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Dallas man admits producing child pornography

Defendant also admits sexually assaulting 13-year-old girl for three years

(NDG Wire) Jesus Sandoval, 57, of Dallas, has pleaded guilty to one count of production of child pornography, announced U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks of the Northern District of Texas. Sandoval faces a maximum statutory sentence of not less than 15

years or more than 30 years in prison, a lifetime of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. Following his plea, U.S. District Judge Jorge A. Solis remanded Sandoval, who has been in state custody, to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service. Sentencing

is set for June 2, 2010, before Judge Solis.

According to plea papers filed, Sandoval admitted that beginning in July 2009 and continuing until August 21, 2009, he took lewd and lascivious photographs of 13-year-old "Jane Doe," while she was

in his custody and care at his home in Dallas. He also admitted that he took photographs of him and Jane Doe engaged in sexual positions. Sandoval further admitted that he had been sexually assaulting

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Spring has sprung and so has drunk driving

Texas leads the nation for drunk driving

(NDG Wire) North Texans will have two opportunities to help raise money for MADD North Texas this spring by joining Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) at their annual *Walk Like MADD* fundraiser on March 27 in Trinity Park, Fort Worth and

April 24 in Uptown Dallas. Victims, survivors and supporters will line up at 8 a.m. for this noncompetitive 5K walk to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving and underage drinking. "MADD aims to raise \$210,000—vital funds to support advocates for fami-

lies, prevention services for schools and for advocacy efforts to eliminate drunk driving," said Mary Kaddell, Executive Director, MADD North Texas.

"Our company is donating time, money and people and is asking our employees to form teams of 10 to

stop drunk driving," said Lynn Gill, Ft. Worth Walk Chairman and Community Bank Executive. "Our company gets closer, gets in shape and our roads are safer for it."

The event will raise funds and rally support for

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Consumer alert: Parents should keep children away from new video chat Website *Chatroulette.com*

BY GREG ABBOTT,
TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

An increasingly popular Web site poses a threat to Texas children by giving users – including dangerous sex offenders – an opportunity to conduct live video chats with randomly selected

participants.

Armed with only a Web camera and Internet access, www.chatroulette.com users are paired with a random stranger for a video chat. Neither a login nor registration is required before young users can be face-to-face

with a total stranger. Worse, users who simply click "next" are shuffled to a new video chat partner.

An undercover investigation by the Cyber Crimes Unit revealed startling results. Nearly half of the randomly selected users en-

countered by Cyber Crimes investigators immediately exposed themselves and conducted sexually explicit acts on camera.

In light of the serious threat that children will be

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TRUTH CLINIC

U.S. losing its educational advantage

BY JAMES BREEDLOVE

America's schools are in crisis and the United States is losing or perhaps has lost its educational advantage. This is the message ingrained in the headline stories of financially desperate school districts closing schools and laying off teachers, of an Administration grappling with revising the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), currently known as the punitive No Child Left Behind Act, and the statis-

tics reported by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Andreas Schleicher, Head of the OECD Education Directorate's Indicators and Analysis Division testified on March 9 at the Senate Education Committee Hearing. His comprehensive report provides insight on three significant areas that should be given high priority consideration by Ameri-

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Joel F. Salatin



Joel F. Salatin is an American farmer, lecturer and author whose books in-

clude *You Can Farm* and *Salad Bar Beef*. Join Salatin, keynote presenter, at the *Live Green Expo* from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 17 at Plano Centre.

Salatin will be presenting

ground-breaking, paradigm-shifting information which not only benefits

your family's table, but the local economy and environment.

Dig in to the good Earth concept of responsible farming and why it's important to be an educated eater and consumer. Salatin raises livestock using holistic methods of animal husbandry, free of potentially harmful chemicals, on his Polyface Farm located in the Shenandoah Valley. Meat from the farm is sold by direct-marketing to consumers and restaurants.

Salatin's 550-acre farm is featured prominently in Michael Pollen's book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*



(2006) and the documentary film, *Food, Inc.*

His unconventional farming practices have drawn attention from the alternative agriculture community, especially those interested in sustainable livestock management.

The *Live Green Expo* is a fun, family event which

provides North Texans with the information and resources to make solid decisions and take responsible action to lead more healthy lives

with less impact on our environment.

Free to the public, the Expo will feature over 200 exhibitors, a green job panel, fair trade market, art show, plastic bag collection, eco-fashion show, shoe collection, plus a featured area which focuses on local and

organic foods.

Children's activities will be available throughout the day, along with fun DIY demos, local entertainment and lively presentations.

The *Live Green Expo* attracts over 15,000 environmentally-motivated residents from throughout North Texas. Partnerships and exhibitor opportunities are still available.

Visit www.livegreenexpo.net for more information about the event or contact Ki-Afi Ra Moyo at ki-afim@livegreenexpo.net for details about how your company can get involved

Ramona Logan

The Zula B. Wylie Library in Cedar Hill, Texas is hosting a book signing for award-winning broadcast journalist Ramona Logan on Monday March 29 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Ms. Logan's book is titled *The Beauty of Grace: Pearls of Wisdom for Beauty from the Inside Out*. The library is located at 225 Cedar Street in Cedar Hill, Texas 75104.

The book is designed to help women achieve both

inner and outer beauty. The book is based on one of the workshops Ms. Logan presents as part of her image and media strategy consulting firm, Image Advantage. *The Beauty of Grace* draws from scriptures to explore the elements of true beauty and how to develop the *Beauty of Grace* from the inside out. In addition to thought-provoking exercises, the workbook helps women with their outer



image by providing clothing design elements to enhance the four different body shapes - hourglass, triangle, inverted triangle, and rectangle.

Dr. Thelma Wells, D.D.,

President of A Woman of God Ministries in Dallas, Texas, wrote the foreword for *The Beauty of Grace*. Ms. Wells noted, "It's wonderful to have a practical, user friendly, easy to understand, easy to apply workbook of scripture to remind us of how beautiful we are. As you move through this line by line, concept by concept, principle by principle, you will get a greater and more vivid photograph of how absolutely gorgeous is the person in the mirror."

The Beauty of Grace ac-

tually started as a book project until someone asked Ms. Logan if she could do it as a workshop. Because of enormous positive feedback for her *Beauty of Grace* workshop, Ms. Logan decided to finish the book to make the workshop information more readily available to women everywhere.

Image Advantage assists companies and non-profits in developing, enhancing, positioning, and fine tuning their public relations message to build a positive reputation and image in the

marketplace. She has received more than two dozen awards during her journalism career including the National Headliners Award, the Edward R. Morrow Regional Award and the Barbara Jordan Award. Before starting her company, Ramona Logan was a reporter at NBC5 in Dallas.

For more information about *The Beauty of Grace* visit www.beautyofgrace.com.

For more information on the book signing call 972-291-5100 ext. 1313.

Will Murphy

After working in media for 12 years on niche products for young adults, which include the publication *Quick* printed by *The Dallas Morning News*, Will Murphy decided it was time to step away from his traditionally structured career and work on his many passions. Understanding the need to help realize their independence from a workplace mindset Murphy developed and wrote his first book, *The Wealth Code*.

Murphy initially wrote the book to tell the story of how his family squandered what should have been substantial Trust Fund (generated from oil capital) to educate future generations. However, Murphy quickly realized that helping others to solve the problem of how

to build wealth was more important than reliving the tragedy of his family's lost fortune.

Unfortunately, with 16 million people unemployed and underemployed in the past two years, Murphy realized that conventional wisdom is definitely not working in the business world and developed a spiritually based concept for building wealth which he explains *The Wealth Code*.

After a year of successful promotion Murphy went back to the drawing board and came up with his second wealth creation project, *The 7 Figure Mindset* in a DVD format. Murphy's goals are to reach 1 million readers/viewers and to speak in at least one city in each of the 50 continental

United States. Murphy is excited for the opportunity to strategically position himself to self funded the printing of his books and



the development of his DVD series. Murphy wants to train individuals that Corporate America is abandoning its principles and its employees.

"I want to help individuals turn layoffs into payoffs by showing them how to

change their lives and align their talent with principles that will support their success," says Murphy,

"More importantly, I want to teach ordinary people how transform their lives so they are living out their dreams instead of nightmares."

Murphy has partnered with the National Black MBA Association Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter for its first Wealth Creation Series and will be presenting *The 7 Figure Mindset* at the Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business on March 18 at 7 p.m. in Room 175. Attendance is free for NBMBAA members and \$10 for non-members.

For more information on Wil Murphy's books and DVD, his upcoming events and to receive inspirational

quotes and motivation from his blog, visit www.wilmurphy.com.

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Celebrate March!

Look forward for healthy families

BY CINDIA CAMERON

In March we look forward – eagerly anticipating the arrival of spring; and we look to the past – celebrating National Women's History Month. Looking back, we might ask what our pioneer activists in women's rights would say about tough choices working women still make to keep their families afloat. Looking forward, we can celebrate Women's History Month by taking action to pass the Healthy Families Act.

