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Faculty of Color Look for Insights in Change



MMCA President Gwendolyn M. Combs (2nd from R) registers as UTD Prof. David L. Ford Jr. (2nd from L) observes.

(NDG Wire) Supercharged by the potential of the new administration in Washington, yet subdued by the angst of the current economy, minority business academics recently met at The University of Texas at Dallas for a professional conference to consider their roles in this shifting landscape.

scape.

About 40 members and guests of the Management Faculty of Color Association, a nonprofit that promotes and supports professional development of African-American, Hispanic-American and Native

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Is the Drinking Water in McKinney Safe?



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Summer Revival 2009



Dr. Ralph Douglas West

BY SHIRLEY DEMUS
TARPLEY

It's revival time at Pilgrim Rest; tonight at 7 pm is the last night for the first series of our Annual Spring Revival.

Wednesday night was a Holy Spirit-filled night with our special guest, Dr. Ralph Douglas West of the Church Without

Walls (Brookhollow Baptist Church) in Houston, TX.

Pastor West holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Samford University's Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, AL; a Master of Divinity Degree with Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theo-

logical Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas; and a Bachelor's Degree in Religion and Philosophy from Bishop College in Dallas, TX.

Dr. West's philosophy of ministry includes a belief that the church and the academy are mutually

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Five Steps to Financial Literacy

BY U. S. REP. EDDIE
BERNICE JOHNSON
NNPA GUEST
COMMENTARY

A recent survey prepared for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), reported roughly seven percent of the adult population, or about 16 million people, reported that they did not know how much they spend on food, housing, and entertainment.

Twenty-six percent, or 58 million people, admitted to not paying all of their bills on time.

Furthermore, about 13 million adults, or 6 percent of the population reported that their households carry credit card debt of \$10,000 or more from month to month.

While the need to be financially literate and knowledgeable about financial matters is important, it is particularly imperative to be so during a recession. Financial mistakes – even small ones – can cost staggering amounts of money over

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High court rules narrowly in voting rights case

Clarence Thomas Believes Blacks No Longer Need Special Protection

(AP) The Voting Rights Act, the government's chief weapon against racial discrimination at polling places since the 1960s, survived a Supreme Court challenge Monday in a ruling that nevertheless warned of serious constitu-



Clarence Thomas

tional questions posed by part of the law.

Major civil rights groups and other defenders of the landmark law breathed a sigh of relief when the court ruled narrowly in favor of a small Texas governing authority

while sidestepping the larger constitutional issue.

After argument in late April, it appeared the court's conservatives could have a majority to strike down part of the law as unnecessary in an era

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Roland V. Tyler

Roland V. Tyler was born in Minneola, New York. As a teenager, both Tyler and Andre came under the loving care of Aunt Rosa Witsell in Lakeview, New York. Aunt Rosa Witsell raised not only Tyler and Andre, but also her three sons - Gerod, Mark and Chad. Tyler fondly calls them all his brothers. Tyler attended North Carolina Central University, and later transferred to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), in Princess Anne, Maryland. It was at UMES where Tyler received his

Bachelor of Studies in General Studies.

When Tyler thought that he had successfully completed all of the requirements for graduation, he was faced with yet another storm that tried to blow him off course. Graduation would not happen unless he fulfilled just one more course.

Dr. Diane Showell, his advisor, asked him to write a five page essay on his life. Tyler returned with a 76 page essay entitled, *Strength Within, Surviving by the Grace of God*. His essay

received an A, and it also caught the attention of the then school President William P. Hychte, who encouraged many advisors and faculty members to read the story. President Hychte and Dr. Showell advised Tyler to publish the story.

In 1997, Tyler along with a Christian subsidy publisher set out to publish *Strength Within, Surviving By The Grace of God*. Due to monies being misappropriated, the venture failed. Tyler did not give up but instead he improvised by going to Staples where he made copies of the manuscript and then had them

bound.

While working as a manager at Wards' Dept. Store in Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, in Iverson Mall, he sold 300 copies of the story. Publishers and literary agents were sought, but nobody took an interest, so Tyler decided that the story served its purpose by allowing him to receive his college degree. From there, the original manuscript and all copies were destroyed.

Tyler may have thought that it was over, but God said, "My son, it has just begun."

Mr. Stewart Newton, a friend and supervisor to

Tyler at Comcast Telephone, encouraged him to publish the story. Unfortunately, all copies had been destroyed, there were no copies available. Fortunately, Tyler ran into an old friend who six years later still had a copy. Tyler was puzzled why he still had a copy of the story. He told him that his testimony has helped him through many tragedies and also helped him to cope with a lot of demons that he had to deal with. This is a story that has to be treasured.

Tyler fueled by faith, went ahead and self published his story in April of 2006, and in nine days 200



copies were sold.

The acceptance of his true life story has been phenomenal, but it does not stop there.

Visit rolandvtyler.com to read powerful excerpt from *Strength Within: Surviving by the Grace of God*.

Kimberly Anyadike

In tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, fifteen-year-old Kimberly Anyadike (on-ya-DEE-kay) will make history by piloting a single-engine red-tail airplane from Compton, CA to Newport News, VA and back to Compton. Departing on June 29th with an estimated arrival date in Newport News of July 4th, Anyadike will be accompanied by safety pilot Ronell Norman, as well as Tuskegee Airman

Levi Thornhill after whom the airplane was named.

The 10-day trip is sponsored by Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum (TAM) which provides scholarships and after-school programs for young aspiring pilots and at-risk youth. Kimberly has been a part of the program and has been flying since she was 12.

Founder Robin Petgrave says "We are proud that our program has enabled five



kids to set 10 world records so far."

