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Mr. Edward Joe Bagby, Never To Be Forgotten



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BY SHIRLEY DEMUS
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"Brother Joe" as Mr. Bagby was affectionally called by his many radio fans; and evidently by thousands of listeners all over the United States; his voice was forever silenced on Friday morning, May 8,

2009 as was reported by the Joe Bagby Morning Show personalities.

The Gospel legend was also known as the spiritual heartbeat of Dallas' Black churches; his inspirational voice, spiritual advice, hope and support had been on Dallas radio for more than

50 years. Mr. Bagby died at a Dallas hospital after a long and brave fight with pulmonary disease.

Known as Godfather of gospel music, Brother Joe also served for several terms as a Dallas County Consta-

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Top Music Acts to Appear at The Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival

(NDG Wire) The Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival kicks off the City of Richardson's annual celebration.

The world's largest high-definition mobile LED screen – the massive 19'x33' "GoBigger" unit – will be on the Main Stage as

Kansas, The Toadies, Rick Springfield, Kool & The Gang, Hoobastank, and other bands rock the house.

This year's musical line-up is arguably our best ever, so we knew we needed something over-the-top to really impress the audience," said Geoff Fairchild,

special events manager for the City of Richardson. "So, naturally, we told GoVision we had to have the world's largest mobile HD screen on the Main Stage!"

Chris Curtis, CEO of GoVision shared, "We love being a part of this North Texas tradition, especially



Kool and the Gang

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Dallas Voters Rescue Hotel Plans & Plano Voters Make History

BY RUTH FERGUSON

Dallas City Mayor Tom Leppert and South Dallas Community leaders formed an alliance to defeat Harlan Crowe's multimillion-dollar campaign to derail the city's plan to build and own a convention center hotel.

The voters rejected Proposition 1, designed to

amend the city charter and prevent city ownership of a convention hotel.

Crowe, the owner of the Hilton Anatole hotel, reportedly spent nearly \$5 million to push for passage of Proposition 1. However, Leppert built a coalition with other business leaders who view the potential rev-

enue from conventions as a necessity for the future economic health of Dallas.

Leppert's other key ally in victory was South Dallas.

The www.voteNodallas.com website stressed the job opportunities the hotel would create and touted potential contracts for minority businesses.

Finally grassroots organizations such as R.I.P. Dallas held rallies and other events to push for defeat of this measure. Clay Roby, a member of R.I.P. Dallas said, "This was definitely a win for Dallas and we are proud to have been a part of

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BLACKONOMICS

Obama Ain't cha Mama!

BY JAMES CLINGMAN

(NNPA) Now that many believe we are living in nirvana, having reached the absolute pinnacle of our society's glory; now that some think we have entered a post-racial era, replete with the all the trappings of idealism, sweetness, and light; now that we have achieved the collective dream of millions of people who thought "they would never live to see the election of a Black President;" and now that

we have been inebriated for about 100 days; it's time to sober up.

Having drunk the intoxicating elixir of "change," "equality," "yes we can," and "togetherness," it's time for Black people, especially, to go on a serious coffee binge. As the song once said, "Back to life, back to reality." We still have much work to do among ourselves; we still have to fight for what we want and need; we still

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Cassandra Gaines

Cassandra Gaines is the founder of The National Soul Food-Cook Off, headquartered in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Launched in February, 2008, The National Soul Food Cook-Off is a local, regional and national competition to showcase the best soul food chefs in communities nationwide and provide a unique family, cultural and entertainment venue. The Cook-Off features good food, fun and an educational component regarding the history of soul food cooking and cook-

ing tips from top chefs.

A renaissance woman with tremendous energy, Cassandra Gaines is a recognized and celebrated tourism executive in the state of Oklahoma. She also holds the positions of Muskogee Civic Center Director; Muskogee Multi-Cultural Tourism Coordinator; and Manager of The Roxy Theater, a historic and beloved Muskogee landmark.

A high-spirited and innovative thinker, Cassandra's vision for The National Soul

Food Cook-Off is to create an event that celebrates the rich African American cultural heritage of soul food and the universal tradition of bringing people together to enjoy good food. The Cook-Off has already generated tremendous interest and excitement, and is quickly becoming an institution.

Cassandra has a history of success in bringing people together. She has been actively involved in tourism in the Northeastern Oklahoma region since 1982. She is a pioneer in the tourism industry's rapidly growing niche market of Heritage Tourism. While

working for the Muskogee Department of Convention and Tourism in 1996, Cassandra wrote a proposal to the Oklahoma Historical Society for funding to help promote African American Heritage Tourism in Northeastern Oklahoma. After presenting and defending her proposal before Governor Frank Keating, Cassandra was awarded a grant of \$50,000 and used these funds to establish the Muskogee Multi-Cultural Tourism Department, which she coordinates.

She continues to study African American History and promote African -

American Tourism in the region and nationally. She is also known for developing and presenting outstanding cultural and educational events. Through her unique ability to build relationships, Cassandra's fee waiver negotiations with attending celebrities has resulted in \$150,000 in scholarships for over 50 deserving students to attend colleges in Northeastern Oklahoma.

Among her numerous honors and distinctions, Cassandra has been named one of the top 50 Women of the Year in the State of Oklahoma; honored by the Oklahoma Human Rights

Commission; received the International African American Culinary Arts Institute Award; appointed State Chairperson for the Thurgood Marshall Foundation; inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame for her cultural contributions, and has been cited for her significant contributions to Oklahoma tourism by the Governor.



Carleen Brice



Carleen Brice's debut novel *Orange Mint and Honey* (2008, One World Ballantine) was an *Essence* "Recommended Read" and a Target "Bookmarked Breakout Book." It was optioned for a movie by Lifetime Television. Terry McMillan said, "Carleen Brice is a fine writer. I have recommended and will continue to recommend *Orange Mint and Honey* to others."

Carleen's second novel *Children of the Waters* (One World/Ballantine) will be released July 7 and is available for pre-order now. It tells a story of two sisters separated by prejudice and brought together by love.

Trish Taylor's white ancestry never got in the way of her love for her black ex-husband, or their mixed race son, Will. But when Trish's marriage ends, she returns to her family's Denver, Colorado home to find a sense of

identity and connect to her past.

What she finds there shocks her to the very core: her mother and newborn sister were not killed in a car crash as she was told. In fact, her baby sister, Billie Cousins, is now a grown woman; her grandparents had put her up for adoption, unwilling to raise the child of a black man. Billie, who had no idea she was adopted, wants nothing to do with Trish until a tragedy in Billie's own family forces her to lean on

her surprisingly supportive and sympathetic sister. Together they unravel age-old layers of secrets and resentments and navigate a path toward love, healing, and true reconciliation.

Jacquelyn Mitchard author, *The Deep End of the Ocean*, says "I was exhausted and singing the blues the hour I began Carleen Brice's new novel, *Children of the Waters*. Five hours later, I'd finished this fresh, free-rein novel about mothers' secrets and children's sor-

rows and was shouting 'Hurray!'"

Lori Tharps, author of *Kinky Gazpacho*, says "Carleen Brice manages to explore the difficult, messy and unpleasant details of life with both humor and wisdom. The parallel journeys of sisters, Trish and Billie, will resonate with everyone and anyone who has questioned their identity and place in this world."

You can learn more about Carleen and her books at www.carleenbrice.com.