One inspiration for action is the story of a young mother named Tahirah who lives in Denver, CO. At 26, Tahirah found a dream job: crew leader in an airport restaurant. The wages were low and the hours long. Still, the job offered a chance to supervise and a clear path to the management track.

But there were two wrinkles: her preschool-age daughter has asthma and this job did not provide any paid sick days.

Tahirah managed to keep her job and home from falling apart – for a while. But there were times when her daughter was sick and her manager would not allow her to leave work. There were also times when Tahirah left her daughter home sick because she simply couldn't risk being fired.

One day her daughter was rushed to the hospital. A friend called to tell Tahirah to meet them there. But her manager didn't give her the message for hours. Eventually she was forced to leave that job. She's found others, but still none that offer the paid sick days she needs.

Everyone gets sick. Everyone deserves time to get better. The United States is the only developed nation in the world where no law provides this basic labor standard. Nearly 40 percent of private sector workers in this country have no paid sick days.

According to the Institute

for Women's Policy Research, this number includes 78 percent of hotel workers and 85 percent of food service workers. It's clear who suffers: struggling families, low-income working women, their children. However everyone in the community is affected.

As consumers we eat in restaurants where most servers face a choice between coming to work sick or losing income and possibly a job. As family members, many of us have parents or grandparents living in nursing homes where staff members face this same impossible choice.

Providing access to paid sick days will help struggling state budgets. Researchers in New Hampshire for example, found that workers with paid sick days are 14 percent more likely to visit a medical practitioner, which could translate into fewer severe illnesses and hospitalizations. They conclude that guaranteed paid sick days

would lower medical costs by reducing emergency room and hospital use.

The solution for families, workplaces and public health is for Congress to pass the Healthy Families Act. This legislation would allow full-time workers to earn seven paid sick days each year to care for themselves or a family member. It would offer low-wage women in particular, the means to safeguard both their health and their jobs in these difficult economic times.

A national labor standard of paid sick days is a fitting way to honor women -- past, present and future -- by honoring their dual responsibilities: work and family.

Cindia Cameron serves as organizing director for 9to5, National Association of Working Women, and chair of the Georgia Job/Family Collaborative.

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Tea Party, Coffee Party: Why not a Black Party?

BY RON WALTERS

Now we have the Coffee Party which I suppose is a liberal counterpart to the Tea Party that emerged in the Washington, DC area by folks led by Annabel Park a documentary film maker who was horrified by the ugly, menacing and anti-government spirit of the Tea Party crowd that emerged to disrupt the flow of civil discussion about important issues.

I've been asking, where are the folks who voted for Barack Obama, believing in Hope and Change and pinning for a new post-Bush, post-Conservative America.

Well, many of the ground troops of the Obama movement that were responsible for its grass roots organizing were young adults who went back to school, back to their professional desks or somewhere

back to their normal pursuits, but away from politics. In their de-mobilization, they left the field open to the crazies who have mounted a movement not designed to be a force for change, but for the status quo and even for retrogression, wanting to "take back America" from a future they fear.

Organizing for Change, the organization created as the repository of the Obama campaign, has largely been ineffective in my evaluation and David Plouffe, its head and Obama's campaign manager, has recently gone into the White House.

So, what is developing is a discussion at the level of communities across the country about the role of government and the Tea Party and now the Coffee Party are instruments of civic organizing in this

process. The Republican party seems to be attempting to grab hold of the Tea Party movement and turn it into an election day force against Democrats vulnerable to elections in this cycle. At this point, the Coffee party has not come that far and the Democratic party has not made its move.

Where does this put Blacks? There is a healthy discussion going on in the black community about the role of President Obama and his responsibility, or the lack of it, to the Black community but with the exception of Tavis Smiley for all the folks who believe that they have to make him accountable to a black agenda, they have not yet put a mechanism on the ground to do it.

There has been a long discussion about the efficacy of a Black political

party and many years ago, I joined Ron Daniels and others in an attempt to create one. The irony of that experiment was while half of the people attracted to the idea wanted it to serve as a power-base for elections, others wanted to only exist as a grass roots organizing tool. It eventually split apart along those lines.

Today, it is clear, however, that beyond the general discussion about accountability, there needs to be not only a place where you get down to the "nuts and bolts" about exactly who should be accountable about what, but how to develop effective methodologies of tactics and strategies to achieve it. Thus, whether you call it a party or a posse doesn't matter, the point is that there is a necessity to

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NBC's *The Biggest Loser* auditions at Methodist Dallas also feature free health fair for contestants

NBC's popular reality series *The Biggest Loser* is launching a 15-city cross-country search to find new contestants for the next edition of the hit show. Individuals and teams of two who have at least 100 pounds to lose are encouraged to apply for the new season.

Auditions in Dallas will take place Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Methodist Dallas Medical Center, 1441 N. Beckley Ave. in the Hitt Auditorium. The auditorium is located in the Service Building near the intersection of Colorado Boulevard and Bishop Avenue.

In addition to the opportunity to be cast for the show, each contestant for NBC's *The Biggest Loser* at Methodist Dallas Medical Center will be a winner with a head start to good health. Methodist Dallas will offer a free health fair for contestants featuring motivating speakers with valuable tips on different aspects of good health, healthy cooking tips, simple fitness and motion exercises, and an opportunity to interact with professionals and organizations that will share ways to lead a healthier lifestyle.

Come meet Season 6 *Biggest Loser* Michelle Ag-

uliar and Season 8 Contestant Tracy Yukich, who will also be present at the event.

The new *The Biggest Loser* season begins in the fall of 2010. Casting producers are looking for outgoing and charismatic individuals and teams of two who have the personality, desire and competitive edge to vie for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lose weight, change their lives forever, and compete for a grand prize of \$250,000. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and legal residents of the United States.

While they will try to see everyone, *The Biggest*

Loser casting teams will do their best to see the first 500 people in line. Potential contestants will not be allowed to line up prior to three hours before the start of the open call. Candidates should bring a non-returnable photo of themselves (and their partners, if applying as a team). To register for this event, visit *The Biggest Loser* Casting Web site at www.thebiggestlosercasting.com.

Vegetable leader launches new line of heart healthy, gluten-free Southern style side dishes

(NDG Wire) Allens, Inc., the largest privately-held vegetable company in the nation, has introduced a new line of heart healthy, gluten-free Southern Style vegetables and side dishes. Allens' Southern Style vegetables meet growing consumer demand for traditionally seasoned Southern flavors.

The Southern Style line of vegetables and side dishes introduces a new flavor profile for favorite southern vegetables. The

new products will be sold in 14 oz., 27 oz. and 28 oz. cans at participating retailers.

"At Allens, creating innovative ways for our consumers to enjoy our canned side dishes is a job we take seriously," said David Brown, Director of Retail Sales, Allens, Inc.

For more information on the new Southern Style Canned Vegetables and other Allens vegetables, visit www.Allens.com.

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MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving, which calls for alcohol ignition interlocks for all drunk driving offenders; high visibility law enforcement; community support; and the development of advanced vehicle-based technologies.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 2008, Texas had 1,269 people killed in traffic crashes involving a driver or a motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 or higher.

Nationally, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that 11,773 people were killed in crashes that involved a driver at or above 0.08 BAC in 2008. Each year, nearly half a million others are injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes.

Fun activities are planned for the whole family including games and crafts in the Tot Spot; free food, music and giveaways in the Teen Scene; and a Pooch Parlor where your dog can get a massage and their very own goody bag.

Interested in participat-

ing? There are three options: 1. you can register to walk or form a team; 2. If you are unable to make one of the walks, you can sign up to raise money as a virtual walker, anywhere and anytime; or 3. you can give a one-time donation to the walk. Potential donors can visit walklikemadd.org to register, donate or get more information.

MADD's mission is to

eliminate drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and to prevent underage drinking. MADD was founded in 1980 and is a 501C3 with its national headquarters in Dallas, Texas. To learn more about MADD, to sign the pledge for the Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving or to receive free victim services, please visit www.madd.org or call 800-382-6233.

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Annual *Trash-Off* Set for April 10

(NDG Wire) Garland citizens are invited to join *Keep Garland Beautiful* for the annual *Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off* on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 8:30 am - noon.

This state-wide event encourages the citizens to join forces and clean up Texas roadsides, neighborhoods, parks and more. Each year during the *Trash Off*, volunteers help improve local water quality, restore natural beauty, and reduce potential threats to human health and wildlife.

Bring your family, friends, co-workers or organization members and join us for this fun and im-

portant event. This is a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours.

You can choose a location to clean or we'll help you find a spot. Take a look around your neighborhood, school or local park area. The goal is to keep all of Garland beautiful!

Trash-Off headquarters (Registration, Supplies and Awards Picnic) will be at Granger Recreation Center (Annex bldg) at 1310 W. Avenue F, Garland, Texas 75040. Trash bags, gloves and a limited number of trash "tongs," will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

From 11 a.m. to noon we will celebrate our success with a complimentary picnic lunch, music and a fun awards program.