Kimberly's older sister, Kelly, set a world record in 2008 by being the youngest

African-American female to solo in four different fixed-wing aircraft on the same day which was her 16th birthday. Both girls were inspired to their accomplishments by the Tuskegee Airmen, the African American pilots who flew with distinction during World War II as the 332nd Fighter Group of the US Army Air Corps.

The trip will have several stops to allow other Tuskegee Airmen across the country to autograph the airplane so that their spirit will always fly with the students.

One important stop will be in Washington, DC on July 7th, where Anyadike and Thornhill will be joined by Petgrave, and Emmy award-winning actor Lou Gosset Jr. and reality TV's Omarossa and others. The group plans to personally thank California Senator Dianne Feinstein and the First Family for their help and support in obtaining the Federal funding package for TAM that was recently approved by President Barack Obama.

Besides being named

after Thornhill, the red-tail Anyadike will fly is autographed by him and a permanent placard is mounted in the cockpit to remind the students that when they fly, the Tuskegee Airmen fly with them. Through TAM's flight program, Petgrave stresses the importance of history, heritage and legacy by educating children about the Airmen. Each of TAM's airfleet is named after, dedicated to and autographed by different living Tuskegee Airmen who often visit the TAM center.

Francis Ray

Francis Ray is a native Texan and lives in Dallas. A graduate of Texas Woman's University, she is a School Nurse Practitioner with the Dallas Independent School District. In 1999 and 2000 she was nominated for Texas Woman's University Distinguished Alumni Award.

Ms. Ray's titles consistently make bestseller's lists such as *Blackboard and Essence Magazine*.

Incognito, her sixth title, was the first made-for-TV movie for BET. She has written thirty-one titles to date. Awards include Romantic Times Career

Achievement, EMMA, The Golden Pen, and The Atlantic Choice.

The Turning Point, her first mainstream, was a finalist for the prestigious HOLT Medallion Award. At the release event for *The Turning Point* in May 2001, Ray established The Turning Point Legal Fund to assist women of domestic violence to help restructure their lives.

Now in stores is Ray's newest title, *And Mistress Makes Three*, the fifth release in her Invincible Women Series.

The story features Gina Rawlins who is dealing with a cheating husband, a messy divorce, two unhappy children, and a floundering travel business when the very handsome new owner of

the local B&B, Max Chaneau, enters her life.

Not only does he make her heart pound, but it soon becomes clear that they need each other. Max needs to turn the B&B around and the first thing it needs is a woman's touch. He offers to redesign her website for a bit of interior design help.

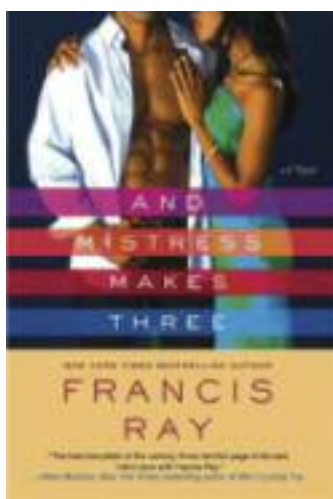
As they work closely together, Gina realizes that her ex-husband wasn't her only chance at love. However, when her ex (and all his baggage) abruptly reenters the picture, Gina's love life is turned upside down, as her daughter and son are ecstatic to have their father home again.

However Gina is left wondering what she should do? Be with the man she loves or take back the father of her children for the sake of her family?

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ing answer to these questions pick up your copy of

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Taking Charge of Our Environmental Actions

BY KAREN Y. ELLIS

More than 40 years ago, soul singer Sam Cooke recorded "A Change is Gonna Come." An anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the sixties, it has gained popularity among a new generation. Today, the first African-American president in U.S. history is bringing that song into the present tense.

Change is here, including the way we all look at our responsibilities to our shared environment when its resources are threatened. In the words of President Barack Obama, "...this moment of peril must be turned into one of progress."

A report by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicates the largest contribution to climate change the average person makes comes from the amount of fuel we burn in our cars, electricity we use at home and work, and the amount of waste we generate.

I lead a team that has helped FedEx Express make environmental choices, such as installing solar power on a major hub facility in California and buying hybrid delivery vans. In my day-to-day life, I make similar choices on a personal scale; choices we can all make. Together, we can lessen the global environmental impact of our lifestyle choices and leave a greener planet to our grandchildren.

Let's look at air quality and waste at home. Indoor air quality can be improved with small changes. For example, my grandmother used baking soda, vinegar and hot water to remove grease from her kitchen appliances. This "green" mixture still cleans and deodorizes well today and is one option to reduce the amount of chemicals released in your home. Controlling the level of chemical exposure for your family and properly disposing of leftover hazardous products like paints, motor oil and pesticides is essen-

tial.

Check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website for more information on options – <http://www.epa.gov/epa/epa/waste/conserve/materials/hh.w.htm>.

Also, by eliminating or recycling more food and household waste, we lower emissions of greenhouse gases (gases that trap the sun's heat in the Earth's atmosphere) from landfills. Methane, produced in high levels at landfills, is a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than the carbon dioxide in car and truck exhaust that receives so much media attention.

To reduce wastes destined for landfills, consider changing habits at home, like actually eating those leftovers from holiday and Sunday family meals, sticking to your grocery list instead of adding impulse purchases.

Saving energy is key to reducing our families' impact on the environment, especially in areas where most electricity is generated from fossil fuels.

Take simple steps, such as changing traditional light bulbs in our home, business or church to energy-efficient models. According to the EPA, if every American home replaced just one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light, we would save enough energy to light more than three million homes for a year. Of course, we can save even more energy and money by simply opening the blinds and using sunlight instead of turning on lights at all during the day.

