cer-

tain mandates.

Rep. Creighton indicated, "From restrictions on gun and ammunition sales, to freedom of choice issues, to the Real ID Act, the federal government is passing laws that limit a state's ability to govern itself." He adds, "Texas simply wants to send the message that we want to govern ourselves and decide for ourselves how our money is to be spent."

On Thursday February

19, Representative Mike Villarreal filed House Bill (HB) 1469. The bill would require all bills filed or voted on to have a "carbon note." This "carbon note" would indicate how much a bill would increase or decrease carbon emissions in Texas if passed.

Carbon emissions are the leading cause of climate change, and Texas is currently the leading producer of carbon emissions in the US.

"Government has a responsibility to lead the way in our efforts to clean up our air," said Villarreal. "Before casting a vote on any legislation, we should be fully informed about the positive or negative impact for our environment."

Also last week, both the Senate and the House held various committee meetings and public testimony hearings. More committee meetings are planned for this week as well.

HAYNES, from Page 1

media. The press release describes the formatting as "a totally interactive motivational show with a global and local agenda featuring various genres of music, live celebrity interviews, comedic relief, employment and training queries and children's commentaries."

Dr. Haynes, is known not only locally but nationally for his ministry as the pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church located at 2020 Wheatland Road in Dallas, Texas. In addition to his ministry, Dr. Haynes is an author. His community involvement has included championing causes to

promote community cohesiveness from mentoring youth to elder care and community fiscal reliance.

Freddy Haynes Unscripted Show for Community Empowerment on Radio One, Inc.'s KSOC-K-Soul 94.5 FM will be a motivationally comprehensive format as opposed to a reli-

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Future Water Shortages Threaten Texas' Way of Life

From staff reports

Developing and protecting our water resources is one of the most pressing long-term issues facing Texas, state Comptroller Susan Combs said today. Ensuring adequate and reliable sources of clean water is essential to protect the health of Texas citizens and the strength of the state economy.

"By 2060, more than 46 million people could be living in Texas, and demand for water will increase by an estimated 27 percent," Combs said. "According to the Texas Water Development Board, failing to meet this demand could cost businesses and workers in the state approximately \$9.1 billion per year by 2010 and \$98.4 billion per year by 2060."

The state could lose \$466 million in tax revenue in 2010 and up to \$5.4 billion by 2060 due to decreased business activity caused by insufficient water.

In addition to population growth, Texas' vulnerability to drought makes long-term water planning both imperative and challenging, Combs said. Each of the several one- or two-year droughts in Texas during the past decade has cost agricultural producers and businesses between \$1 billion and \$4 billion annually.

Combs released a new report, *Liquid Assets: The State of Texas' Water Resources*, examining Texas' current and future water resources, the practical and policy barriers facing local and statewide water planners and possible funding mechanisms that could be tapped to develop Texas' water resources. The report also looks at the progress made by Texas' 16 regional water planning groups and the challenges those groups face in addressing their water needs.

Groundwater provides 59 percent of Texas' available fresh water, surface water

provides approximately 40 percent and the remaining 1 percent is made up of reused ground and surface water. Both sources are dwindling — groundwater due to over-pumping and surface water due to sediment accumulation in reservoirs. *Liquid Assets: The State of Texas' Water Resources* reports Texas currently does not have enough water to fulfill all of its estimated future needs. Without new management and conservation measures, in the event of a drought, water needs could increase from 3.7 million acre-feet in 2010 to 8.8 million acre-feet in 2060. If Texas were to see a drought-of-record, up to 85 percent of the population in 2060 could experience water shortages.

In 1997, the Texas Legislature established a comprehensive water planning process in which the state's 16 regional water planning groups work with the Water Development Board to assess

future water needs in their regions, propose solutions and estimate their cost, culminating in a statewide water plan that is updated every five years. This "bottom-up" approach allows maximum input from local stakeholders such as agriculture, industry, cities, water utilities and power companies.

The current State Water Plan, adopted in 2007 by the Water Development Board, includes \$30.7 billion in proposed projects. Water projects are funded by a combination of state and local dollars. In the last four years, state funding has made up approximately 2 percent of total water project funding. In fiscal 2008, the state provided \$137.9 million. Cities and other local jurisdictions say the state will need to provide \$2.4 billion by 2060 to help initiate essential, large-scale projects in communities throughout Texas. And, TWDB recently estimated that the amount needed from the state for these

projects could increase to \$16.6 billion in the next statewide water plan in 2012.