You can register in a number of ways. *Registration must be received by April 1 to receive an event T-Shirt.

- On-line at www.garlandenvironmentalwaste.com

- Email to lreeves@ci.garland.tx.us

- Call Lorrie Reeves at 972-205-3542

Join good people doing great things at this year's *Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off*!

ECONomic sense in multi-family greening

A free Green Business luncheon entitled *Green Leasing Makes ECONomic Sense* will be presented by the Commercial Recycling team. Designed as an outreach for stakeholders in Plano's multi-family housing market, attendees will explore green options for multi-family living. The seminar will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 25. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Rita Keys at ritak@plano.gov or 972-769-4393.

Green Leasing Makes ECONomic Sense will be held at Bella Vida at Ridgeview Apartment Homes located at 9601 Custer Rd, Plano 75025. A catered lunch will be provided courtesy of host, Bella Vida at Ridgeview Apartment Homes.

The event will feature guest speaker, Christina

Day, Community Services Manager for the City of Plano. Ms. Day preserves Plano's neighborhoods and delivers neighborhood-enhancement programs ranging from housing rehabilitation to grant allocations.

Following the presentation, a panel comprised of management staff from three very different Plano multi-family housing communities will share their community's green initiatives: John Huckle, Sheridan Park Apartments; Jennifer McFadden, Bella Vida at Ridgeview Apartment Homes; and, Debra Saxon, Preston Place, an active senior living community. A question and answer period will follow the panel discussion.

"The purpose of the seminar is to teach multi-family stakeholders and the business community about the impact of today's and

the next generation's environmentally-aware renter," said Christopher Day, supervisor, Commercial Recycling Division.

"We will explore the greening of multi-family housing and discuss whether it is simply a trend or becoming the standard."

One third of Plano's population is comprised of renters. This housing segment and its green efforts have the potential to affect a major impact on the City's recycling goals and overall carbon footprint. Multi-family housing is defined as apartments, condominiums, and senior-living communities.

For more information, contact Melinda Haggerty at 214-649-1895 or melinda@plano.gov. Visit the livegreeninplano.com Web site for more details on the event and directions.

McKinney hosts Earth Day events

(NDG Wire) This April marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, and to celebrate the landmark occasion, the City of McKinney, Collin College and the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary are teaming up to host an Earth Day event across McKinney.

The festivities kick off Friday, April 23, with guest speaker Fabien Cousteau, grandson of famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau. His free presentation *One Water One People* starts at 7:30 p.m. at Boyd High School. Visit www.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org to reserve your tickets.

"Earth Day celebrates its 40th birthday this year with a long line of environmental accomplishments. To kick off the next four decades in McKinney, we are very excited to be partnering with the Heard and Collin College to cele-

brate Earth Day and offer a comprehensive, community-wide green experience. We are thrilled this year to provide a variety of events for all ages," said McKinney Environmental Stewardship Manager Julie Smith.

Then on Saturday, April 24, the 4th Annual *Green Living Family Festival* will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. McKinney residents receive free admission to the event that includes "green" vendors, presentations, children's area and live entertainment. In addition, guests will enjoy the Heard's hiking trails, the *Live Animals of the World* exhibit and the last chance to see the indoor *Treasures from The Earth: Diamonds, Gold and Dinos* before it leaves. AT&T will be giving away recycled event bags to all

guests.

"The *Green Living Family Festival* is the celebration of our very own 43 year-old mission statement of 'Bringing Nature and People Together.' The festival and the entire Earth Day weekend highlights and encourages us to become aware of why we should take care of the most precious gift we are given, namely the earth, and to preserve it for the next generation," said Sy Shahid, Director of the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary.

If you have a green product or service and would like to participate as a vendor at this event, please visit the Heard's website at www.heardmuseum.org for exhibitor information and registration. Please note that early-bird, discounted registration is available now through March 31.



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Jane Doe for approximately three years.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice, to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual

exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prose-

cute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <http://www.project-safechildhood.gov/>.

Annual open house offers close-up look at college life

(NDG Wire) Families and students can get an up-close and personal look at college life at the state's fastest-growing public college (*Community College Weekly*, 2009) — Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

TSTC's annual College Preview & Open House provides an opportunity for

students, parents and friends checking out college options to learn about the more than 100 instructional programs offered at TSTC and get information about financing college, housing options, student activities and more. The event is set for Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days.

Students can choose to attend college full time and work on an associate degree, or select a faster track and go for a certificate option in a variety of educational programs, from nanotechnology to computer science, building construction or avionics. Newer programs include Lineman Apprentice, Aircraft Dispatch,

Solar Technology, Digital Forensics and High Performance Computing.

The open house will also include lab tours with transportation provided and a free lunch both days. Events begin at the Student Recreation Center gym on Campus Drive.

Every year, TSTC Waco hosts its open house to give

the public a chance to find out how easy it is to attend college.

The preview draws over 1,000 people from throughout Texas; busloads of students from local, area and regional school districts attend on Friday. Students, parents, families and the public are invited to attend.

No registration is re-

quired, but seniors and their families planning to attend the Senior/Parent Breakfast on Saturday must RSVP by Monday, March 22, by calling (800) 792-8784, ext. 2001 or by e-mailing joann.gray@tstc.edu.

For more information about College Preview & Open House, visit www.waco.tstc.edu/preview.

JP Morgan Chase provides \$1.25M to UNCF's emergency student aid campaign to help students graduate

(NDG Wire) Hundreds of seniors who attend historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) that are members of UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—will be able to graduate on time this year, thanks to \$1.25 million in support from JPMorgan Chase to UNCF's Campaign for Emergency Student Aid (CESA). UNCF, the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization, launched CESA

a year ago to help recession-impacted graduating seniors, including students from the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, who are at risk of having to interrupt their studies and delay their degrees due to unpaid balances for tuition, text books and room and board.

In supporting CESA, JP Morgan Chase challenged UNCF supporters in communities around the country to contribute an additional \$750,000 to help CESA meet

its goal of \$5 million.

"JPMorgan Chase's support of UNCF's Campaign for Emergency Student Aid is a lifeline to students whose college education is threatened by the recession," said UNCF president and CEO Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D.

"Thousands of students at UNCF member colleges have seen family contributions reduced or eliminated due to job loss and pay cuts. The credit crunch has

squeezed private student loans off the market. Many of these students wouldn't have been able to graduate this spring without support provided by JPMorgan Chase."

Donations to UNCF's Campaign for Emergency Student Aid to help keep kids in college can be made by sending a check to the local UNCF office at 2800 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204 or calling 972-234-1007.

Find information at UNCF.org.

"Here in North Texas, we've already received Emergency Student Aid donations from a number of individuals and locally based corporate and foundation supporters such as the Alcon Foundation, the Rees-Jones Foundation and Alliance Data. We're ready to take this newest challenge to make sure that kids from the Dallas/Fort Worth area can pay their tu-

ition, stay in school and graduate," said UNCF Area Development Director Diane Stephenson.

JPMorgan Chase's support is a challenge to all who understand the importance of an education and the doors it can open; They have set an example and we all need to rally together, follow their lead and help these students get the education they need and our nation needs them to have."

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can educators: the low relative standing of U.S. students compared to same age students in the principal industrialized international countries, the negative economic impact on the American economy resulting from a deficient education system, and potential policy changes for educational improvement based on the best performing international education systems.

Every three years the OECD, through its Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), administers standardized tests in math, science and reading to 15 year olds in various countries. In 2006, fifty seven jurisdictions participated in PISA, including 30 OECD jurisdictions and 27 non-OECD jurisdictions. PISA data is important because it assesses peer students on a global basis that is relevant to the global marketplace.

Key findings from the 2006 report include: Fifteen-

year-old students in the United States had an average score of 489 on the combined science literacy scale compare to the average OECD score of 500. Only 5 of the 30 OECD jurisdictions scored lower than the U.S. students in science literacy.

In addition to the overall scores PISA uses a one through six proficiency level to evaluate student performance. The United States had greater percentages of students below level 1 (8 percent) and at level 1 (17 percent) than the OECD average of 5 percent below level 1 and 14 percent at level 1.

Scoring by race on the combined science literacy scale showed Black students (409) scored lower than White (non-Hispanic) students (523), Asian students (499), and students of more than one race (non-Hispanic) (501).

The average U.S. score in mathematics literacy was 474 a full 24 points lower

than the OECD average. Only four of the OECD jurisdictions scored lower than the United States in mathematics literacy. When comparing the performance of the highest achieving students (those at the 90th percentile) U.S. students scored lower (593) than the OECD average (615). Twenty-three OECD jurisdictions had students at the 90th percentile who had higher scores than the United States in mathematics literacy.

America's unchallenged education advantage in the years after World War II is eroding as a greater proportion of students in other nations graduate from high school and college and score higher on achievement tests than students from the United States. Over the last decade, the U.S. has fallen from second place to 14th in terms of its college graduation rate. According to Schleicher, among O.E.C.D. countries only New Zealand,

Spain, Turkey and Mexico now have lower high school completion rates than the U.S.