Note that new clean-burning technologies are on the way for power plants, but in the interim, consider an extra layer of clothes at home when it's cold instead of turning up the heat. Even better, keep out more of the winter cold (and summer heat as well) by taking advantage of the energy efficiency plan President Obama has championed, offering tax credits to keep

that expensive energy you buy from leaking out of your home. You can save from 10 to 25 percent of your home energy bill and help the environment. Check the IRS website for details on the tax credit.

We should also unplug electrical appliances like toasters, cell phone chargers and the TV in the guest bedroom when not in use. They still draw electricity when plugged in. When considering the purchase of any appliance or electronics, check the energy efficiency



Karen Y Ellis

ratings, as more efficiency means significant savings for you over its lifetime.

Fuel economy should be among the top criteria for your next vehicle purchase. Check out fuelconomy.gov to see which cars get the best mileage ratings before deciding. At FedEx, we're continuing to invest in more fuel-efficient planes and trucks, even though the price of fuel has dropped a lot from last year's highs. We know it won't take much to shoot that price back up again.

FedEx takes environmental responsibility very seriously, and we know the efficient way to reduce our "environmental footprint" is to burn less fuel, because fuel consumption has a direct relationship to greenhouse gas emissions. And whatever vehicle you drive, you can reduce pollution and save fuel by following the tips of the pros behind the wheels of our trucks: avoid hard stops, quick acceleration and extensive idling.

Even extra weight burns more gas so unload unnecessary items in the trunk and backseat. Also, regular vehicle maintenance helps improve fuel efficiency and reduces emissions.

Our choices are even more important in urban communities that are often disproportionately affected by air pollution. For example, there is more car and bus traffic in cities and near our schools. That's one of the reasons why FedEx founder Fred Smith is a leading proponent of electrifying urban transportation as quickly as possible, removing those emissions from the air we breathe. Also, many residents live in proximity to power plants and local landfills. It is therefore important that we take personal action on environmental issues that adversely affect the quality of health in our neighborhoods.

In the African-American tradition of inventors and entrepreneurs, there's plenty of room for technology innovation and green job creation. Moreover, we need more experts like Lewis Howard Latimer or Granville T. Woods to create technologies that improve our quality of life. These "green" career paths aren't just for scientists and engineers, either. People of color looking to make a difference can also engage themselves in local, state or national public decision-making processes to affect sensible change on environmental matters affecting our communities.

There are many options from which to choose in participating in this climate of change. A friend of mine once remarked, "Our ancestors helped build this country. So we must also build it up, not tear it down, in order to pay homage to our ancestors and provide for our children and future generations." I agree. What about you?

Karen Y. Ellis, Director of Corporate and International Environmental Programs at FedEx Express

Car Safety for Kids Requires Care, Attention to Detail

TEXAS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Successful parenting has a lot to do with trusting one's instincts and intuitively knowing what to do or say in a given situation. But when it comes to ensuring your kids' safety as car passengers, instinct can easily lead you astray.

For example, many parents don't realize that air bags, one of the greatest safety breakthroughs in automotive history, can be life-threatening for children. Or that it's wise to keep children in rear-facing child seats as long as they comfortably fit.

Although most car seats might look simple enough to install without reading the instructions, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says about 75 percent of all child safety seats are

installed or used wrong. The most common mistakes, the administration says, are:

- Safety belts unlocked or not holding the seat tightly enough
- Harness straps too loose or routed incorrectly
- Harness retainers or locking clips used incorrectly
- Children graduated to forward-facing seats too soon

"Traffic crashes are a child's number one health risk," said Johnny Humphreys, manager of the Texas Department of State Health Services' Safe Riders program."

In addition to advising kids' caregivers on proper use of safety seats, Safe Riders also supplies life-saving advice on installing, using and maintaining child seats and other car

safety equipment. Some of the basic principles they stress are:

Keep children in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. This should be done at least until at least age 1 and 20 pounds.

When children outgrow their rear-facing seats, they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat.

After kids outgrow their forward-facing seats, they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until vehicle seat belts fit properly with the lap belt low across the hips and the shoulder belt fitting across the chest (around age 8 or when children are about 4'9" tall).

When children outgrow their booster seats, they can use the vehicle seat belts in the back seat if they fit properly.

Sound Medical Reasoning

Experts say many parents' natural tendency is to rush the process of switching young children to forward-facing seats.

However, when a child is facing forward in a frontal crash, their body may be restrained, but not the head and neck. This can cause the head to thrust forward on impact, stretching the child's soft spinal cord and possibly causing spinal damage, paralysis or even death.

A rear-facing child restraint protects against these injuries by supporting the head, neck and torso.

Safe Riders also strongly recommends booster

seats as a transitional step between child safety seats and vehicle seat belts. A study by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia determined that kids in booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be hurt in a vehicle crash than children restrained by seat belts alone.

Safe Riders' Frank Luera advises that children less than 4 feet 9 inches tall should ride in booster seats. To work properly, the seats' belts should be placed low on the child's hips with shoulder belts across the center of the chest and knees at the edge of the booster seat.

Kids under age 13 should always ride in the back seat, a safety step that reduces risk of crash-related death by 36 percent. Pickup truck owners should consult their vehicle

owner's manual for information about safety for child passengers.

If you don't have a child safety seat, or just want more information on safety for young passengers, Safe Riders can help. The program works with community partners to distribute safety seats and information all across Texas. A low-income family can receive a child seat by attending a one-hour class regarding child passenger safety.

For referral to a local program, call Safe Riders at 800-252-8255 or visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferriders.