Karen Hunter

This Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist is one of the most sought-after collaborators in publishing. She is also one of the most sought-after voices in America. She has recently parlayed her successes into her very-own imprint—Karen Hunter Publishing—a division of Pocket Books at Simon & Schuster.

She launched her first book, "Why Black Men Love White Women," in October of 2007, and will follow with a string of provocative non-fiction titles, some gripping fictions, and a couple of celebrity memoirs.

Karen made her name penning autobiographies for celebrities, churning

out numerous best-selling and critically acclaimed books including: *I Make My Own Rules* (1997) with LL Cool J, *Ladies First* (1999) with Queen Latifah, *Al on America* (2002) with Rev. Al

Sharpton, *Wendy's Got the Heat* (2003) with nationally syndicated talk show host Wendy Williams. Her books, *On the Down Low* (2004) with AIDS activist JL King and *Confessions of a Video Vixen*, forced a nation to deal with issues that had long been overlooked. Karen has also co-authored *Raising Kanye* with the mother of rapper Kanye West and *Balancing Act*, a novel with the ex-husband of Terry McMillan.

Karen Hunter Publishing is a

home for writers and celebrities that offers the financial backing of a major publisher together with the hands-on, nurturing approach that you only get with a smaller, focused group of experienced professionals. It is an outlet for books that are sometimes too "left of center" for major houses and their conservative approach to publishing. We are a multi-platform business that provides a "one-stop shopping" forum for all book publishing-related activities.

In addition to her writing, Karen was a radio talk-show host on a New York City morning show for three years. She is currently a Distinguished Lecturer at Hunter College, where she has served as an assistant pro-

fessor in the Film & Media Department for the past five years. She was

also an adjunct professor at New York University for three years.



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New Supreme Court Justice May Have Minimal Influence on Civil Rights

BY ZENITHA PRINCE

(NNPA) The replacement of outgoing Supreme Court Justice David Souter may have little to no impact on the civil rights agenda, political and legal analysts and activists say.

"Really, until the conservative members begin to resign from the court you're not going to see much of a change," said University of Maryland law professor Sherrilyn Ifill.

"Unless," she added, "the person who the president chooses is a young, powerful person, who has the kind of personal story, intense communication skills and intellectual heft to really influence Justice Kennedy, who is usually the swing vote in the court."

As things stand, civil rights issues are usually decided with a 5-4 vote ratio in favor of more conservative sentiments in the court. Justice Souter, who many described as a moderate ideologue, is often aligned with civil rights interests.

"Justice Souter is— which you could see when you looked at the hearing on the Voting Rights Act last week—in the moderate wing of the court," Ifill said. "He understands the Voting Rights Act, he understands civil rights issues and I'm sure the person President Obama picks will also understand civil rights issues and have the sort of empathy he has talked about."

There are some, however, who say the president's

choice should be found further left of Justice Souter's position on the ideology spectrum.

Though a liberal choice will not have much of an effect, said political analyst Ron Walters, Obama should "not give in to Republicans" by choosing a moderate.

"The objective of the administration ought to be to rebuild the liberal constituency of the court just as the Republicans set out to build the conservative base of the court and succeeded," he said. "Democrats have to correct that historic imbalance."

While the president's choice may not stack the odds in their favor, civil rights activists said, it most likely will not make it worse—and that's important given the issues looming on the legal landscape.

NAACP Washington Bureau Chief Hilary Shelton stated, "With the stacking of the Supreme Court with right-wingers ... having someone replace Justice Souter that has a balanced approach to interpreting the law is crucial."

Some of those ongoing issues include the Voting Rights Act, criminal justice, the death penalty, abortion, Fourth Amendment rights as it pertains to government wiretapping and searches and the scope of judicial and executive powers.

"We need to have someone with a proven record of protecting America's civil rights [who is not] an activist judge," Shelton said.

"We want to make sure we get someone who will interpret the law and the Constitution as it was intended in a way that protects all Americans in the context of our life today."

In making the announcement of Justice Souter's retirement, the president said he would consult with members of both parties to find a nominee that has "a sharp and independent mind," that is respectful of the Constitution and understands the limits of the judiciary. And, more importantly, he said, he is seeking someone who has "empathy."

"I will seek someone who understands that justice isn't about some abstract legal theory or footnote in a case book; it is also about how our laws affect the daily realities of people's lives— whether they can make a living and care for their families; whether they feel safe in their homes and welcome in their own nation," said the former constitutional law professor.

Diversity should be another deciding factor in the president's choice, many have said. "It would be nice if it was an African American who was in sync with the rest of the African-American community but I don't think he'll do that," Walters said, adding that appointing a Hispanic is "extremely seductive" because of the political cache that decision offers.

"Just looking towards the next election, it would be

good for him, in a historic sense, to put the first Hispanic and a woman on the court," the political analyst said. "It would help to solidify the Hispanic vote and the women's vote."

One rumored candidate, New York federal judge Sonia Sotomayor, would satisfy both qualities. Other names in the wind include: Jennifer Granholm, Michigan governor and former attorney general; Elena Kagan, Obama's solicitor general and former dean of Harvard Law School; Leah Ward Sears, chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and adjunct professor at Emory University School of Law; Ann Claire Williams, who serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit and formerly served as a U.S. District Court judge in Illinois and Pamela S. Karlan, a law professor at Stanford Law School, a leading legal scholar on voting rights and former attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Harold Koh, the former dean of Yale Law School, is perhaps the only male candidate whose name has been thrown in the cap.

Most seem to agree that the choice must be female. "We only have one woman on the bench right now and that is not reflective of the country or of the legal profession," Ifill said, adding 50 percent of law school students are women. "The perspective of a woman is very much needed in the court."

\$1.25 billion dollars to be designated in payments to qualified Black farmers

(ATLANTA) Last week the Obama Administration and Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack made an historic announcement in the Pigford Class Action Lawsuit first filed by Black farmers against the United States of Agriculture in 1997. The settlement announced on

May 6 will provide \$1.25 billion dollars in payments to qualified plaintiffs for past discriminatory treatment.

Federation of Southern Cooperatives Land Assistance Fund congratulates the Obama Administration on taking this historic step toward a meaningful settlement.

"This can lead to closure in the long sad history of discrimination by the USDA against Black farmers," said Ralph Paige, Executive Director. "The announcement follows the policy directives by the Secretary that provided a moratorium on federal farm foreclosures and strengthens the

USDA's Office of Civil Rights to respond to numerous complaints of discrimination in USDA program activities and employment. We look forward to working with the USDA in providing fair access and equitable treatment to all Black farmers and distressed rural communities."

"Girl Talk" Event at Methodist Charlton Mixes Fun with Women's Health Topics

(NDG Wire) Methodist Charlton Medical Center is offering a free community health education event for ladies that mixes serious talk with laughter, entertainment and fun. "Girl Talk" will feature physician experts who will discuss issues such as menopause, uterine fibroids, hysterectomy, urinary incontinence, genetic testing to predict the risk of

breast and ovarian cancer, and minimally invasive treatments available at Methodist.

The serious talk will be mixed with seriously funny comic relief, a free bone density screening, refreshments, drawings and giveaways.

Entertainment will include Debbie Bonick who entertains audiences with her side-splitting,

wholesome brand of humor; Kerri Atchley, who has played leading roles all around the Metroplex, including dual roles in Menopause the Musical®; and performing arts ensemble New Arts Six, classically trained artists devoted to the preservation of African-American music, poetry and literature.