The United States spends more than 17 of the 30 OECD nations on public and private education. Total federal, state, and local spending for education reached an estimated \$553 billion during the 2006-07 academic year. This is a 111 percent increase since 1991-92; 63 percent since 1996-97; and 44 percent since 1998-99.

Yet academic achievement scores for students in elementary and secondary school do not reflect a similar increase. In fact, over the past 20 years, assessment scores have remained relatively flat proving that simply spending more money does not boost academic achievement.

If nothing else raises the red flag the disproportionate high price paid for the mediocre education returns achieved should create a

stampede toward better accountability in education.

The relative importance of knowledge and skills for the economic success of individuals and nations is also shown in the OECD data. For example, South Korea which was in economic ruin after World War II is an economic dynamo today partly because of its educational attainment that has achieved a 96 percent high school graduation rate. Poland, in less than a decade has raised the literacy skills of its 15-year-olds by the equivalent of almost a school year.

Mr. Schleicher surmised that the long term economic value of similar educational improvement outcomes for the U.S. could be equivalent to over \$40 trillion in additional national income. If the U.S. were to catch up with the best performing education system of Finland the U.S. economy could gain \$103 trillion. The U.S. achievement gaps are imposing on

the U.S. economy a quantifiable recurring economic loss that is greater than the negative deficits resulting from the current economic crisis.

Addressing these educational challenges in America will become ever more important as the best education systems will increasingly become the yardstick for success.

Until political and special interest biases are overcome, our educational system will continue to promote mediocrity. Rather than continued funding for failed education programs or theoretical new ones that take years to validate, House and Senate conferees on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) should target funding to proven results-oriented approaches patterned after the highest performing OECD jurisdictions.

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

Breaking down generational differences

Inclusiveness and diversity leader Beth Williams speaks at Red Cross

(NDG Wire) The Diversity Leadership Council of the American Red Cross - Dallas Area Chapter is hosting its quarterly Diversity Lecture Series on March 24, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Beth Williams, Inclusiveness and Diversity Leader for Ernst and Young, will present *Generational Differences: Breaking Down Misperceptions*.

Recognizing that today's workplace is comprised of four separate and distinct generations, the Dallas Area Chapter hopes this lecture will shine a light on the value each generation brings to the workplace and how they can work together in a

competitive environment with less stress.

"It is our hope to inspire the Red Cross staff, volunteers and the North Texas community to fully understand what generational differences mean in today's society and how to embrace it in our everyday lives," said Millicent Boykin, Chair of the Diversity Leadership Council.

Beth Williams' 11 years with Ernst and Young has brought her to work across 12 different Ernst and Young's locations. Williams creates an inclusive environment through mentoring, counseling, teaming, People Resource Networks and other functions.

She is currently involved in Ernst and Young's campaigns for United Way, March of Dimes and Junior Achievement.

The Diversity Lecture Series is an initiative of the Diversity Leadership Council to broaden general knowledge and understanding of the diverse community in which North Texans live, work and serve. Quarterly lectures in this new series provide a foundation for creating messages, services and opportunities that reach out to diverse communities.

Seating is limited. Interested parties can RSVP by March 22 at diversity@redcrossdallas.org.

Wilson family living trust claims weekly grand top prize from the Texas Lottery®

(NDG Wire) The Wilson Family Living Trust, Jeff Wilson, trustee, of Plano today claimed the \$1,040,000 top prize in the popular Weekly Grand scratch-off game from the Texas Lottery®.

Wilson purchased the

ticket at Parker Beverages, 3300 Coit Road, in Plano. For selling this ticket, the retailer is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000.

Today's claim takes the third of the game's four top prizes. The first Weekly Grand game debuted in

1995.

The trustee requested minimal publicity.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>.

Allen to celebrate a healthy and sustainable lifestyle April 10

(NDG Wire) The public is invited to join nonprofit organizations from across Allen and throughout North Texas who will gather April 10 at Watters Creek at Montgomery Farm and the Connemara Meadow Preserve for a daylong festival filled with outdoor activities for the entire family.

Hosted by Watters Creek, *earthfest 2010 - A Celebration of Nature, Health and Community* will offer adults and children a



chance to learn more about the wonders of nature while spending a day enjoying the great outdoors.

The family friendly festival begins at 10 a.m.

Prior to the start of festivities, Keep Allen Beautiful will sponsor a community clean-up of Watters Branch, the creek that flows

alongside the Watters Creek lifestyle center.

earthfest 2010 is hosted by Watters Creek, a resort-style mixed-use center recently named the Best New Shopping Center by D Home magazine that is part of the 600-acre Montgomery Farm conservation development at the southwest corner of Bethany and Central Expressway.

More information is available at www.watterscreek.com/.



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Ongoing

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

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

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

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

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com

LimitNetwork.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 March 27

Greater Tuna at Granville Arts Center at various times, info: 972-205-2790.

Through March 28

The Arthur Primas Collection: 200 Years of African American Art Free admission. 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.

Through April 11

Dallas Blooms - The showcase of this Dallas Arboretum event is over 450,000 spring-blooming bulbs; including tulips, as well as daffodils, Dutch Iris and Hyacinth, flowering alongside over 100,000 pansies, violas and poppies and thousands of other spring-blooming annuals and perennials. Info at www.dallasarboretum.org

March 18

House of Blues is hosting **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club** at 7 p.m. at 2200 North Lamar St. White Swan Bldg Dallas; Info 214-978-2583

Irving's Learn 2B Green event **Landscape Water Conservation program** at 6:30 p.m. will discuss water

conserving landscape practices and get practical advice, call 972-721-2606.

NBMBAA Economic Development Committee presents its first **Wealth Creation Series, Introducing the 7-Figure Mind with Wil Murphy** at the SMU Cox School of Business George's Auditorium Rm 175. Members Free, Non-Members \$10. RSVP: mail@dfwmbas.org.

March 19-20

The Binding of Strongmen & Ruler Spirits conference speakers include Elder Cathy Moffitt and Prophetess Vanessa Weatherspoon. The event will be held at 1735 W Belt Line Road, Desoto, Info: 972-663-9400 or dapastorichurch@aol.com.

HD's Clothing Company, Dwell With Dignity and Design Lovers is hosting **Share With Flair**, 15% of sales will be donated to Dwell With Dignity from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at HD's Clothing Company, 3014 Greenville Avenue, Dallas. Shop for exclusive European styles while supporting Dwell with Dignity. Spend over \$250 and receive a special HD's gift-with-purchase. Info: www.hdsclothing.com and www.dwellwithdignity.org

March 20

Irving's Learn 2B Green Consumer Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. Vendors will be on hand to explain and demonstrate a variety of eco-friendly products and services, call 972-721-2606

North Dallas Suburban Alumane chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 2010 Founders Day Luncheon at the Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive, Dallas at 11:30 am; Subscription: \$50. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, Supervisor 10th Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church. RSVP or info: Carolyn Matthews,

Chapter President at cayema@yahoo.com.

March 23

Top Funder's Workshop will help you identify new funding sources, learn more about your current donors, develop more effective fundraising strategies. All participants will receive our Top Funders disk that lists hundreds of major funders/donors in your area. FundraisingINFO.com's a FREE workshop. Info: 903-534-9840 or www.surveymonkey.com/s/SK3KR83

March 24 - 27

Life Enrichment Boot Camp: Designed for singles, divorcees and couples. Admission Fee \$200 per person. www.lifeenrichmentbootcamp.com and **Marriage Boot Camp:** Designed for all couples. Admission Fee \$800 per couple. www.marriagebootcamp.com. Info: 214-736-9991.

March 25

Annual Irving Police Awards Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas, 223 W. Las Colinas Blvd. Info: 972-721-2598 or www.irvingpd.com.

Plano (DFW) Career Fair Meet face to face with Plano/Dallas area employers. To see a complete list of jobs available and to pre-register for this event, see www.choicecareerfaairs.com. Admission and parking are free, info: 702-257-1562

March 27

Annual Free Family Green Festival 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, near Gate 6 at Fair Park. FREE family event. There is a fee for entry into the butterfly house, but the gardens and event are free. Call 214-428-7476 or visit www.TexasDiscoveryGardens.org.

Fine Arts Chamber Players presents chamber music of Brahms, Beethoven and Hindemith on the free Bancroft Family Concert Series at the Dallas Museum of Art at 3:00 p.m. The museum is located at 1717 North Harwood, Dallas. Info: 214-520-2219 or visit www.fineartschamberplayers.org.