A listing of car seat inspection stations in Texas and the nation can be found at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's www.seatcheck.org site.

AARP Launches Money-Saving Prescription Drug Resource

(NDG Wire) By the end of this summer, more than one million older Americans will have fallen into the "doughnut hole"-a coverage gap in Medicare's prescription drug program that leaves individuals on the hook for all of their own drug costs while still paying premiums. AARP is launching a new online resource to help older Americans avoid this dreaded coverage gap.

The AARP Doughnut Hole Calculator, available at www.aarp.org/doughnut hole, guides visitors through their prescription drug options using localized information about

their plans and prescriptions to determine if or when they will fall into the coverage gap. In about 15 minutes, visitors can view a graph of their out-of-pocket spending by month, look up lower cost drugs for their conditions, create a Personal Medication Record and print out personalized letters to their doctors to help start a conversation about safely switching prescriptions.

"Twenty-eight percent of Texans in Medicare fall into the gap each year, and millions more nervously wonder if they might fall in," said Tim Simmons, AARP Texas Manager of

State Operations. "For the first time, people in Medicare have a simple way to learn if they'll fall into the doughnut hole and find ways to avoid it by switching to safe, less expensive medications."

As a part of its Health Action Now campaign, AARP is calling on Congress to close the doughnut hole and lower prescription drug prices so that no one has to go without the prescriptions they need to stay healthy. This week AARP joined President Barack Obama to endorse an agreement by Senate leaders and the pharmaceutical industry

that would reduce brand name drug costs for most people who fall into the doughnut hole by half. Research has shown people cut back on their prescription drugs when their costs become unaffordable, which can lead to more serious health conditions and larger health care bills.

Simmons added: "Saving money on prescription drugs is going to mean pressing hard in Washington to close the doughnut hole; yesterday we were proud to help announce significant progress toward that goal. In the meantime, we also want to give Americans the tools

they need to cut their drug costs and stay out of the gap in the first place. We encourage every person in Medicare to take a few minutes to find the right drugs at the lowest prices."

The calculator is powered by DestinationRx as part of a special arrangement between AARP and

Medicare. The data is the same used by the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder, giving users the most accurate and up-to-date drug pricing information available.

For details on AARP's health reform priorities, visit www.aarp.org/governmentwatch.

Cobb Switch Barbeque Celebrates Its Official Grand Opening

(NDG Wire) One of Dallas' most legendary rest-aurant families has joined forces with their foodie friends to launch a new barbeque restaurant in Carrollton, Texas. Phil and Janet Cobb have partnered up with their son, Blair Black, BBQ expert Chris Andrews, and culinary aficionado, Dotty

Griffith, to open Cobb Switch Barbeque.

To celebrate the official grand opening, guests are invited to the restaurant for Cobb Switch Texas Day on Saturday, June 27. Diners will enjoy live entertainment and specials including \$1 fried pies and \$1 BBQ sliders. Adults 21 years and up can enjoy \$1 draft beers

and \$1 frozen margaritas.

Cobb Switch Barbeque has aligned with the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) to take donations for the nonprofit hunger relief organization. The NTFB distributes foods through a network of feeding programs in 13 North Texas counties and supports the nutritional needs of chil-

dren, families and seniors through education, advocacy and strategic partnerships.

Cobb Switch Barbecue is located at 2625 Old Denton Road, Suite 700 (Northwest corner of President George Bush Highway) in Carrollton, TX. Call 214-483-3600 for directions and more info.



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(NDG Wire) Do you need help filling out a job application or writing a letter or resume? Do you want tips on writing essays or advice on how to get started writing your book? Do you need someone to help you

write a press release or pen that special eulogy or memorial for a loved one?

Bring your notes and your working drafts to the Walk-In Writing Clinic where a team of professional journalists, writers and educators will assist you with your writing needs.

The one-day clinic will be held on Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Branch library, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas.

ManeLock Communications and the Friends of the Martin Luther King Jr. Branch library is sponsoring the clinic to benefit the library literacy program.

The cost to participate in the clinic is only \$2 per 20-minute session.

Experienced writers, editors and specialists in language arts who want to donate a few hours of their time and expertise, contact info@manelockcommunications.com

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American business management scholars, met June 4-6 at the UT Dallas School of Management to review their purpose as teachers, intellectuals and community leaders.

Participants who attended the association's sixth annual conference also explored how to increase their visibility and viability in a society in transition.

"We saw in President [Barack] Obama's campaign, through his outreach, that he is trying to have a different paradigm," Dr. David L. Ford Jr., a School of Management professor who was a local co-chairman for the conference, said.

MFCA members "feel similar," Ford added. "We want to try and also be about change."

To that end, the conference theme, "Imprinting a New Legacy: Our Role in an Era of Change, Uncertainty and Hope" focused speakers on new issues academics are confronting, approaches they want to take in addressing challenges and outcomes they hope to achieve.

In welcoming remarks, School of Management Dean Hasan Pirkul encouraged Ph.D. students among the guests to consider UT Dallas as both an education and an employment resource.

Following that welcome, Dr. Magaly Spector, vice president of diversity and community engagement at UT Dallas, greeted conferees with an update on a new campus-wide mentoring program. Enrolling junior faculty members, the program aims to improve retention of minority and women teachers by offering them a system of support to help them achieve tenure and promotions.

Spector described the mentoring initiative as different from "the traditional setup" in that junior faculty can turn to mentors both within and outside the university. Mentors from the community "have brought a lot of good collaboration from outside UT Dallas," Spector said.

"When I talked to the [MFCA] group," she said

later, "they were very excited to see we've been very active in developing faculty of color."