The "Girl Talk" event will be held Saturday, May

16 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Methodist Charlton Medical Center, located at 3500 West Wheatland in Dallas, near the intersection of I-20 and Hwy. 67.

Free parking is available in the visitor parking lot or garage. Space is limited, so register today at 214-947-0000 or www.methodisthealthsystem.org/events.



New Arts Six - These classically trained artists are devoted to the preservation of African-American music, poetry, and literature through performance.

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ble in Pct. 8 and he treated everyone with the up-most respect and honor, many testified.

Brother Joe received his own inspiration from his mentor, the late DJ Jimmy Avant who taught him the ropes as a young man growing up in Dallas.

Mr. M.T. Avant, the family spokesman for the Avant family said, "The Avant family want the world to know that based on the history of the Avant and Bagby families, Brother Joe respected the Avant family. From the beginning to the end, at Lincoln High School, to KNOK Radio on Forest Lane (now Dr. Martin L. King Freeway), and finally @ KHVN, Heaven 97."

"Mr. Bagby showed the highest esteem for the Avant's name and legacy, for my deceased father, "Wonder Bread" Jimmy, as he called him, for "Cupcake Dora," my mother (as he

called her) and even the special bond that he formed with my late father. They worked together on numerous projects for the community, radio station and the City of Dallas."

"I have many stories that I could tell, but time won't permit them; however, I have known Brother Joe when he was considered a "street" person to now, when he was a great prophet of God.

When he was a Constable and had to evict anyone, especially a single mother with children, he did everything within his power to get them another place to stay. He would even help people find a way to bury their loved ones if they didn't have any money."

"We say to Sister Fay and the Bagby family that you have our deepest sympathy on your great loss; our prayers and love be with you for eternity. Remember the

lasting words of Wonder Bread Jimmy and Brother Joe, Put God first and you can be sure of a good outcome!"

Brother Joe leaves to cherish his legacy, his wife of 38 years, Falaine; four daughters, April (Deion); Yolanda; Tonya; and Dunita. Three sons, Joe Jr. (Nicole); Keith and Dwayne; and a host of grandchildren and adopted children. One brother Vanda (Nancy); one sister Miranda (Tommy) and a mother-in-law, Jenell.

Homegoing Celebration Services: A Memorial Wake Service is tonight, May 14th from 6 pm-8 pm @ Full Gospel Holy Temple, 39727 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75237 and his Celebration of Life Service is tomorrow, Friday, May 15th starting at 11 am @ the same place, Full Gospel Holy Temple.

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affecting the outcome of this election. Ironically, our goal was to try and move 2,000-3,000 young professionals to the polls and given the margin of victory, we are confident that the efforts of our peers and colleagues really paid off. Probably the most exciting part of this campaign is the grassroots movement that was created

and the fact that for the first time in Dallas politics, the younger generation made their voice heard in a big way. In our opinion, it could not have come at a more important time for our city's future."

Marilyn Hinton in Place 6, made history in Plano as the first African American elected to the school board.

A previous schoolteacher in the district, Hinton has been an active community volunteer in recent years.

Phil Dyer was elected Mayor with 85% of the vote; he will replace the outgoing Plano Mayor Pat Evans. Facing three challengers, Place 8 incumbent

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Coffee Walkers

(NDG Wire) Join City of Carrollton staff for a morning walk around the Elm Fork Nature Preserve (2335 Sandy Lake Road) paired with a free cup of Starbucks coffee or tea from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16. What better way to start

the morning off? Staff will answer all questions about the Nature Preserve. Come and go as you please and grab some Starbucks before or after your hike. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/ql6udx> or call 972-466-3080.



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Education, veteran benefits, landowner rights tops list of passed bills last week

BY TESSA HOWINGTON

With less than 30 days left in the Texas' Legislative Regular Session, both the House and the Senate stayed busy last week in Austin.

On Monday, May 4, the Senate passed Senate Bill (SB) 1443 unanimously. SB 1443 limits how much universities can increase a student's tuition rates after the first four years of a student's starting semester.

Also on Monday, SB 18 was passed. SB 18 defines a land owner's rights when the state seizes land for eminent domain. Under SB 18, a land owner must receive offers for purchase of the land from the state in writing. It also requires the state to give at least market value or higher compensation for the land, use the land for public projects, and give the owner first chance to buy back the land if not used after 10 years.

Both bills have been received by the House and referred to the appropriate subcommittees, but, as of Friday, May 8, not scheduled for review yet.

The Senate passed SB 689, by Plano Senator Florence Shapiro, on

Tuesday, May 5. SB 689 would require sex offenders to report all their online user names and electronic contact information to the state; the state will form a database using this information and share it will all online social networks. By doing so, the state hopes to keep sexual predators from sexually soliciting anyone, especially children, online.

The bill would also limit or deny internet access to some sex offenders if their convicted crime consisted of any online contact with their victim.

As of Friday, May 8, SB 689 has been received by the House, but has not been scheduled for review or referred to a subcommittee.

Late last week the Senate also passed several bills to the House for review including:

- SB 204 bans trans-fats in restaurants state wide, except for grocery stores, bakeries, and independently owned restaurants.

- SB 2079 requires doctors to confirm or help provide transportation arrangements from a hospital after a patient's discharge.

- SB 2249 makes teachers who work with blind

and visually impaired students have more training to better meet their student's needs.

- SB 2397 requires computer repair technicians to report to authorities any child porn found on a computer, network, or a server while doing repairs.

All of these bills passed to the House have not yet been scheduled for review as of Friday, May 8.

Also on Tuesday, Senator Leticia Van De Putte and Representative Chris Turner held a press conference to gain support for Turner's bill, House Bill (HB) 1299. HB 1299 would create a Lotto Game to generate revenue specifically for the Permanent Fund for Veterans Assistance.

The fund helps veterans with financial assistance for starting businesses, acquiring medical needs, transportation for disabled veterans, and, most recently, repairs or replacing homes that have been damaged in natural disasters around the state.

The creation of the game will not cost the state anything, as implementing a new Lotto game has

already been scheduled and budgeted for the next year, and will generate an estimated \$12 million in annual revenue.

Turner stated, "This fund will not repay the debt we owe our veterans who have served our nation in uniform. We can't put a price tag on the incredible sacrifices these brave men and women have made to protect our freedom. But by passing this bill, we can provide our veterans some help they need and have earned."

HB 1299 passed the House's Licensing and Administrative Subcommittee early last month and is scheduled to be voted on by the entire House early this week.

The House also passed several bills last week to

the Senate for review, including:

HB 136 increases enrollment of Pre-K programs in public schools by having the Texas Education Agency oversee research and outreach programs aimed at educating parents about local Pre-K programs.

HB 2685 requires property owners to be given a Landowner's Bill of Rights from the state before having land taken by eminent domain.

HB 3951 makes universities have a staff member in the financial aid office trained in veteran programs to make sure veterans and their families have full knowledge and access to all financial aid and benefit programs available to them.

Dallas Representative Dan Branch's HB 4294; permits schools to use electronic text books in the classroom to help cut school budgets, encourage advanced electronic learning and use of technology.

HB 4765 allows businesses making under \$1 million a year to be exempt from the state franchise tax.