March 28 - April 10

Dr Pepper Dallas Cup XXXI The Dallas Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament will celebrate its 31st Anniversary during the week of March 28 - April 10, 2010. In past years, teams and referees have traveled to Dallas from ninety-eight countries and six continents. Details at www.dallascup.com

April 2 - 4

16th Annual Deep Ellum Arts Festival The biggest weekend of the year for the Deep Ellum Entertainment District, this free-to-attend outdoor "street party" features four outdoor stages with non-stop performances by over 75 national, regional, and local original bands. The festival features more than 100 decorative and visual artists, muralist, the Deep Ellum Pet Parade, and abundant food and drink This is an adult-oriented visual and performing arts festival - while supervised young children and teenagers are welcome, there are no planned activities for them. Details at www.deepellumartsfestival.com

April 11

Fair Park will "un-leash" the Cotton Bowl for the free fourth-annual **Dog Bowl** from 1 to 5 p.m. Pups and pooches of all sizes will get to run, play, scamper and splash as Dallas' most historic football field transforms into Texas' largest dog park.

April 17

Dallas Art Dealers Association's Annual Spring Gallery Walk 2-8 p.m. at 35 of its members' galleries and

non-profit art spaces. Panel discussions (topics and location to be announced)

The March of Dimes will hold its annual **March for Babies fundraising walk** at 8:45 a.m. at the Norbuck Park at White Rock Lake. Register online at www.marchforbabies.org or call 972-669-3463.

April 23

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce's **13th Annual Excellence in Education Scholarship Luncheon** Noon at the Dallas Convention Center. www.dbcc.org

May 1

1st Annual Douglass Senior Citizens Prom for all seniors citizens 55 years of age and up at the Southfork Hotel-Plano, TX starting @ 7-11p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person, formal prom attire is required. Info: 972-941-7174

May 3

Eisemann Center Presents **Celebrating CHOPIN!**, featuring concert pianist Jeffrey Siegel. The concert, titled *Chopin and the Future*, will be held in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre at 7:30 pm. *Chopin and the Future* will include the works of Chopin that both delight the ear and point to the future. Info: www.eisemanncenter.com or 972-744-4650.

May 15

The Hamilton Park Historic Preservation Foundation is hosting its first Hamilton Park Golf Classic at the Eastern Hills Country Club, 3000 Country Club in Garland. The shot-gun starts at 8:00 a.m.

June 26 - September 5

Constructive Spirit: Abstract Art in South and North America, 1920s-1950s at the AMon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

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City of Irving's progress report on Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise Program

BY: JACKIE HARDY

According to a 2002 U.S. Census Bureau report, there are over 4.1 million minority-owned businesses (equates to 18 percent nationally) and an estimated 6.7 million women-owned businesses in the country (equates to 30 percent nationally).

In a 2005 Small Business Administration (SBA) publication, *Small Business Economy, A Report to the President*, reported minority-owned businesses continue to be an important part of the U.S. small business sector and minority-owned businesses hired more than 4.2 million employees nationally during 1997.

In January 2007 the City of Irving unanimously adopted a Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program because it recognized it was in the best interest for the City to stimulate the growth of small M/WBE in all phases of its procurement opportunities.



Ed Matthews

Goals of M/WBE Program

Short Term Goals:

- Hire full-time M/WBE Program Administrator
- 26 percent of bids are awarded to M/WBE firms
- Increase bidder notification database by 20 new vendors each month
- Offering educational programs and workshops on *Getting Assistance in Building Your Business*, *Traditional and Alternative Sources of Funding*, and *Marketing Your Business*

Long Term Goals:

- Assure M/WBE Companies bids and proposals are welcomed and have an equal opportunity
- Committed to the administration of an effective M/WBE program including "Good Faith Effort" participation goals
- Educational programs for all contractors/vendors
- Inclusion of M/WBE policy statement in all solicitations
- M/WBE Outreach Programs
- Provide quarterly reports on M/WBE performance, and periodic internal audits reports on the procurement process

Ed Matthews, Purchasing Manager with the Inter-governmental Services Team, helps to oversee the operation of the M/WBE Program. Recently, the department hired Deborah McVean as the M/WBE Program Administrator, who will work to implement several initiatives defined by the department to ensure they are meeting their specific goals (see sidebar for specific short-term and long-term goals).

One important function of the M/WBE Program Ad-

ministrator is to focus on developing strong relationships with M/WBE vendors and contractors. With over 10 years of experience in working with small and M/WBE businesses, McVean will be a valuable asset in helping the Program to build and maintain relationships.

"We are going back out there to redevelop relationships with various ethnic organizations and reaching out to those M/WBE vendors to not only improve relationships, but open the lines of communication," states McVean.

In the past, Irving has had to deal with the negative perception of non-inclusion felt by M/WBE vendors and contractors. The City of Irving is committed to creating an M/WBE Program that is offering sufficient knowledge of open bids and giving M/WBEs an equal opportunity to compete for all procurement opportunities.

"The City has not communicated their willingness to reach out to M/WBE ven-

dors; therefore that non-inclusion perception still remains. The Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC) is partnering with the City to develop an Outreach Program to assist with developing a more comprehensive M/WBE Outreach Program.

The IHCC would like to see the City offer more outreach initiatives in the form of Open Houses, facilitating meetings to discuss open and upcoming City bids, and more advertisement in the minority media," states Rene Castilla, Chairman of the IHCC Board of Directors.

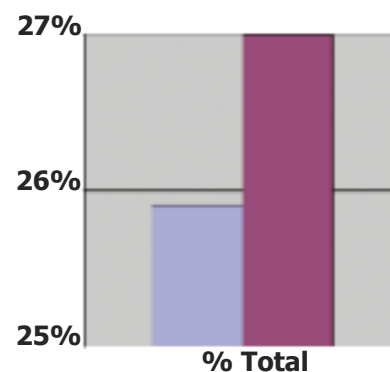
The City measures its performance based on their key performance indicators of formally awarding 26 percent contract dollars to M/WBE vendors and increasing the number of vendors enrolled in their bidder notification database to 20 each month.

"There is no way of knowing how many total number of minorities have received contracts in comparison to those M/WBE firms who did not receive bid approval because the City does not provide that documentation to show a full breakdown of the M/WBE Programs overall progress; therefore, it is hard to give an overall assessment on the success of the Program," explains Castilla.

In a written response Matthew states, "All projects require the awarded contractor to submit documentation of a 'Good Faith Effort' to secure M/WBE participation as a part of the contract. On larger projects such as the construction of the new Irving Convention Center, The Burrell Group, (a consulting firm that assist organizations achieve its diversity and M/WBE goals), has been hired to track par-

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City of Irving's M/WBE Purchasing Activity

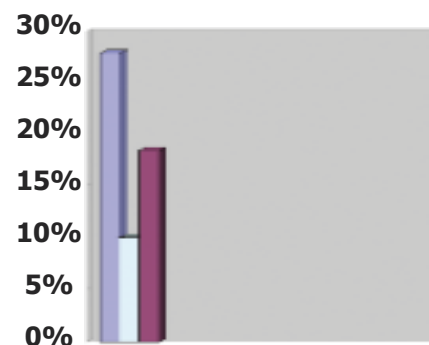


FY 2008 M/WBE Awarded Contracts

FY 2009 M/WBE Awarded Contracts

Source: City of Irving

City of Dallas M/WBE Purchasing Activity (FY 2007-08)



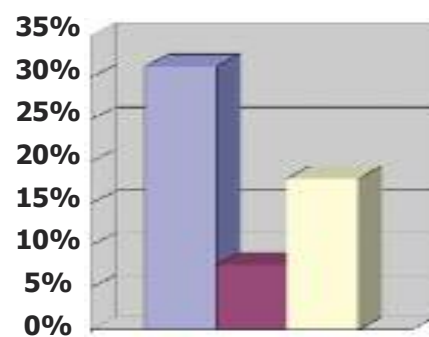
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Combined M/WBE Awarded

Source: City of Irving

City of Dallas M/WBE Purchasing Activity (FY 2008-09)



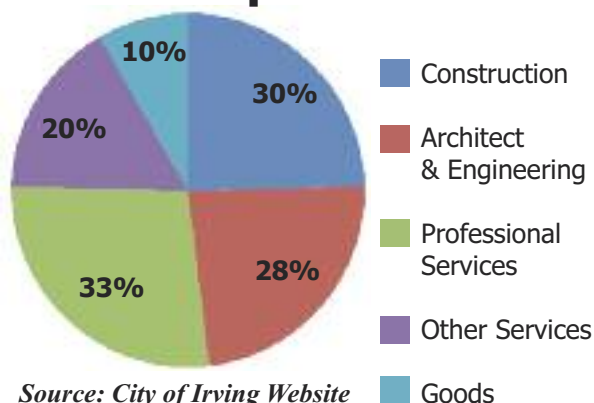
Local M/WBE Awarded

Non-Local M/WBE Awarded

Combined M/WBE Awarded

Source: City of Irving

M/WBE Minimum Participation Goal



Source: City of Irving Website

Black Eyed Peas coming to Dallas

Three-time Grammy Award winning recording artist, The Black Eyed Peas will stop by American Airlines Center on their *The E.N.D. Tour*. Described as the ultimate Black Eyed Peas party experience, it also marks the first time that the group - will.i.am, apl.de.ap, Taboo and Fergie - is united for a North American headline tour since their 2006 *Monkey Business* world tour.