In subsequent conference sessions, participants brainstormed on how the association should evolve, shared information on spinning off campus-centered entrepreneurial activities, presented research in progress and got advice from a panel of Dallas-area executives on how to keep business education relevant.

Reviewing the current economic climate, the executives considered ways management professors could partner with the business community to address concerns of specific companies and industries. The executives also discussed their own business training and how well it had served them, made recommendations to make business curriculums more effective immediately and offered suggestions on what business schools should be doing differently to produce stronger leaders and managers.

Panelists were Reena

Batra, founder and CEO of Software Professionals, Inc.; Albert C. Black Jr., CEO of On-Target Supplies & Logistics, Ltd.; Olden C. Lee, principle of Lee Management Consulting Company and a former PepsiCo executive; and Ben P. Muro, vice president of human resources for Acme Brick Company and chairman of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board. Cynthia Cruz, a communications consultant and former vice president for a local telecommunications company, moderated the business panel.

Business curriculum relevancy and sustainability also will be on the professional development workshop agenda at the Academy of Management's annual meeting in August in Chicago, Ford pointed out.

He said the MFCA conference made a good precursor to that meeting, particularly for junior faculty. MFCA's more informal setting "really serves people well," he said, in that

those presenting research benefited from having both more time than will be allowed in Chicago to showcase their work and longer post-presentation question-and-answer sessions.

Several members realized as the conference progressed that they had similar research interests, Ford said, and therefore could

d collaborate on future projects. Members also recognized, he said, "that we should cite each other's work as we do our own," and that potential future collaborations with one or more of the business panelists might be possible as well

For more information on MFCA, visit www.mgtfacultyofcolor.org

Playing with Fashion: New Phenominoes Pendants Feature Blind Artists Phenomenal Artwork on Real Dominoes

The Art of Possibility® Studios, the only art brand exclusively representing physically disabled artists for-profit launched Phenominoes®, the wildly popular line of pendants featuring extraordinary works of art on real dominoes. In addition to adding a unique twist to any ensemble, this meaningful fashion acces-

sory also helps support disabled artists in their quest to become financially self-sufficient and not depend on charity and disability benefits.

Each pendant in Phenominoes new 27-piece Art of Possibility Studios collection is accompanied by color-coordinated ribbon necklace and a special clasp

making the pendants interchangeable from one necklace to another. All available designs may be viewed at www.aopstudios.com/store_necklaces.php.

Phenominoes Art of Possibility Studios collection currently retails for \$26.95 U.S. online at <http://aopstudios.com/store.php> and offline at select

boutiques nationwide.



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McKinney ISD Offers Free Meals to Students Over the Summer

Seamless Summer Meals Helping McKinney Kids Stay Healthy

(NDG Wire) Caldwell Elementary School will be dishing out nutritious breakfasts and lunches this summer to kids under the age of 18.

McKinney ISD's food service provider Aramark is participating in Seamless Summer Meals, a federally funded program designed to provide healthy meals for students over the summer. Marketing Manager for McKinney ISD School Nutrition and Aramark Education said getting the free meals is really quite simple.

"Anyone who would

like to come get a free breakfast and lunch is welcome," Ballard said. "The only parameters are that the child must be under 18 to receive a free meal and they have to check in with the office."

This is not the first year McKinney ISD has participated in the summer feeding program. It is, however, the first year the meals have only been available at one campus. Ballard said Caldwell Elementary was chosen because of its location in relation to the need in the community.

Since regular summer

school classes are in session, the meals at Caldwell are served and monitored as normal only they are open to the public.

Meals offered over the summer are consistent with meals offered during the year. Breakfast menu items range from sausage, biscuits, cereal, fruit, waffles, and pancakes and items on the lunch menu include chicken spaghetti, tomato soup, fruits, rolls, pizza, tacos, and much, much more. All menus are posted online at www.mckinneyisd.net/departments/foodservices/menus.

Ballard said the meals Aramark provides to MISD students are all well-balanced healthy meals. She said most students don't eat breakfast and only 2% are eating breakfasts that contain three or more food groups.

All Aramark menus meet and exceed guidelines set by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Participating in the summer meals program is a way for students to get the fruits and vegetables that are part of a healthy lifestyle, Ballard said.



Community leaders Nina Vaca and Clarice Tinsley are honored for their contributions to Dallas children at the 16th Annual Dallas Can! Lifetime Achievement Awards Luncheon.

Pictured from left: Honorary Chair Gwyneith Black; Nina Vaca; Luncheon Chair Ira Terrell; Clarice Tinsley and Jenny Lewis, Vice President of Kimberly-Clark Foundation, Title Sponsor.

Eastfield College Opens New Campus

(NDG Wire) A new campus is just around the corner!! Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus is now open at 802 S. Buckner Boulevard in Dallas will open its doors on July 6. A grand opening celebration is scheduled for Monday, August 3 from 2 – 5 p.m.

The Pleasant Grove Campus will be an integral part of the mission of Eastfield College-- to provide educational opportunities through high-quality instruction, services and programs in an environment conducive to student success in academic, technical, occupational and continuing education. Our purpose is to develop responsible citizenship, to value diversity and cultural enrichment, and to be accountable and adaptable.

The Pleasant Grove Campus is a student-centered, learning community adding value to the lives of students and community residents.

Eastfield College's new 45,000 sq. ft. facility will provide educational opportunities for area residents. The Pleasant Grove Campus

will feature a state-of-the-art computer lab, student-centered Learning Studios, electronic library and a community room with kitchen.

"The Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus represents access to higher education where it hasn't been before — in the neighbor-

Campus will assist residents with obtaining skills and training needed to be successful and to provide a better living for themselves and their families.