All of these bills have been received by the Senate and sent to the proper subcommittees for review, but, as of Friday, May 8, none have yet to be scheduled for any action.

This week, both the House and the Senate have subcommittee meetings and floor action scheduled for the entire week.

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Lee Dunlap handily won re-election with 55% of the votes.

The turnout was surprisingly low in Plano with only an estimated 6%, however the residents were clearly in a giving mood approving all propositions with 59-70% affirmative votes for the proposals:

Proposition 1: \$11,368,000 for public safety improvements.

Proposition 2: \$8,000,000 for technology improvements to city facilities.

Proposition 3: \$34,754,500 for street improvements.

Proposition 4: \$1,750,000 for library facilities.

Proposition 5: \$48,650,000 for parks and recreation improvements.


Proposition 6: \$24,100,000 for recreation centers.

Proposition 7: repeals \$3,500,000 for overpass at Legacy and Preston.

In Garland, although he faced two opponents, Christopher Ott and Dino Quintanilla, Mayor Ronald Jones was easily re-elected for a second term after receiving 85% of the ballots cast. In 2007, Mayor Jones was the first African American elected mayor in Garland, Texas.

In Dallas, Dwaine R. Caraway coasted in his re-election carrying nearly 80% of the vote in the District 4 Dallas City Council election. District 7 is headed to a runoff after incumbent Carolyn R. Davis received the majority of the votes, but not enough to stave off challenger Dallas School Board member Ron Price.

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UNCF Gala Benefit Raises Scholarship Funding

(NDG Wire) United Negro College Fund (UNCF) the nation's largest and most effective minority education assistance organization, announced that its 10th annual Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit raised \$25,000 to support scholarships for deserving students. The scholarship funds were raised through a live auction in which personal donations were made by employees and guests of ExxonMobil, American Airlines, AT&T, BNSF Railway, CityView, Frito-Lay, Nationwide Insurance, Sam's Club and the Bernard Harris Foundation and individuals such as State Senator Royce West, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and Dallas City Councilman Tennell Atkins. Company contributions were received from Coca-Cola, Kroger and Wachovia. Other net proceeds from this signature event will go towards providing operating support to the five UNCF institutions located in Texas.

"Thanks to the generosity of the companies and individuals that donated to the UNCF Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit scholarship program, promising students will get the college education they need and that our community needs them to get," said UNCF Dallas Area Development Director Diane Stephenson. These private historically black colleges and universities play a critical role in the future of our communities in Texas and around the country by preparing students to succeed in today's economy.

We are grateful for all those who have invested generously in UNCF and the future leaders of tomorrow."

Students can apply online for the Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit Gala Scholarship at UNCF.org. The application deadline is May 31, 2009. Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need and academic potential.

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and be enrolled full-time at any four-year U.S. college or university. For more information about UNCF, or to make a contribution to support UNCF scholarships or other programs, please visit UNCF.org or call the local UNCF office at (972) 234-1007.

GISD Students & Staff Win Big Money With Stormwater Essays

(NDG Wire) City of Garland Stormwater Management invited first through fifth grade students in the Garland Independent School District to participate in the third annual "Be Stormwater Smart" Essay Contest during the last months of 2008. Fifteen talented GISD students won the stormwater essay contest. Not only did the students win big, due to their award winning insightful essays, their teachers won also.

First place students receive \$400 each, second place receive \$300 and third place receive \$200 each. Teachers of winning students will also receive an amount equal to half of what their students won in order to purchase classroom supplies.

The winners are:

First Place:					
Sydney Kurth	1st Grade	Rowlett Elementary	Carissa Padilla	2nd Grade	Beaver Technology
Will Pearson	2nd Grade	Rowlett Elementary	Kennedy Warren	3rd Grade	Rowlett Elementary
Macey Samonte	3rd Grade	Dorsey Elementary	Yessenia Vazquez	4th Grade	Freeman Elementary
Melissa Singletary	4th Grade	Freeman Elementary	Nadine Van Zyl	5th Grade	Rowlett Elementary
Cristobal Lopez	5th Grade	Freeman Elementary			
Second Place:					
Aminah Bland	1st Grade	Rowlett Elementary			
Benjamin Varnan	2nd Grade	Abbett Elementary			
Izabel Gonzalez	3rd Grade	Dorsey Elementary			
Katherine Sloan	4th Grade	Hillside Academy			
Connie Ho	5th Grade	Beaver Technology			
Third Place:					
Kyle Montgomery	1st Grade	Rowlett Elementary			

The highest student participation this year went to Beaver Technology Center. Beaver submitted over one hundred student essays. A close second was Dorsey Elementary. Overall, thirty-three teachers at 10 GISD elementary schools competed in 2008.

Congratulations to everyone! Stormwater Management encourages even more eligible GISD students and teachers to participate in next year's contest. For more information or to report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180 or log onto garland-stormwater.org

Collin College To Host Ninth Annual Biotech Conference June 25

(NDG Wire) Collin College will host the Ninth Annual Biotechnology Educators Conference from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Thursday, June 25 at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Jay Horton, professor of internal medicine and endowed chairmen in obesity and diabetes research at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Horton will discuss "Translating Genomic Research into Medical Applications."

Ellyn Daugherty, an internationally known biotechnology teacher and author of "Biotechnology: Science for the New Millennium," also is scheduled to discuss the need to include biotechnology as the fourth year of science at the high school level at a pre-conference event on June 24.

Topics covered at the conference, themed "Solutions for What Ails You," will include new uses for old drugs, science of fat, nutrition and obesity, progress in cancer and diabetes research and hands-on labs.

Also featured will be a competitive poster session for undergraduate and graduate students, door prizes and cash awards.

The conference is open to the public and targets primarily teachers, educators, county extension agents and outreach professionals. General admission is \$25 and \$15 for students. This fee includes lunch and admittance to Dr. Horton's keynote address, participation in your choice of three break-out sessions and conference materials.

The conference is a collaborative effort of several institutions, including Collin College, STARS University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Region 10, Agri Life Extension, Agri Life Research and others.

For more information about the conference or to register, visit <http://dallas.tamu.edu/Biotechnology.spx> or contact Bridgette Kirkpatrick, professor of biotechnology at Collin College, 972.881.5853 or bkirkpatrick@ccccd.edu.



May is "A Pet's Ticket Home" Month in Garland

(NDG Wire) The City of Garland Animal Services Department is sponsoring "A Pet's Ticket Home" Month in May to increase pet adoptions, as well as pet registrations as required by City Ordinance.

A city tag is your pet's ticket home. If your pet has been impounded we can use the registration tag to contact you and reunite with your pet.

In May, any Garland resident who visits the Tuggle Animal Shelter at 600 Tower Street to register or renew registration for their pet will

receive a gift bag (while supplies last) which will include product samples and discount coupons for pet products and services.

The Animal Services Department has also begun a new "adoption sponsorship" program. Individuals may donate money toward the adoption fee of a pet. "Sponsored" pets can be adopted free of charge. The adoption fee for a pet that has not been spayed or neutered is \$80. The fee is \$35 for a pet that is spayed or neutered.

Anyone who adopts a

pet from the shelter during May will also receive a gift bag. The generous donors have and will continue help several animals that were of a less popular variety find homes. The goal for the special emphasis in May and for the sponsored adoptions is to increase our rate of adoption for homeless pets all year round.