In support of their multi-platinum #1 album, *The E.N.D.*, featuring the chart record-breaking consecutive #1 singles, *Boom Boom Pow* and *I Gotta Feeling* - The Black Eyed Peas will replicate the party vibe of a hot dance club



(complete with guest DJs including will.i.am) in arenas across the country and around the world. *The E.N.D. World Tour* proves The Energy Never Dies with a feast for the senses for hundreds of thousands of fans. The tour will also be "green," with a unique charitable component to be announced in the weeks ahead.

"AEG Live has always

been a company that likes to execute out-of-the-box ideas. Our newest clients, The Black Eyed Peas, have defined that concept like no other group in contemporary music and culture,"

says Randy Phillips, President & CEO of AEG Live. "We expect our first hundred shows together to be a roller coaster ride that will redefine the live entertainment experience as only the Peas can."

2009 has been a monumental year for The Black Eyed Peas, starting with the March release of *Boom Boom Pow* - not only the group's first #1 single on the

Billboard Hot 100 but one of the top dozen or so longest-charting singles in *Hot 100* history, 12 weeks at the top. They bumped themselves out of #1 with their second single, *I Gotta Feeling* (released in June), surpassing their own success with a 14-week stay at #1 (only the fourth group in *Hot 100* history to replace itself at #1). Their 26 consecutive week run at #1 has now become a new all-time benchmark in *Hot 100* history (for groups or solo artists).

To date, The Black Eyed Peas have sold over 27 million combined units worldwide, and have logged over 300 headline tour dates in 29 countries with over 2.2 million tickets sold.

Amazing experience for an Arlington couple

BY IVY N. CARTER, MBA

Amazing Race is one of the highest ranking shows on CBS and for an Arlington couple they had the chance of a lifetime to become a part of the adventures offered on the show. Adrian and Dana Davis were able to experience a brief moment of reality show stardom as they left behind their careers, businesses, day-to-day cares and children for the hopes of being *Amazing Race* winners.

Unfortunately, the challenges of the show, which has road blocks, detours and other challenges proved difficult for Adrian because during the first



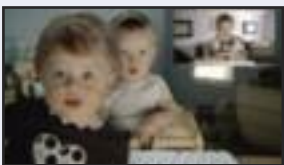
Dana and Adrian Davis

show the Davis were eliminated. But their memories of the experience far outweighed their loss in Chile. Adrian and Dana are high school sweethearts and have been together for 26 years.

"We have truly experi-

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Have You Heard?



Sue-A-What?

Lindsay Lohan has gone bunkers when she is contemplating suing E*Trade babies.

Shaq has a huge ego

Shaquille O'Neal told his wife, Shauni, that if she couldn't prove he was cheating then she need not approach him with it. WTH???

Monica receiving calls from jump-offs

If you are the other woman we already know you have no boundaries



but calling the main woman is too much.

Read more on the latest Have You Heard? topics at www.northdallasgazette.com.

'Round About in the DFW

Orchestra

Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert at the Granville Arts Center in the Main Auditorium on 3/19 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$16. Info: 972-205-2790

Concerts

Black Eyed Peas at the American Airlines Center on 3/19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$49.50-\$79.50. Info: www.ticketmaster.com

Gospel

Theatrical Voices Evangelistic Ministries presents *The Rose* at the Plaza

Theatre in Garland. Free. Info: 469-693-0814

Theatre

The Beauty Plays Series presents *Fat Pig* by Kevin Moriarty from 3/2-5/9 at Wyly Theatre. Info: 214-252-3927

Mark Twain's A Murder, A Mystery, and A Marriage at the Rover Dramawerks in Plano, 3/4-3/20 at 8 p.m. Info: www.roverdramawerks.com

Family

Fred Garbo Inflatable

Theater Co at Hill Performance Hall on 3/21 at 2:30 p.m. Info: www.eisemanncenter.com



Parties

PURE Saturdays at PURE the Night Club in Dallas. 21 and older to get in. Doors open at 9 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: 214-810-5483

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Jobs Bill - good politics, bad policy

BY MARC H. MORIAL

(NNPA) There's an old saying: "Don't bring a sling-shot to a gunfight." But that's just what the Congress appears to be doing with its timid approach to job creation. Last week, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing a \$15 billion jobs bill that would hardly make a dent in the depression-era levels of unemployment afflicting

all parts of the country, especially communities of color.

The latest employment figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics are being hailed in some quarters as a clear sign that the recession is over. Tell that to the 15 million Americans who remain out of work or the untold numbers of families teetering on the brink of financial ruin.

While the overall jobless rate remained steady in February at 9.7 percent, African American unemployment is now at 15.8 percent, a 6.8 percent increase since the start of the recession in December, 2007. The Hispanic jobless rate of 12.4 percent was virtually unchanged from January. And when you factor in the huge number of people who have stopped look-

ing for work and those who are working part-time only because they can't find a full-time job, the total "underemployment" rate has climbed to a staggering 16.8 percent.

Another 36,000 jobs were lost during the month, a number that was lower than expected, but still intolerably high. It is abundantly clear - the great recession rages on.

So what does the Congress do in the face of this crisis? The House passed a scaled-back \$15 billion Senate jobs bill that gives tax breaks to businesses to hire new workers and in-

cludes some needed investments in infrastructure projects. Most analysts say this will create only a few hundred thousand jobs at a time when 10 million jobs are needed just to get back to pre-recession levels. That's why a majority of Congressional Black Caucus members, led by Chairwoman Barbara Lee of California, voted against the measure. And it is why the National Urban League is calling on the Congress to go back and get it right.

Last November, the National Urban League presented the White House and Congressional leaders a ro-

bust six-point plan for putting Americans Back to Work. Our plan places a priority on help for the chronically unemployed which includes African Americans and other communities of color experiencing unemployment rates significantly higher than the national average. It would create 3 million jobs. We are recommending that future legislation include:

- Funding direct job creation
- Expansion and acceleration of the Small Business Administration's Community Express Loan Pro-

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AutoNation appoints Robert J. Brown to the Board of Directors

(NDG Wire) AutoNation, America's largest automotive retailer, reappointed Robert J. Brown to its board of directors last month.

Robert J. Brown is the Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of B&C Associates, Inc, a management, consulting, marketing research, and public relations firm that is celebrating its 50th year of existence. Founded in 1960, B&C has been privileged to serve many of the Fortune 500. Some of the current and past companies listed in B&C's extensive client portfolio include the Sara Lee Corporation, USAA, General Motors

Corporation, Coca-Cola Company, Nissan Corporation, Michelin North America, Lowe's, Inc., AutoNation, Inc., Freddie Mac, Sprint, Rooms To Go, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, and Office Depot, DeBeers, Inc., Food Lion and Save-A-Lot.

Brown is also the Chairman and CEO of B&C International, Inc. and President of International BookSmart Foundation. Brown served as Special Assistant to the President of the United States under the Nixon Administration and was previously a director of AutoNation from 1997 to 2008.

Also appointed to the



Robert J. Brown

board was Michael Lawson, who is the Chief Investment Officer for William H. Gates III, a co-founder of the Microsoft Corporation and the Business Manager for Cascade Investment, L.L.C. (which is wholly owned by Gates and holds his investments).

Business Expo

Johnson Chapel Community Church, located at 1400 N. Hampton Road, Desoto Texas 75115, is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual 2010 Business and Career Expo on March 27, 2010 from 10:00am-3:00pm. This event is for entrepreneurs, job seekers, business owners, and anyone who would like to start their own business or enhance their career. The expo will include: career resources, networking opportunities, a "Clothes Closet" with business attire, a business showcase, workshops, and a "Dress

for Success" fashion show. Carter Blood Care will also be hosting a blood drive. There is no charge for this event and it is open to the public.

Participants will experience a vibrant setting while networking and enjoying a day of Information, Education, and Motivation. The expo will consist of educational and practical seminars that include topics such as: entrepreneurship, small business plans, grant writing, creating an E-presence for small business, and career professionals will be on-site to provide

assistance for resume writing. Attendees will walk away with strategies, tips and the resources they need to be successful in business and in their career.

In addition to the workshops and career resources, interested business owners will have the opportunity to showcase their products and services. Vendor tables are available for \$50 a booth (non-JC3 members) and \$35 a booth (JC3 members). Please contact Tandra Johnson at 972.224.9940 or by email at info@jc3online.org to request a vendor packet.

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ticipation and ensure the prime contractor meets its commitments."

According to the City of Irving's website, Irving exceeded its 25.9 percent total number of bids allocated last year to 27 percent (see graph).

In comparison with other cities in the Metroplex like the City of Dallas, Irving has been unable to provide a detailed breakdown of dollars allocated to M/WBE's.