To meet Texas' growing needs, *Liquid Assets: The State of Texas' Water Resources* says officials should consider a dedicated funding source for water development. Options reviewed by the Joint Committee on State Water Funding in the Legislature include a sales tax on currently tax exempt water and sewer services provided by public water supply systems; a water conservation and development fee on customers' utility bills; increasing the water rights fee currently paid by water rights holders; a water connection or "tap fee" on each water connection in the state; and a sales tax on bottled water. To ensure the state gets the most for its money and meets the critical water needs of all Texans today and in the future, *Liquid Assets: The State of Texas' Water*

Resources recommends further examining the issue of water conservation to ensure all communities are making an effort to conserve existing water supplies, and strengthening oversight and accountability to ensure funds go only to projects that are truly needed.

"Ensuring reliable water supplies for the future and balancing those supplies appropriately between rural and urban areas, and among agricultural, municipal, industrial and electricity-generating users is the challenge of our day," Combs said. "State and local policymakers must also consider the economic impact of any new regulations affecting landowners' private property rights in the water under their land. They can use this report as a tool to help drive sound and prudent water policy in the state."



Susan Combs

WATER PARKS, continued from Page 4

Several outbreaks of infectious diseases including *Shigella sonnei*, *Legionella anisa*, *Escherichia coli* and *Cryptosporidia parvum* have been associated elsewhere in the United States when these facilities were not properly maintained. Without proper chemical control measures, such as chlorination, contamination of spray water with infectious pathogens can result in large numbers of persons becoming ill with symptoms including diarrhea.

"Inspections of the spray pools will benefit the citizens of Dallas by ensuring minimum requirements for chlorine levels and disinfection are met, in accordance with the existing rules which already apply for pools and spas," said Dr. Wendy Chung, DCHHS Chief Epidemiologist. "The fast-growing number of interactive water fountain construc-

tions nationwide has created the potential for waterborne-

disease outbreaks. Only proper design, operation, and

maintenance can reduce the risk of illness," Chung continued.

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Career Day for Women set

From Staff Reports

Anyone interested in self-employment in the financial services arena, who considers themselves "gutsy," and an action-oriented woman is invited to attend an upcoming

Career Day hosted by Women in Insurance and Financial Services, DFW Chapter. Information regarding a career in insurance and financial services will be provided, including an opportunity to speak to those work-

ing in those industries.

Attendees should come prepared with their resume to meet with a dozen companies and learn about career opportunities in the financial services arena throughout North Texas.

The event is Saturday, February 28, 2009, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Suites Hotel located at 700 Avenue H East in Arlington.

For more information, call 817-996-3262 or email wifsdallas@flash.net

Unemployed Texans Granted Additional \$25 in Benefits

From Staff Reports

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced today a \$25 increase to weekly unemployment benefits for individuals currently receiving payments. The increase was part of the economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama.

The legislation provides an increase of \$25 per week for eligible Texans receiving unemployment benefits as of February 22, 2009. Claimants will see the additional benefits beginning mid-March. Eligible claimants who are currently receiving benefits will receive the increase retroactive to February 22. The increase is effective for initial claims filed through December 26, 2009.

The federally funded increase applies to all types of unemployment benefits, and employers will not be

charged the additional funds. Claimants do not need to call or take any additional action to receive the additional amount; however, they should continue requesting payment as scheduled. TWC administers unemployment benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own and are actively seeking work.

Claimants may receive further information online through texasworkforce.org or by using our e-mail form. A TWC staff member will call you back within 48 hours. They may also contact an Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tele-Center listed below.

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Others call toll free:
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Reemployment services are available through Texas Workforce Centers or by accessing WorkInTexas.com for information.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on

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Six Flags to offer seasonal jobs despite recession

From Staff Reports

Arlington's Six Flags Hurricane Harbor and Six Flags Over Texas are looking to fill seasonal positions at area theme parks.

The Six Flags (Over Texas amusement park should see thousands of guests when it opens for the season despite the recession, Steve Martindale, the park's general manager says.

The theme park will hire

ride operators, food service workers, retail clerks, entertainers and lifeguards. There also are openings in marketing, group sales, security, information systems, revenue control and loss prevention, Six Flags said in a news release.

The park is targeting people looking for a second job, stay-at-home parents, retirees, teachers, school bus drivers and students, according to the release.

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USPS Stamps Highlight NAACP's 100th Anniversary

From Staff Reports

The sacrifices of 12 civil rights pioneers were immortalized on postage during the NAACP's recent annual meeting in New York City. The Civil Rights Pioneers stamp sheet, bearing six 42-cent First-Class commemorative stamps, are available nationwide today. They were dedicated by U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors member Thurgood Marshall Jr. The stamps honor the achievements of Ella Baker, Daisy Gatson Bates, J.R. Clifford, Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, Charles Hamilton Houston, Ruby Hurley, Mary White Ovington, Joel Elias Spingarn, Mary Church Terrell, Oswald Garrison Villard and Walter White.