If you would like to make a donation of \$80 or \$35, please make check payable to City of Garland Animal Services P.O. Box 469002 Garland, TX 75046.

Memorial Day Observation

The 69th annual Memorial Day Celebration will be held at Restland Memorial Park, Greenville Avenue and Restland Road beginning at 1 p.m., Monday, May 25.

Activities will include a family photo exhibit of

WWII pictures in the Abbey Chapel; helicopter, vehicle and equipment displays from World Wars I and II and the

Vietnam War; a fly-over by the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing of the U.S. Air Force (call 972-238-7111 for an

exact time); a 21-gun salute; live music and retired radio personality Alex Burton as master of ceremonies.

The guest speaker will be U.S. Air Force Colonel Ken Cordier (retired). Major General Keith Thurgood will offer a special dedication.

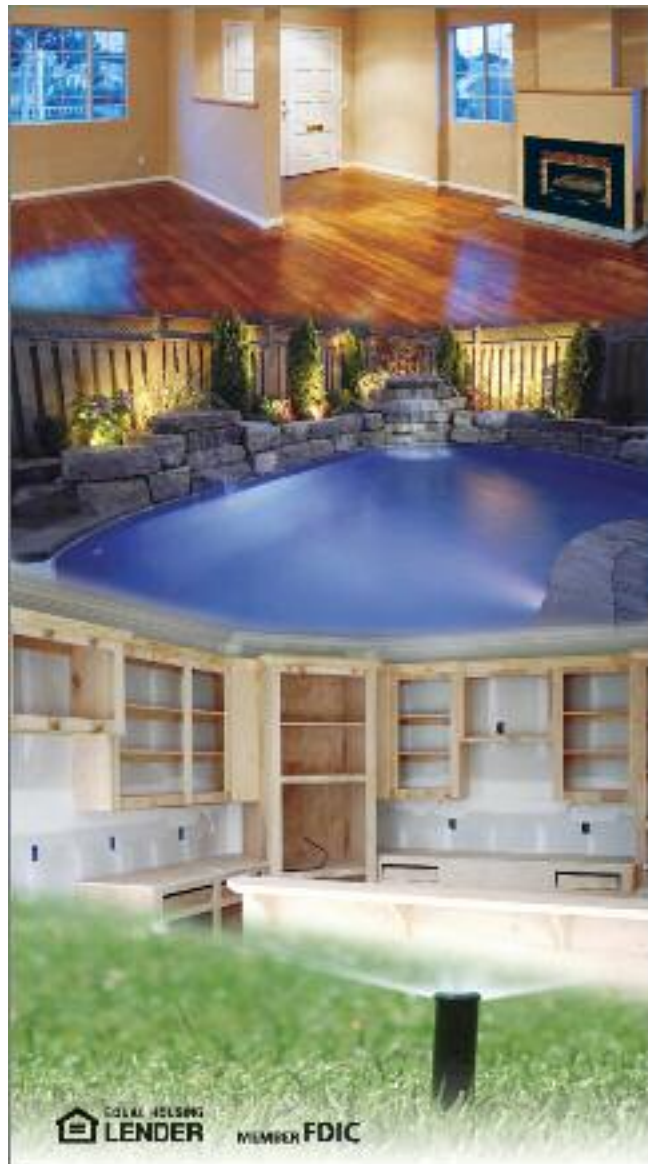
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Ongoing

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 meetup.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 at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.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 services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. 4th

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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).

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March 28 - October 25

The George Washington Carver: An Extraordinary Man With A Mighty Vision at The African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue, Historic Fair Park, Dallas, TX, 214 565-9026, \$5-Adults \$2-Children www.aamdallas.org

April 27 - May 24

Sarah, Plain and Tall at the Kalita Humphreys Theater, located at 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd., at Blackburn St. Performance times are Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; and select Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Single ticket prices begin at \$16 and are available by calling the box office at 214.522.8499 or by visiting www.dallas.theatercenter.org.

May 1 - 27

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters 25th Annual Summer Youth Arts Institute, 650 S.

Griffin St. Dallas 8 pm \$50 Institute Registration fee; \$1 Performance fee info@tbaal.org 214-743-2440

May 14-16

The 5 Browns DSO Pops Series - The first family of classical music brings their signature classical-meets-jazz style to the Meyerson. Single tickets range from \$22 to \$105 and can be purchased by calling 214.692.0203, www.DallasSymphony.com.

May 14

Job Fair at Westside Workforce Center, 6000 Western Place, Suite 700, Fort Worth, TX 76107 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

May 15-17

Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival in Richardson, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com for tickets and information.

May 15

Auctions for Police Impounded Vehicles are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the Garland City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce Street. All items will be sold for cash to the highest bidder without warranty or guarantees and are offered as is/where is. Call 972-205-2415 or the auctioneer's website at www.JoePippinAuctioneers.com.

Diversity Training 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. The cost is \$99.00 for Garland Chamber of Commerce members and \$119.00 for the non-members. The event will be held at Garland Chamber of Commerce located at 675 W. Walnut in Garland.

May 16

The City of Garland's Environmental Waste Services Department is hosting a free Compost Gardening Class on Saturdays April 25 and May 16, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at 1434 Commerce Street. Limited to 50 participants, drawings will be held for eight compost bins. To register, call 972-205-3500.

Community & Career Job Fest 10AM-2PM at Cornerstone Baptist Church NEW LOCATION 1819 Martin Luther King Blvd. Dallas, (214) 426-5468

Free Home Owner Tax Credit Seminar 11AM-2PM Builders of Hope CDC, 133 N. Stemmons Freeway, Ste 100, Sign up: www.buildersofhopehome.com or 214-920-9850

May 18-20

Scholastic Book Fair at the Richardson Civic Center 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Info: 972-744-4090, www.scholastic.com/

May 18

The Texas Democratic Women of Collin County Monthly Meeting Judge Keith Self of the Collin County Commissioners Court 6:45pm Collin College Preston Ridge - 9700 Wade Blvd, Frisco

North Texas Insurance Convention One-day seminar geared towards independent Insurance Agents or agents looking to become Independents. Admission \$65 for IIAD members; \$75 for non-members. Info: Tracey Evers or Jennifer Fitzsimmons at 214-360-0666, www.iiadallas.org

Garland Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. City Mayor, Tom Leppert scheduled speaker. \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers, lunch included.

May 21

The Women of Visionary Influence meet at the Chocolate Angel, 635 W. Campbell. Info: 214-642-5021.

May 23

Resume Writing Workshop, Fort Worth Library, 2-4 p.m.

The Latino Cultural Center presents Trio Los

Panchos, 5 p.m. Regarded as the best guitar trio of all time, enjoy their unequaled harmonies and captivating performance. Tickets Adults: \$30 Students, Seniors & Military: \$25, 214-671-0045.

May 25

69th Annual Memorial Day observance at Restland Memorial Park, Greenville Avenue and Restland Road beginning at 1 p.m.event. The guest speaker will be U.S. Air Force Colonel Ken Cordier (retired).

May 30

The Rowlett Fire Rescue's Safe Sitter Class for youth between 11 and 16 years of age. The class will instruct on how to feed, play with, and bathe an infant, infant CPR and other general safety tips. Cost of the class is \$30. Info: call Gloria Adams at 972/412-6230.

Job Interview Preparation Workshop, Fort Worth Library, 2-4 p.m.