"It is very reassuring to see Eastfield College once again lead the way in providing very necessary higher



hood, close to home." Dr. Wright Lassiter, DCCCD's chancellor

Eastfield College's Pleasant Grove Campus will provide a variety of education and training services such as workforce training programs; continuing education (CEU's) classes; ESL and ESOL classes; GED training; college readiness courses in reading, writing and math and freshman-level credit courses.

The Pleasant Grove

educational opportunities, for not only our Hispanic youth and business owners in Pleasant Grove, but the entire community at large." Mr. Ralph Castro, Southeast Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President

"With the planned arrival of DART rail to Pleasant Grove scheduled for 2009, we are excited about the new [Eastfield College] campus, and how together, we can contribute to the community." Ms.

Janie Pena, Assistant Vice President for External Affairs for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

"Southeast Dallas will be qualitatively better because Eastfield is here... welcome to the Grove, Eastfield College." Dr. Shirley Wesley King, President, Weed and Seed

"With the new Eastfield College Campus location so convenient, children who live in Pleasant Grove will now be able to continue their education after high school much more economically." Ms. Erma Saracho, Senior Coordinator, City of Dallas Office of Economic Development

"The opening of Eastfield College will allow every citizen an opportunity for higher education." Mr. Carl Raines, Proud Graduate of Eastfield College and Chairman of the Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce

"Your presence is the best opportunity in our community to fully embrace the power of collaboration within all ages and groups. We are proud to be in your association."

9th Annual Battle of the Brains

(NDG Wire) Carrollton's Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs) will host their ninth annual trivia contest, Battle of the Brains. This is the Library's hit of the summer and former teams have been anxiously

awaiting this year's event which will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 27. The event is limited to 12 teams, with four people each, but there is a row of chairs for spectators at the free event.

Brown Bag Lunch at Collin College's Spring Creek Campus Part of Seniors Active in Learning Program

(NDG Wire) Collin College's Seniors Active in Learning program invites the public to its Brown Bag Lunch, featuring Anousheh Ansari, starting at noon on Thursday, July 9 at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano.

In 2006, Ansari became the first female private space explorer. Having immigrated to the United States from Iran as a teenager who did not speak English, Ansari earned degrees in electronics, computer engineering and electrical engineering.

One of her goals is to inspire youth, especially girls, around the world to study hard and pursue their dreams.

Aside from Ansari, Jeff Crilley, an Emmy and National Headliners Award winner during 25 years of the news business, is also scheduled to speak, highlighting the Brown Bag Lunch on Thursday, Aug. 6.

For more information about Ansari or any of the Brown Bag Lunch speakers, call Seniors Active in Learning (SAIL) at 972.985.3788 or visit www.ccccd.edu/SailSite.

Urban League Economic Empowerment & Home Rescue Fair Held June 13



Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, PhD., Dallas National Urban League President & CEO, Katie Taylor, Natl. Urban League, Marc H. Morial, Jerry Durham, VP of Retention, Bank of America, Sy Richardson, Head of Housing



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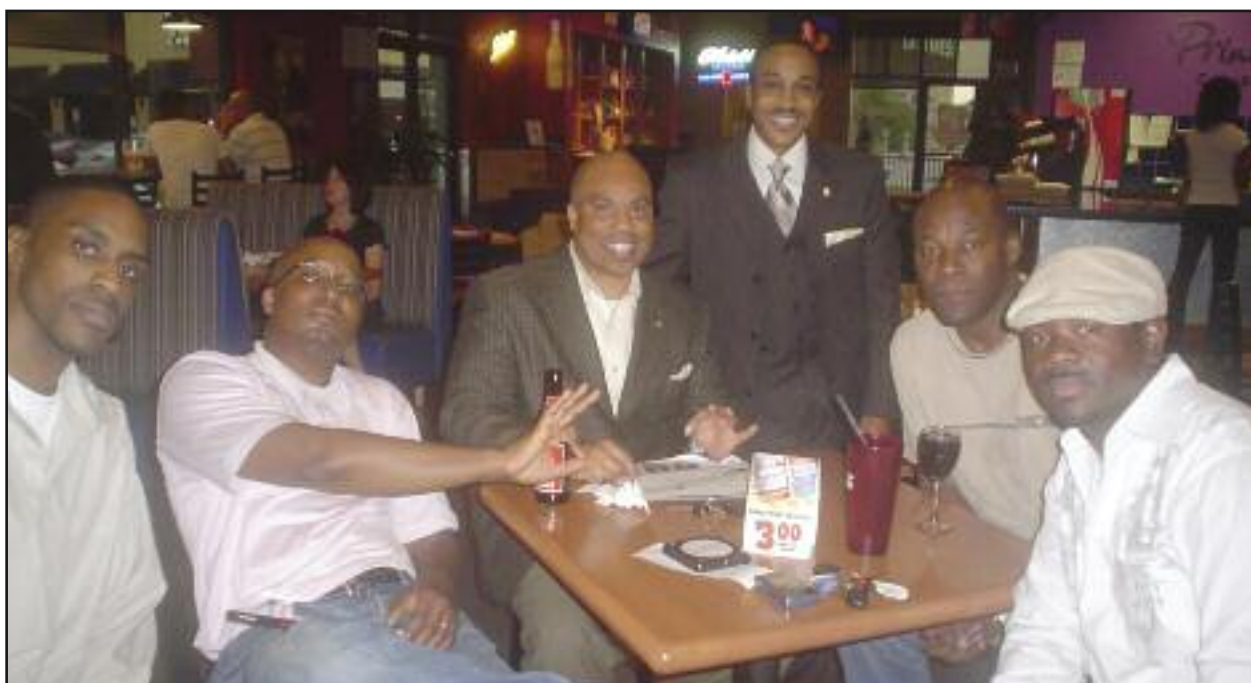


Clinic Staff Assist, Vera Bell, Nurse Practitioner, Susan Attel Nurse Practitioner, Anna Sosa, Women's Health Education, Parkland Hospital Women Health

Summer M lange Business, Pleasure & Charity

On the 2nd and 4th Friday of the Month join other professionals for Summer M lange networking event at Prince Bistro in Plano. At each event a different

charity is supported and on June 12th, Project Single Moms DFW was the featured charity. Come out this Friday at 5PM.