"I am very pleased that the United States Postal Service has issued this stamp commemorating civil rights pioneers at this moment in time -- just as the NAACP celebrates its historic 100th anniversary," said Myrlie Evers-Williams. "Those of us who have made a lifetime commitment to the NAACP realize the challenges and sacrifices faced by these pioneers and their tremendous dedication to the cause of justice. As we move forward to celebrate the future, we must not let younger

generations forget these champions who paved the way for the advancements we enjoy today. I am deeply honored that Medgar Evers has been chosen to be immortalized with this select group of heroic legends."

Art director Ethel Kessler and stamp designer Greg Berger, both of Bethesda, MD, chose to approach this project through photographic montage. Pairing two pioneers in each stamp was a way of intensifying the montage effect. The selva image, or area outside of the stamps, is an illustration by Greg Berger showing participants in a march.

Mary Church Terrell

Throughout her long life as a writer, activist, and lecturer, she was a powerful advocate for racial justice and women's rights in America and abroad. The portrait of Mary Church Terrell, from the collection of the Library of Congress, was made between 1880 and 1900.

Mary White Ovington

This journalist and social worker believed passionately in racial equality and was a founder of the NAACP. The photograph of Mary White Ovington was taken between 1930 and 1940. It is part of the NAACP

archival collection at the Library of Congress.

J.R. Clifford

Clifford was the first black attorney licensed in West Virginia. In two landmark cases before his state's Supreme Court, he attacked racial discrimination in education. The image of J.R. Clifford is a detail from an undated photograph from the University of Massachusetts Library Special Collections.

Joel Elias Spingarn

Because coverage of blacks in the media tended to be negative, he endowed the prestigious Spingarn Medal, awarded annually since 1915, to highlight black achievement. The portrait of Joel Elias Spingarn is dated in the 1920s and comes from the records of NAACP at the Library of Congress.

Oswald Garrison Villard

Villard was one of the founders of the NAACP and wrote "The Call" leading to its formation. His undated portrait comes from the records of the NAACP at the Library of Congress.

Daisy Gatson Bates

Bates mentored nine black students who enrolled at all-white Central High School in Little Rock, AR,

in 1957. The students used her home as an organizational hub. The 1957 photograph of Bates is from the New York World-Telegram & Sun Newspaper photographic collection at the Library of Congress.

Charles Hamilton Houston

This lawyer and educator was a main architect of the civil rights movement. He believed in using laws to better the lives of underprivileged citizens. Houston's portrait is a Nov. 22, 1939, photograph from the Washington Press obtained from the Library of Congress.

Walter White

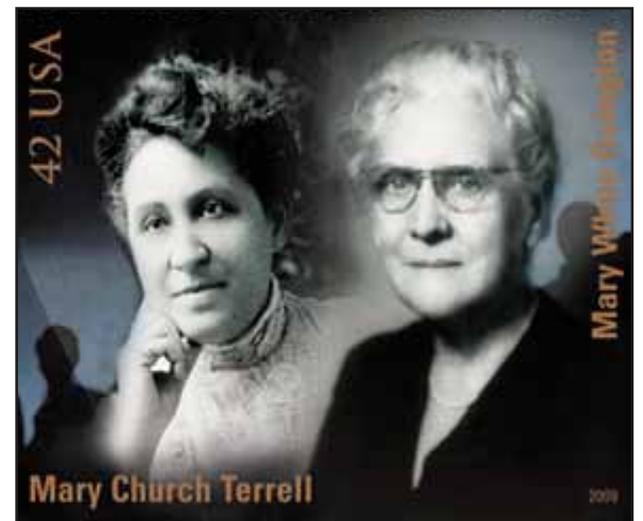
Blue eyes and a fair complexion enabled this leader of the NAACP to make daring undercover investigations. The portrait of Walter White, dated around 1950, is from the records of the NAACP at the Library of Congress.

Medgar Evers

Evers served with distinction as an official of the NAACP in Mississippi until his assassination in 1963. The photograph of Evers is from the Library of Congress.

Fannie Lou Hamer

Hamer was a Mississippi



sharecropper who fought for black voting rights and spoke for many when she said, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." Her portrait is dated Aug. 24, 1964.

Ella Baker

Baker's lifetime of activism made her a skillful organizer. She encouraged women and young people to assume positions of leader-

ship in the civil rights movement. The portrait of Ella Baker is dated between 1943 and 1946 and is from NAACP records at the Library of Congress.

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