May 31

Royale Ballet of Dallas "Phases of Motion" Hill Performance Hall at Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$8-\$30 www.royaleballet.com

June 10

Job Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sponsored by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce with Richland College and Texas Workforce Solutions Richardson Civic Center—50 employers participating.

June 13

Richardson Composting Seminar, 10 a.m.-noon at Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. Event is free, Ryan Delzell, 972-744-4404

June 18-21

N'COBRA 20th Annual Conference will convene at Mt. Tabor Family Life Center, 3700 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas. Info: www.ncobrahoo.com; rwashley@yahoo.com.

June 20

Juneteenth Celebration 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano

June 23

Goodwill Industries Hiring Fair, 4005 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 9 - 1 p.m.

July 28

Putting America Back to Work Job Fair, New Cowboy Stadium, 925 North Collins, Arlington, TX 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

August 5

Arlington Professional Diversity Career Fair, LaQuinta Inn, 825 N. Watson Road, Arlington, TX 76011, 10-2 p.m.

August 8

The Wiggles! Tour NOKIA Theatre 1:30 & 5:00 PM

September 5-6

2009 City of Bedford Labor Day Blues & BBQ Festival a feast for the senses. The two-day event returns with an entertaining lineup of local talent, blues legends Buddy Guy and The Fabulous Thunderbirds and a \$10,000 barbecue cook-off. Gates open at 2 p.m. each day.

September 15

Fort Worth Professional Diversity Career Fair, Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle (Speedway Club) Fort Worth, TX 10-2 p.m.

October 27

Jobing.com Career Expo - Will Rogers Coliseum, 3401 W. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, TX , 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Four Ls of Leadership Lead to 100 in 50 Campaign

Paul Quinn to Award Scholarships to First Hundred Students



Paul Quinn President Michael Sorrell.

BY LAKRISHIA ARMOUR

Times may be hard economically, but that isn't stopping Paul Quinn College from helping incoming freshman achieve the school's motto of "greatness one step at a time." As a part of its "100 in 50" campaign, the college is awarding \$2000 scholarships to the first 100 students with a 3.0 GPA or better who apply, have committed to attend Paul Quinn for the 2009 school year, and have completed the 2009-2010 FAFSA.

The recruiting blitz will last 50 days, as Paul Quinn actively recruits students who want to excel in leadership as a part of its Fall 2009 student body. As part of the campaign, the benefits of attending a small, liberal arts college will be highlighted.

New college President Michael Sorrell wants these scholarships to reach the more than 8,000 students graduating in Dallas area public schools who have the desire to attend college but want to stay close to home.

"We've decided that in these difficult economic times, families need more help, not less, in sending students to college," said Sorrell. "Paul Quinn College is a school that will always strive to do more for our students and their families and these scholarships are an example of this attitude."

As the 34th president of Paul Quinn, Sorrell wants to show the community the "new" Paul Quinn. This includes inventive ideas, embracing new media outlets, and forging a new path. His goal is to create a nationally renowned institution of higher education that produces graduates with enlightened minds and the capacity to lead in the community as well as the global marketplace.

"We do things our way because we're not concerned with how things were done in the past. Now is a great time to be a Quinnite," said Sorrell.

These scholarships and fresh perspective, intertwined with Paul Quinn College's Four Ls of Leadership, are an example of the innovative

spirit sweeping the campus.

Leaving Places—and People—Better Than You Found Them

Giving scholarships to the first 100 people recruited in a 50-day recruiting blitz may sound quirky but it's Paul Quinn's way of bettering its future students in the immediate community.

Because of the current economic climate, prospective students are looking at what colleges have to offer them, and considering only the best matches.

Cheryl Smith, an associate professor in the College of Communication, noted that potential future Quinnites are taking a longer and more in-depth look into the benefits of the campus.

"In these economic times, finances are an issue. Students are taking a closer look at schools offering incentives and \$2,000 is nothing to downplay," said Smith. "People are also working on campus to help [students] get to more opportunities that are out there. This scholarship is only the beginning if you do what you're supposed to do."

Finances are on the forefront of families' minds, especially when it comes to college and these scholarships, along with other academic awards, aim to aid students and ease the financial burden of college.

"People are in bad shape financially and we're doing our part to help. We want to show people the new Paul Quinn College," said Sorrell.

Leading From Where You Are

Showing the Dallas area and beyond the

"new" Paul Quinn College means making changes and welcoming new practices.

Some of President Sorrell's recent accomplishments at the campus have included revamping the admissions policy, establishing the Presidential Scholars Pro-

gram, adopting a school-wide business casual dress code and creating partnerships with Home Depot, Balfour Beatty and Habitat for Humanity.

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"We want someone who relishes extra attention and wants to be challenged to be a leader. We want students who will be

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—M. Sorrell

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Though there have been some changes on campus, one thing has not changed: students are not exempt from the expectation of high standards. The Paul Quinn student is a leader.

"The Paul Quinn student is...focused on good grades and learning the importance of service," said Smith. "They're being prepared for a leadership role on campus and in society."

Living a Life that Matters

Often, students who are actively recruited for major scholarships are not sought after for their academic excellence, but rather their athletic abili-

ty. The type of students the recruiting campaign is designed to attract are those students who want more than to attend class and take notes.

Smith adds that attending college at Paul Quinn is deeper than showing up ready to learn. "We say 'greatness one step at a time;' we're going to help you take those steps. Students will get more exposure and with that comes responsibility," she said.

Loving Something More Than You Love Yourself

Changes the college has made along with the financial assistance being offered to students who commit to Paul Quinn serve as an example of the college's dedication to its students. Though the scholarships may seem simple to obtain and readily available, the faculty

and staff expect more from its students.

"We will be getting students who want to excel; this is not an easy ride. There is an expectation when you say you are a Quinnite," said Smith. "People expect great things."

Selflessness and a desire to serve the community as a leader are the hallmarks of this institution. As Sorrell puts it: "We demand selflessness from our students." A commitment to education and the completion of a degree is a requirement for the school's student body.

Weaving the school's motto with academic scholarships and a desire to help worthy students blends with the Four Ls of Quinnite Leadership. The "100 in 50" recruiting campaign looks to be an indication of the future of Paul Quinn College.

"Great things are happening at Paul Quinn. These scholarships are a sign of things to come in Dallas," said Smith. "And we have a fearless leader who is trying to make opportunities for our students."

To open doors for students is a goal of the recruiting campaign. A goal of the president of the college along with attracting a higher caliber of student who wants to grow into a servant leader is simple.

"At the end of this," Sorrell said, "we will stand out nationally."



Ministry of Laughter

BY LAKRISHIA
ARMOUR

Vickie Carter started her career on a dare. And, 45 minutes later, she had her first standing ovation. But, instead of singing or dancing her way into the audience members' hearts, she made everyone in the room laugh. Hard.

Ms. Vickie—no last name needed—is a comedienne, and a good one. “I do [comedy] because I like the feeling of strangers finding laughter and finding you amusing,” she says. “I like having someone to laugh with and making the whole room come together on one accord.”

Starting her journey in comedy in 1992, Ms. Vickie has been all over the country, working in New York and L.A., and appearing on NBC and BET, but it wasn't always easy for her to fit in.

“Even when I was out there doing secular comedy, they said ‘Ms. Vickie, you don't fit in,’” she explains. “You know how on BET when they do the comedy snippets and highlights. They literally said to me ‘We don't have a place for you. You don't fit in.’”