The City of Dallas provided a breakdown of the

total percentage of bids awarded to M/WBEs based on the following qualifiers: Total percentage of local M/WBE Firms; Total percentage of non-local M/WBE firms; and Combined (local and non-local) percentage of M/WBEs awarded contracts. See graph to view the City of Dallas overall performance for FY 2007-08 and 2008-09.

"We have recently seen a jump of percentage of bids and proposals received from M/WBE firms. The first

couple of years we received about 17 to 18 percent and in the last six months that figure has jumped to about 30 percent. Much of the increase is due to the work of the M/WBE Program Administrator in seeking out firms to respond to specific solicitations, states Matthews."

With Irving having several construction projects in the pipeline (Irving Convention Center, Dart Orange Line, and Heritage Crossing), the opportunities are vast for M/WBE vendors

and contractors; however, awarding construction projects to M/WBE's is not the main focus for the M/WBE Program, according to McVean.

"We want to focus more on service-oriented projects rather than short-term construction contracts. We want to award contracts that are annual and recurring because it provides a long-term relationship with the M/WBE vendors."

"We believe we are taking the right steps to reach a positive outcome. We are

focused on the feedback we receive from our community and our vendors in lieu of how we compare with other M/WBE programs within the Metroplex," Matthews explains in a written response.

For more information about M/WBE Outreach Programs, please contact Deborah McVean at 972-721-3753 or visit the website at www.ci.irving.tx.us. For more information about IHCC and information on their partnership with the City of Irving to increase the

M/WBE Outreach Programs, contact 972-721-2273 or visit the website at www.irvinghispanicchamber.org.

M/WBE vendors and contractors can contact the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency regarding application for certification of their business with the City of Irving, City of Dallas, and other cities in the Metroplex. For more information, call 817-640-0606 or visit www.nc-trca.org.

National Urban League leads Civil Rights into a new era using Social Mobilization Technology to unite the nation in the fight for equality

(NDG Wire) To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Urban League, local affiliates including the Urban League of Greater Dallas around the country are joining in the launch of the first ever social services social mobilization platform (SMP) targeted toward urban America.

This massive, comprehensive SMP is a major component of I AM EMPOWERED, a bold new initiative that will inspire the nation and allow Urban League affiliates to engage, connect and serve urban America like it never has before.

With I AM EMPOWERED, Urban League affiliates are challenging the nation to eliminate racial gaps

and disparities in housing, education, employment and healthcare. Affiliates will encourage people around the country to take the I AM EMPOWERED pledge and commit their time and talents to achieving goals in these important areas by 2025.

The I AM EMPOWERED SMP is a vast, interactive web community that uses 21st century technology to unite people from all walks of life with the Urban League, its affiliates, coalition of supporters and one another in one location. Members can access information, services and to engage to advance the cause of equality 24 hours a day, seven days week in real time, online.

The I AM EMPOWERED Pledge

"I pledge to responsibly commit my time and talent to ensure that the nation is empowered to achieve the following goals by 2025"

1. Every American child is ready for college, work and life
2. Every American has access to jobs with a living wage and good benefits.
3. Every American lives in safe, decent, affordable and energy-efficient housing on fair terms.
4. Every American has access to quality and affordable health care solutions.

"We are proud to join with our fellow affiliates and the National Urban League in this exciting new project," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, Urban League of Greater Dallas President and CEO. "The nation faces a

challenging time, but it is a time of great opportunity and new hope. The I AM EMPOWERED initiative will galvanize Americans to empower themselves and their communities, and it will enable us all to connect with

more people and more easily access resources."

The I AM EMPOWERED viral empowerment community harnesses all social media vehicles, including Facebook and Twitter, to let members customize their experience, create profiles and sub-groups, advocate on issues and upload and share videos, content and information with others. Members also can obtain assistance on issues such as home ownership and entrepreneurship through an ever-expanding set of tool boxes and other guided experiences. The online and mobile platforms also connect the Urban League and its family of nearly 100 affiliates in one continuous community for

the first time.

People can become a part of this special community and take the I AM EMPOWERED pledge at www.iamempowered.com. Individuals also can text EMPOWER to 69866 or download the IAE mobile application, available at the Apple App Store, Android Market and coming soon, the Blackberry App World, to take the pledge.

"The empowerment movement is stronger than ever," Dr. Mitchell-Brooks said. "With the strong legacy of advocacy and service behind us, we can face the future and meet new challenges with cutting-edge technology and the power of our united passion for social justice."

City of Irving receives Gold Award for financial transparency

(NDG Wire) Superior financial transparency practices have earned the City of Irving a gold award—the highest rating—from the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts launched the Leadership Circle program in December 2009 to recognize local governments, such as the City of Irving, for displaying a high level of financial transparency online.

The gold rating recognizes Irving for setting the bar in online financial trans-



parency among public entities. Criteria for achieving the gold rating include:

- Making financial records open to the public.
- Providing clear, consistent pictures of spending.
- Sharing information in a user-friendly format.

"Financial responsibility is everybody's business and Irving residents are due

the opportunity to review how tax dollars are being used to deliver services at any given time," said Councilman Joe Philipp, chairman of the council's audit and finance committee.

"The city's commitment to online transparency is to be commended, and this award confirms that our practices are a model for other entities."

Residents have access to a wealth of financial information online, including the city budget and annual financial statements, at www.cityofirving.org.

In line with the city's commitment to transparency, the city offers several public input opportunities prior to the adoption of its annual budget.

"For the City of Irving, financial transparency is more than a practice, it's a belief," said Mayor Herbert A. Gears. "After receiving triple A ratings from *Standard & Poor's* and Moody's Investors Services for a number of years, we pride ourselves on the quality of our financial records and are glad to share them with the public."

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enced the detours (plans that you make that don't come to fruition), roadblocks (things that you must encounter that are not in your control) and u-turns (finding yourself doing the same thing over again)," says Dana.

During the race Adrian and Dana learned that they need to learn how to make better split second decisions because Adrian became flustered and failed to complete the Road Block challenge during the first leg of the race.

"Fortunately we have overcome so many challenges in life already that we knew we would support each other no matter what happened. Win, lose or draw," explained Dana. The Davises fondest memory was the whole aspect of 'racing' across the world for a chance to win a million dollars and interacting with other cultures.

The tenth season of the *Amazing Race* started taping on November 27, 2009 but aired on Sunday, February 14 on CBS at 7 p.m. For more information on *The Amazing Race* visit www.cbs.com/amazingrace or tune in Sundays at 7 p.m. on CBS.

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mobilize to achieve the ends people are talking about.

A Black party could enable the discussion about accountability to focus on the cabinet agencies where the Federal budget exist to achieve some of the things needed by the black community. Some of the specific programs being rolled out around jobs and a new

focus on home foreclosure and etc. look good, but others such as "race to the top" as an educational program looks questionable to me — and the issue is that few of these programs across the board have been developed with the vigorous input and engagement of those for whom the programs are supposed to be designed.

A Black party could

also monitor and engage local initiatives more effectively. Where the rubber meets the road is in the local communities and there, mayors, county officials, state legislators and others presumably have some idea of what it takes to make black communities whole, what resources are addressed to that task and what is lacking. A mobi-

lized force could assist in this task of projecting community needs and monitoring whether or to what extent they are met.

What I am suggesting has been happening to some extent with the vigilance of our Civil Rights organizations, the Institute of the Black World 21st Century and the action of progressive black officials at the

national, state and local levels.

However, there should be a greater role for citizen engagement and a Black party mechanism could be the key. What we are witnessing is the rush of media attention to these movements, a dynamic that gives them power and places our interests farther and farther into the background. Mobi-

lizing would give us the power to regain the footing to address the truth of our condition.

Dr. Ron Walters is a Political Analysts and Professor Emeritus of the University of Maryland College Park. His latest book is: *The Price of Racial Reconciliation* (University of Michigan Press). rwalters@umd.edu

Texas employers add 14,800 jobs in January

(NDG Wire) Total nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 14,800 jobs in January.

"Texas employers have added jobs in three of the last four months across a wide variety of industries," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Meanwhile, the nation as a whole lost jobs in January."

Texas recorded job gains in six of the 11 major

industries in January. Professional and Business Services added 20,900 jobs in January, and Leisure and Hospitality employment increased by 6,300 jobs.

"Job gains over the past several months can offer more opportunities to the many Texans still out of work," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "TWC's online job-matching Web site, WorkInTexas.com, can

help connect Texas job seekers with available jobs."

In January, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities gained 5,200 jobs, and Education and Health Services employment increased by 3,000, for a total of 54,300 jobs over the year. Manufacturing employment registered a monthly increase for the first time in 19 months by gaining 1,800

jobs in January.

"For the first time in more than a year, the Manufacturing industry recorded job gains, which is encouraging," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "Education and Health Services employment continued to increase in January, adding jobs in 11 of the past 12 months."

Garland Youth Council focuses on 2010 Census

(NDG Wire) The Garland Youth Council will focus on the importance of the 2010 Census at its March 23 meeting.