Kevin Cooper, Aaron Johnson, Cedrick McKenzie, Gregory Hearne (Cause 360 Entertainment Group), Tontaine Abani and Paul Adewuyi



Valerie Wordlaw and Francia Noble



Veronica Williams (Project Single Moms D/FW – May's Nonprofit Organization)

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 - 2nd Thursday of every month, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, 11:00am until 1:00pm at the ZEA Woodfire Grill at the Shops at Granite Park, 8100 Dallas Parkway Plano, Reservations & Info: (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 meeetup.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.

The No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expy. Plano 75023 Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or 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 Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. Visit <http://nbwenorg.ning.com> for more information. THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT so register early!

Summer Melange: Business, Pleasure & Charity Networking Event Every 2nd and 4th Friday, 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at Prince Bistro, 1201 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Suite 100, Plano, Texas 75074, Admission is free Info: 972.422.9078 melange@cause360group.com

Summer 2009

Seniors Active in Learning hosting annual summer series including Brown Bag lecture series and a variety of classes and other activities. For a complete list and details of the Summer Learning speakers and events, call 972.985.3788, wjmartin@cccd.edu or www.cccd.edu/sailsite.

March 28 - October 25

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

June 25

Turtle Creek Chorale concludes its 29th season with CELEBRATE AMERICA! at 8:00PM in the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center with special guests the United States Army Chorus from Washington, D.C. and the Dallas Wind Symphony. Tickets range from \$30.00 to \$80.00 and are available by calling (877) SING-TCC or online at www.turtlecreek.org.

Jazz Under The Stars - Tom Braxton, Bring a picnic and blanket or purchase food and beverages on-site at 1717 North Harwood Street in Dallas 75201 Dallas Museum of Art 8 pm FREE, 214-922-1200

June 25 - 27

ManPower! Come join Bishop T. D. Jakes June 25, 26 & 27 at The Potter's House, General Admission is Free, Preferred Seating is \$25, call 1.800.BISHOP.2 for info.

June 26

An Evening of Jazz, Soul and Spirit with Miles Jaye and Shamanareng Selim at the African American Museum, 7PM, Tickets \$25 per person. Info: (214) 428-8958, www.cherylsmithonline.com

9th Annual Battle of the Brains at Carrollton's Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Event is free and open to public.

June 27-28

Phantom Auditions are at Garland Civic Theatre, 972-485-8884, www.garlandcivictheatre.org

June 27

Cheryl Smith's Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon will be held at USA Bowl, 10920 Composite Drive. Reception at 6 p.m. Bowling begins at 8 p.m. Celebrities including Public Enemy's Malik Farrakhan, Rep. Barbara Mallory Caraway, K104's Morning Team, 94.5's Lynne Haze, Heaven 97's Camille Holmes, 97.9's Gary with the Tea and Juicy, Jazz and R&B artist Miles Jaye, Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, former Ms. Black Texas Nicole Barrett, former Dallas Cowboy Tony Dixon, author and activist Joyce Ann Brown, Sen. Royce West, and more. Info: (214) 428-8958, www.cherylsmithonline.com

Dick Gregory - Uncensored He's telling everything he knows! Join comedian, social commentator, actor, author, health nutritionist Dick Gregory at the USA Suites, 10920 Composite Drive for 90 minutes of uncensored commentary and comedy. Show begins at 9p.m., tickets \$25. Info: (214) 428-8958, www.cherylsmithonline.com

Clean Up/Rebuilding & Beautify Oak-Cliff Neighborhood. Registration & Breakfast at 7-8 AM, Neighborhood Projects 8AM-Noon, Lunch 1-2pm

June 29

Garland Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting 11:30AM-1:00PM Guest Speaker is Nancy Barry "Closing the Generation Gap" at the Atrium, 300 N. Fifth Street, Garland.

June 30

Garland Chamber of Commerce Open House 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at new location, the Richland College Garland Campus building) 520 N.

July 9

Monster's Keep America Working Career Fair 10AM - 3PM at Westin Galleria, Register at <http://mcfdal0709.careers.adicio.com/careers/resumes>

July 11

"Killing Me Softly" Irving Arts Center Carpenter Performance Hall 8:00 PM Buy One Ticket, Get One 1/2 off for a limited time June 23-26, 2009.

Walk in Writing Clinic 10AM - 4PM Martin Luther King Jr. Branch Library, 2922 MLK Blvd, \$2 (per 20-minute session)

July 12

Many Voices, Many Visions inspiring vocal concert by one of Fort Worth's

favorite music ensembles at 2pm. Please call 817.989.5030 to register; confirmation will be sent.

July 13-17

Summer Jazz Dance Camp at the Spring Creek Campus Dance Studio, Room AA146. Registration costs: \$125. Info: Tiffanee Arnold, 972.881.5830 or tarnold@cccd.edu.

July 19-24

Texas All-Star Jazz Camp Sunday-Friday at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Special guest artists include Bill Holman and Gregg Bissonette. Registration cost is \$265 and \$310 with lunch. Info: Kris Berg at 972.881.5108 or kberg@cccd.edu.