In Christian comedy, however, she has found not only a place to call her own, but a ministry as well and has been performing clean and faith-based comedy since 2000. In her ministry, Ms. Vickie seeks to help her female audience find joy in life's tribulations, large and small.

“So many people are hurting and if they come to a comedy show, they can have a release. God is in control and I'm planting seeds that there's still joy in life,” she says. “I want to feed your spirit. It's funny, but there's

a message to plant in you a seed and if you take something with you, I did my job.”

Though Ms. Vickie focuses on finding joy in life's pains, at times she is still met with a stonewall from some churches who are skeptical of a Christian comedienne. To remedy this, she shows the audience that she is not the run-of-the-mill comic to get pastors and congregations to open up to her brand of ministry.

“When I go into churches, I have to break down those walls and show them that this is not your stereotypical Black comedy. I show them what I'm about and make sure my show is decent and in order.”

In addition to general congregations, Ms. Vickie feels her true ministry is focused on helping women find laughter through the

tears as she uses her real-life experiences as material for her jokes.

“I think women need women. I come in, and we have a ball,” she says. She tells of a show she did for 300 women who came together and laughed through her entire 30-minute set. “It's amazing, she says. “This is what God called me to do. What ever you're going through, you have to find joy in it.”

Some of Ms. Vickie's life experiences would be enough to break anyone down, but she now understands the reason for her tri-

als and how those events created the foundation for her to be able to relate to her audience.

“Now I know why I went through all that I went through. Now I know why I was homeless and a single mother; I was even kicked out of the homeless shelter! But, now I know why. Because in the end, God said, ‘You're going to get the glory from this,’” she says. Through her 16 years in comedy, Ms. Vickie seeks to enrich the lives of those who come to watch her break barriers with laughter. This is her career. This is her call-

ing.

“Comedy is my career. I can loose my job, but I'm not going to lose my career,” she said. “I work all day, then I go to work again and do His work.”

To see Ms. Vickie's work in action, she appears Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 8 p.m. as part of the Comedy Revival at the Courtyard Theater in Plano. Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com or by phone at (888) 666-8932. For more information and to book Ms. Vickie, log on to www.comedyforyoursoul.com.

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CALL FOR APPLICANTS: Wells Fargo Announces National Award Program for African American Business Owners

(BPRW) As part of its commitment to recognize the accomplishments of African American business owners nationwide, Wells Fargo and the National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) announce a call for applications for the third annual NBMBA/Wells Fargo Entrepreneur Excellence Award. Two entrepreneurs will be selected to win a commemorative award

and a \$5,000 cash grant.

Wells Fargo invites you to nominate an entrepreneur or business that demonstrates vision, leadership, innovation and perseverance, for a chance to be chosen as one of two businesses to receive the 2009 NBMBA/Wells Fargo Entrepreneur Excellence Award. Deadline to submit nominations is June 22, 2009.

Awards will be presented at the NBMBA 31st Annual National Conference September 22-26, 2009 in New Orleans.

For more information and to download an application, visit: www.wellsfargo.com/biz/aabs or www.nbmbaa.org (click Entrepreneurship).

How To Protect Your Kids From The Recession

Expert Touts Financial Literacy for the Whole Family

(NDG Wire) Whether you've been hit hard by the recession or not, kids and families may be reeling from the effects of the troubled times without a frame of reference for how tough it is out there.

Arun Abey, former investment strategist and author of the book *How Much is Enough*, from Greenleaf Book Group Press (www.howmuchis-enough.net), believes that parents don't just need to teach their kids about finances, but also about the relationship between money and quality of life.

"It's not easy to say that money isn't everything in a recession, but it isn't," Abey said. "It's so easy to fall into the trap of making sure your kids understand the importance of making a good living financially, but if we leave out the part about lasting fulfillment in their careers, we're short-changing them. It leads to the avaricious corporate behavior that has been rampant in recent years

where people pursue ever more money with no sense of meaning or perspective."

Still, Abey also believes we need to get our kids smart about finances early to help protect them now and in the future. To that end, he offers some basic tips for families who want to get themselves – and their kids – smart now about financial matters.

Don't Let Money Be Invisible – Working-class families during the Great Depression routinely set jars out in full view of the family marked "Rent," "Food," "Clothes," and so on, showing everyone where the money went. Today, money comes out of ATMs, and is spent via debit cards and credit cards – invisible to kids as to where it comes from and where it goes. Kids lack a frame of reference.

Give Kids Responsibility for Spending – One of the ways to get kids smart fast is to present a situation in which real con-

sequences exist, by placing them in charge of their discretionary spending.

If they receive an allowance, then parents should require their kids to map out the money they have coming and also where it goes.

Seeing it on paper or in a computer chart will give them a sense of reality about their money, and also build healthy financial habits they will cling to in later life.

Teach the Power of Investment – A typical method parents use to get kids interested in saving money is to help them set up a savings account. The part that is often left out regard the value of that investment. Parents should spell it out.

For example, a simple

investment of \$100 in a basic savings account can result in a balance of \$12,000 after 20 years. If they invest that same \$100 in a bond or a stock that returns merely 6 percent a year, that balance grows to \$42,000-plus.

For Love or Money? – Most affluent families try to direct their children toward high earning careers, such as medicine, high finance or business management.

Working class families stress education, and also try to drive their kids toward high-status career paths in an effort to help them get out of the pattern of hopelessness and disillusionment that characterizes many of their childhoods.

However, there is an alternative method, which

directs children toward career paths that stress their passions, what they love to do. This path stresses lasting fulfillment over financial rewards, even though, in many cases, people wind up with both by following this path.

Ask your kids what they are passionate about and what they are good at. The answers to those questions will lead to a happier life and a better quality of life than one centered on the pursuit of the almighty dollar.

"I can't think of a more important moment in America's history to teach these lessons," Abey said. "The current financial cri-

sis, caused equally by reckless bankers as well as uninformed consumers, underscores the need for this kind of education and understanding. It's critical not just for mom and dad, but for the whole family, if future generations have a hope of being spared the pitfalls that led to today's crisis."

Arun Abey has had a diverse career as an academic, an entrepreneur and is now a top executive of one of the world's largest firms. He is involved in a number of philanthropic activities and is the author of various international best sellers.

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Singer/Songwriter contest and stage.

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have to agitate, as Frederick Douglass taught us; and we still have to demand our equitable piece of this rock they call the Untied States of America.

As one of my readers wrote, "Now is the time to fight harder than ever; folks singing 'we are one' is no guarantee of equality and equity in U.S. society. A horse and jockey are 'as one,' unified in the goal to succeed and achieve, but certainly are not equals!"

Brother K, in Wichita, Kansas, has it absolutely correct. Now is the time to fight even harder. Why? Because opportunities are available to us now that did not exist prior to Obama's ascension to the throne. That is, if we read the tea leaves correctly.

My good friend, Bob Law, restaurateur in Brooklyn, New York and former national talk radio personality, expressed his exasperation at what seems to be the only reason Black folks wanted Obama to be President: "Black people just wanted to have a Black President. That's all. We had no other agenda than that."

So I ask, "What is our collective agenda now that we have a Black man in the highest office in the land?" Why aren't we beating down the door of the White House demanding some reciprocity for our enthusiastic support of Obama's candidacy and ultimate victory? Every-one else is.