Representatives from the Census Bureau will provide information and answer questions about the census process.

Garland residents should receive a short questionnaire in the mail this month. It contains only a few simple questions.

All responses are confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

Census results provide important information that helps citizens of all ages.

The Garland Youth Council invites teens to come learn about the 2010 Census and share that information with their families.

The Youth Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 at the Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road.

For more information about the Youth Council, visit www.GarlandYouthCouncil.org.

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gram and inclusion of minority contractors for transportation projects funded through the stimulus bill

- The creation of Green Empowerment Zones
- The Expansion of housing counseling programs nationwide
- The Expansion of the Youth Summer Jobs Program for 2010
- The creation of 100 urban job academies to implement and expand the Urban Youth Empowerment Program

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March 28

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972-423-8833

**CHRISTIAN CHAPEL
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March 27, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

In conjunction with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority we present a Candidate's Forum with invited participants Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Bill White, Democratic Senatorial Tom Berry and Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway. There will also be representatives from the U.S Census Bureau speaking. Call the church for details.

Dr. Jerome McNeil, Jr.
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March 21, 3:30 p.m.

We invite you to Pastor Derrick, Sr. & Lady Diane Bowman's 7th Year of Ministry with a Pre-Anniversary Musical featuring Faithway Music Ministry, Mt. Tabor Male Chorus, New Leaf MBC Music Ministry, Sis. Chimberly Carter, Sis. Wilma Vallery-Johnson and more. Our theme: Faithful to the Call.

April 21, 3:30 p.m.
You're invited to Pastor & Lady Bowman's Anniversary Service with Fellowship BC of Allen, Senior Pastor W.L. Stafford, Sr.
April 25, 3:30 p.m.
Help us celebrate and

honor our Pastor & Lady on their 7th Anniversary Service with First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, Senior Pastor Gregory Foster and Pastor Anthony Foster.

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**March 27,
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All youth, ages 12 to 18, come to our "Motion of Praise for Christ" Youth Ministry Dance Team meeting in Room D211.

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**SAINT MARK MBC
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March 21, 3:30 p.m.

You're invited to our Annual Hospitality Day with guest Carter Temple CME, Rev. Brian Keith Thomas, Senior Pastor.

March 27, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Come to our yearly "Women's Tea" @ the Heard Museum.

March 28
You're invited to our Passion Week Musical. Call the church for details.

**Dr. Charles Wattley
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1308 Wilcox Street
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**March 27,
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You're invited to The New Generation Children's Church Open House in the Chapel. Call the Church for details or questions.

**Dr. Isaiah Joshua, Jr.
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Our theme is "The Binding of Strongmen and Ruler Spirits.

**Bishop D. A. Davis
Senior Pastor**
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**UNION CATHEDRAL
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**March 16-17
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In conjunction with Cliff Temple BC we will "Build Community" by hosting a two-day Annual Career Fair at Cliff Temple BC, 125 Sunset Avenue, Dallas, TX. Vendors are still being accepted. Colleges and Universities are encouraged to participate as vendors and attendees. For details call Charlane Russell @ 469-387-6713 or Chasity Bass @ 469-767-6566.

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- Joshua 1:8

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Susie King Taylor was the first Black Army nurse. Taylor was born a slave in 1848 and died in 1912. She was permitted by her owners to live with her grandmother when she was seven years old. It was illegal for a Black child to receive an education, however, Taylor's grandmother had a neighbor who had a secret school for slaves and she taught Taylor to read and write.

During the Civil War, many escaped male slaves served in the 33rd U.S. colored Troops, the first Black regiment officially mustered into the Union Army. Later Taylor served as a laundress, cook and nurse to the men of the famous Black regiment, the Massachusetts 54th.

The soldiers that Taylor nursed never forgot her and would write to her. Taylor published her autobiography in 1902, entitled, *Reminiscences of My Life in Camp: A Black Woman's Civil War Memoirs*. In her book, she said of her experience as a Civil War nurse, "It seems strange how our aversion to seeing suffering is overcome in war. How we are able to see the most sickening sights and instead

National Women's Month Continues

of turning away, how we hurry to assist in alleviating their pain, bind up their wounds and press the cool water to their parched lips, with feelings only of sympathy and pity."

Lydia Newman was not the original inventor of the hair brush; her improvements to the brush made her a significant contributor to its evolution. Granted a patent in 1898, her brush was the first with synthetic bristles (prior to that brushes were made from animal hair, such as boar's hair.) Newman's brush also had several other unique innovations. Most notably, her hair brush invention was designed to promote ventilation and provide storage for excess hair or impurities. Easy access to the bristles permitted the user to clean them out whenever necessary.

Sarah Boone was an inventor who took an already great idea and made it better. She patented, on April 26, 1892, a device to help neatly iron clothes. This was the predecessor to the modern ironing board. Before Boone's invention, people used a table or a plank of wood across two chairs or small tables.

Marie Brown on December 2, 1969 received a patent for the first video

home security system. The system used television surveillance.

On January 10, 2006, **Janet Emerson Bashen** became the first Black female to hold a patent for a software invention. The patented software, LinkLine, is a web-based application for EEO (Equal Employment Opportunities) claims intake and tracking, claims management, document management and numerous reports.

Valerie Thomas received a patent on October 21, 1980 for inventing an illusion transmitter. This futuristic invention extends the idea of television, with its images located flatly behind a screen, to having three dimensional projections appear as though they were right in your living room. Thomas worked as a mathematical data analyst for NASA after receiving a degree in physics. She later served as project manager for the development of NASA's image-processing system on Landsat, the first satellite to send images from outer space.

Judy W. Reed, unable to read or write her name, was the first Black woman to receive a patent for a hand-operated machine for kneading and rolling dough on September 20, 1884.

Debrilla M. Ratchford, an airline stewardess, on 1978 received a patent for a suitcase with wheels and transporting hook.

Dr. Patricia Bath, an ophthalmologist, received her first patent in 1988, the Cataract Laserphaco Probe, becoming the first Black female doctor to patent a medical invention. It was for a method for removing cataract lenses that transform eye surgery by using a laser device making the procedure more accurate. With another invention Bath was able to restore sight to people who had been blind for over 30 years.



Mrs. Ramona Thomas Smith with her granddaughter, Little Miss Asyah Henry enjoying time together at a church gathering.

Internationally recognized poet Sonia Sanchez keynotes TCC Northeast Campus' Living Literature Program

Tarrant County College's Northeast Campus presents their annual Living Literature Program featuring poet Sonia Sanchez. Sanchez is a national and international lecturer on Black Culture and Literature, Women's Liberation, Peace and Racial Justice. Sponsor of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

She is the author of over 16 books. In addition

to being a contributing editor to Black Scholar and The Journal of African Studies, she has edited an anthology, *We Be Word Sorcerers: 25 Stories by Black Americans*. BMA: The Sonia Sanchez Literary Review is the first African American Journal that discusses the work of Sonia Sanchez and the Black Arts Movement. Currently, Sonia Sanchez is one of 20 African Amer-

ican women featured in "Freedom Sisters," and the recipient of the Robert Creeley award in March of 2009.

The event is Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 25 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Tarrant County College – Northeast Campus, 828 Harwood in Hurst, Texas 76054 in Center Corner – NTSU. Admission is free.



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Collin College students find asteroid

(NDG Wire) Competing with students from nine countries on four continents, three Collin College students Adrian Boysselle, David Golynskiy and Deepak Joseph discovered a main belt asteroid, located in the region between Mars and Jupiter.

The students will receive NASA research awards for discovering new asteroid 2010 CK12 as part of the International Asteroid Search Campaign.

In addition, the Minor Planet Center, an office of

the International Astronomical Union located at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, will publish their names with their finding.

The students' discovery was part of a Collin College Center for Advanced Studies in Mathematics and Natural Sciences project with physics professors Dr. Mike Broyles and Dr. Greg Sherman. Their finding was substantiated with follow up images from Leonid Elenin from the Russian Academy of Sci-

ences.

The Collin College physics students analyzed satellite images from the new Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE). According to Dr. Broyles, the WISE satellite provides better resolution because it uses infrared wavelengths.

"There was a lot of international cooperation for this project. How many students in the world can say they have made a contribution to science like these students have?" Dr. Broyles asked.

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exposed to graphic sexual conduct, Texas parents should prohibit their children from accessing www.cha-troulette.com. Although site users are supposed to be at least 16 years old, the rule is not clearly enforced – which means parents' preventative role is particularly important.

Attorney General Abbott reminds parents to closely monitor their children's Internet activities by using the following safety tips:

- Place the computer in a public room at home so that parents can monitor their children's Internet use. Do

not allow computers in a child's bedroom or permit the use of Web cameras.

- Make sure children know never to agree to a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet online and never to divulge personal information to an Internet stranger.

- Stay informed. Surf the Internet with children or at least talk to them about the Web sites they are visiting.

- Establish ground rules for children's Internet usage, including the hours they may surf and the kinds of Web sites they may visit. Post the rules near the computer.

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