Seems to me we are so enthralled with the symbolism of it all that we have forgotten what politics is really all about: Self interest, in case you need to be reminded. The parties and celebrations were nice, but now it's time for serious work.

If we allow these four years to pass without achieving a higher level of collective economic advancement for Black people, we are simply foolish, and we will deserve what we get.

So don't sit back and think that things will change simply because Obama is in

office. Don't think he is going to personally take care of your needs.

Obama ain't cha mama; he is the president of a country that is still run, by and large, by white men who have, by their past resistance to change, proven time and again that Black folks will have to fight for everything we get in this country. I think it was Douglass who also said, "We may not get everything we fight for, but we will certainly have to fight for everything we get."

As individuals, we must understand and act upon the fact that things are still about the same for most of us; each of us still has to work for what we want and need.

Collectively, we must form a broad-based coalition and submit a national Black agenda that addresses our needs and desires for this government of ours.

Do you think we can do that without some of us caving in, breaking ranks, and

selling out? Do you think we can do that without worrying about who will be the HNIC? I think we can, at least those of us who are conscious and dedicated to the uplift of our people and a secure future for our children.

Please don't fall for the okey-doke again, brothers and sisters. Be more than just happy to have a Black man in the White House. The results of our happiness and euphoria should be something tangible to which we can point and share with our children. Brother Obama's children are fairly secure right now; their father and mother are millionaires twice over. They should be just fine. They are "in the house," as we like to say. The question is: "Where are Black people in general?"

Finally, let's go back to the post-racial society charade that some are promoting as a result of Obama's election. An excellent exam-

ple of how some of us are thinking now is the national pledge campaign that was started after the election. If you have seen the commercial, replete with celebrities, movie stars, athletes, and entertainers, you may have noticed what each of them pledged. (See www.myspace.com/presidentialpledge)

Of all the pledges, the one that struck me as strange and out of sync with the others was that of Michael Strahan, former New York Giant football player.

He said, "I pledge to consider myself an Am-erican, not an African-American."

No other person of any of the various ethnic groups featured in the video said they would give up his or her identity; the Black man was the only one who volunteered to do that. Go figure.

As I said, Obama ain't cha mama. Don't sit back and think you will be clothed, fed, employed, edu-

cated, sheltered, and included, simply because a Black man sits at the top of the political food chain. Get real and get to work, before we

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The event will be held 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2009. Free lunch and materials provided. The Heights Baptist Church, 201 W. Renner Rd. at US-75, in Richardson.

Pre-registration is recommended due to limited seating. To register, send an email with name, phone and email address to: jobseekers@theheights.org, or call Liz at 972.231.6047 x218. More info at www.theheights.org.

Unemployed Texans Granted Additional UI Benefits Extension

(NDG Wire) The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced up to 13 additional weeks of federally funded Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits are available to unemployed Texans.

A provision in the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act provides up to 13 weeks of additional benefits, referred to as Tier II, for Texans who meet eligibility requirements. Because the extended benefits are entirely federally funded, employers will not be charged for any claims paid on this extension to eligible claimants.

Currently, approximately 58,000 Texans have exhausted all previous UI benefits and may be eligible for Tier II extended benefits. TWC mailed letters to these claimants telling them how to apply for this extension.

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Two columns ago, I asked, "Who Is Your Enemy?" Once you recognize whom your enemy is then you must know what protection (armor) you will need to win the battles in your life.

The Bible tells us that when David, a young shepherd boy, heard about the challenge from the Philistines to send someone to fight Goliath, their main warrior, who was a giant (over 9 feet tall.) No one in King Saul's army volunteered to fight Goliath, except David, they were afraid, but not David.

Knowing his shield and protector (God), David boldly said, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" He further said that the Lord that delivered Israel in the past would deliver him out of the hands of Goliath. King Saul said to David, "Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." 1 Samuel 17:33. However,

Know Your Protective Covering

King Saul reluctantly (he didn't have the faith of David) agreed to let him fight Goliath and offered young David his best

1 Samuel 17:39.

God equips each of us in such a way that is unique to our strengths and abilities. David knew

know who we are and who's we are. Have you ever tried to accomplish a task with tools you were not trained to use? God allows each of us to develop skills that are unique to our life. He will not call us to use someone else's tools.

Moreover, you must depend on God for guidance. Talent alone is not enough to get the job done. Your talents must be mixed with your faith in God. It is only when you mix your talent and your faith in God that God's power is released and manifested in the physical realm.

There are times that we admire the talents of others and seek to emulate (copy) them. The temptation arises to be someone we are not. This is wrong. Let God live His life through the unique you. Mix your unique gifts with your faith in God. You will probably be surprised at the power of God that will be manifested.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
2 Corinthians 10:3 & 4.

armor to use.

When David looked at King Saul's armor, he wasn't excited about wearing the cumbersome looking gear. He put on the massive and weighty gear, but David quickly determined that he could not fight in the heavy armor of King Saul, "And David girded (put on) his sword upon his armor, and he assayed (tried) to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him."

who he was and who he wasn't. He was trained as a shepherd to use another weapon. For David, it was a slingshot. He realized that he could not be effective with King Saul's armor because he wasn't use to his armor.

As Christians we have to know what gifts and talents that God has given to us. We also have to



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"The Church with a Vision"

Garland's Healthy Living Expo Rescheduled

(NDG Wire) Garland's Healthy Living Expo 2009 has been rescheduled. The new date will be Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the GISD Special Events Center with the theme "Healthy You, Healthy Earth: Rx for a Better World." Mark your calendars and make plans to have fun and learn at the same time.

The City of Garland, Garland ISD, Baylor Medical Center at Garland and the Garland Chamber of Commerce have organized this special opportunity 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. The Expo will offer exhibitor booths, free services, demonstrations and entertainment, all focused on helping citizens make positive changes to their daily lives.

The first 1,000 attendees will receive a microfiber, reusable shopping bag containing a variety of goodies and information. Radio Disney will rock the Expo with music, prizes and "eco-friendly" competitions for kids and parents.

"Healthy You" will provide health screenings and immunizations, plus information on prevention serv-

ices, stress reduction methods, fitness activities, and much more. Five hundred free cholesterol screenings will be available, on a first come first served basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Immunizations will be administered by the Garland Health Department from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. only, at reduced fees for children and adults. Visit online at www.garlandgoesgreen.org for proof of residency requirements and other qualifications.

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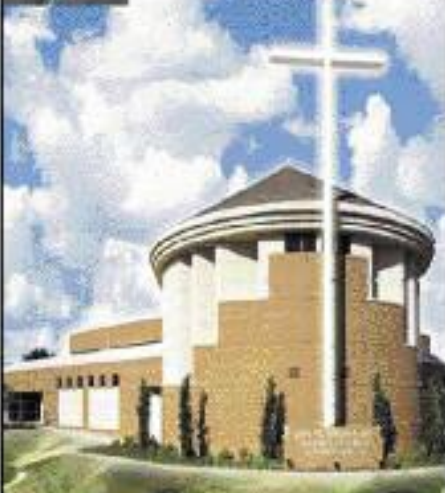


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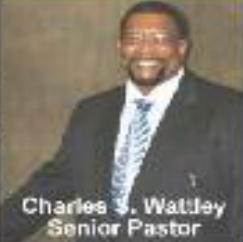
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