July 23 - August 2

Les Miserables is at Granville Arts Center 972-485-8884, www.garlandcivictheatre.org

July 21

Sales Career Fair 9AM - 1:30 PM Embassy Suites Dallas - DFW International Airport South, 4650 West Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062, (972) 790-0093

July 23

CareerBuilder Job Fair 10AM - 3PM Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel, 900 East Lookout Drive, Richardson, TX

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.

July 30

Diversity/Professional Job Fair 10AM-3PM Westin DFW Airport, 4545 W. John Carpenter Frwy, Irving (972) 929-4500

July 30 - August 9

Ringling Bros & Barnum

& Bailey Show The American Airlines Center Thursday, July 30 7:30PM Friday, July 31, 7:30PM Sat., August 1, 11:30AM Sat., August 1, 3:30PM Sat., August 1, 7:30PM Sunday, August 2, 2:30PM Sunday, August 2, 6:30PM Thurs., August 6, 7:30PM Friday, August 7, 7:30PM Sat., August 8, 11:30AM Sat., August 8, 3:30PM Sat., August 8, 7:30PM Sunday, August 9, 2:30PM Sunday, August 9, 6:30PM Information available thru: www.ticketmaster.com

August 5

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

Targeted Job Fair (Tech/Eng/Sec Clearance) 11:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM, Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway

August 8

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

August 19

What a Wonderful World fun-filled family day, 1-4pm Amon Carter Museum

August 21-23

"The 3rd Annual Fort Worth MusicFest" featuring legendary billboard-topping bands, Morris Day and the Time, The Bar-Kays and The Zapp Band. This three-day outdoor music event will take place in Fort Worth. Tickets are \$15 per day until August, 14, 2009. Kids under the age of 10 get in free. More info: www.fwmusicfestival.org or 817.923-9300.

September 5-6

Career Expo 10AM - 3PM, Dallas Convention Center, Ballroom C,

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Is the Drinking Water in McKinney Safe?

BY LAKRISHIA ARMOUR

It's easy to describe the city of McKinney, Texas as a modern-day boomtown. It's the self-proclaimed fastest growing city in the United States, with an estimated growth of 85.9% between 2000 and 2007.

It built the first green elementary school in the state as part of its McKinney Green Initiative and the McKinney Economic Development Corporation is continuing in that direction with newer developments.

The city's waterway infrastructure, however, is a concern in District 1. In this area, east of Highway 5 and in an older part of McKinney, lead pipes are still used.

Traces of lead in drinking water cause health problems and behavioral problems in children. Lead contamination in waterlines can take place in the water delivery system as water corrodes service connections, pipes, solder and brass fixtures that contain lead.

According to the Dallas City Hall website, symptoms of lead poisoning include abdominal pain, nausea or vomiting; muscle and joint weakness or pain; tiredness or lethargy; and difficulty concentrating.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) describes lead as a toxic metal that's harmful if inhaled or ingested. The EPA has set an action level at 15 parts per billion, and estimates that more than 40 million U.S. residents use and drink water that has more lead than 15ppb.

Lead in drinking water contributes between 10

and 20 percent of total lead exposure in children.

But one man hopes to change that for East McKinney.

A. James Tutuson was one of the candidates in the May 5 election for city council representing District 1 and an educator in the McKinney Independent School District, made it his campaign platform and personal goal to get the lead out of East McKinney's drinking water.

"The masses don't know [about lead]; that's why during my campaign, I made it a priority," said Tutuson. Which he has been doing for the past 15 years.

Tutuson attributes the

tions Tutson cites for a slow reaction to testing the water within District 1.

Former At-Large City Council Gilda Garcia Garza notes that lead pipes are prevalent on the east side as opposed to the west.

"East McKinney is the oldest part of the city. Way back, approximately 75 years ago, there were not many or any ordinances and Planning and Zoning requirements," she said.

As an educator in MSID, Tutuson has seen the gap between children exposed to lead and those not exposed to lead in their water systems.

"I have worked in edu-

supporting documentation to claim any illness," she said. Meaning, no one who has been ill has reported or officially tested the link between their illness and drinking tap water.

Behavioral complications and learning disabilities in children aren't the only risks Tutson said are associated with lead in water. Osteoporosis, kidney failure, and birth defects are health problems Tutson said are related to drinking water contaminated with traces of lead.

And last spring, those risks associated with traces of lead in drinking water became personal for Tutson when his



Tutson's solution is simple: get the city to test the water. Tutson wants a citywide initiative to go out into the communities east of Highway 5 and test neglected areas.

"Only about 30 houses have been tested. And the majority of those houses are not in District 1," he said. "Only three houses have been tested in District 1 in the last ten years."

McKinney is attempting to become more energy efficient with newer developments through its McKinney Green Initiative. The campaign, aimed at making McKinney the model city for cutting its carbon footprint, will hopefully include the removal of lead pipes. Tutson has high hopes for this initiative.

"Julie Smith is new to the city and is the number one person on the McKinney Green initiative. She's a great asset," he said. "McKinney Green is bringing the city up to standard, when other city staff are in denial. McKinney Green will be different."

Garza also notes that PVC piping is now used for new waterways. "I am

not sure if there is a city ordinance, but PVC plumbing was allowed versus metal pipes."

As long as lead pipes remain in the underground infrastructure of East McKinney's water system, Tutson will continue to crusade for the removal of these pipes and for community awareness.

"You have to ask, 'what's the common factor here?' We're drinking the same water. They come and test the water in the reservoir and say it's clean there, but you can't put a bottle of Perrier water into a dirty glass."

Garza encourages all residents in East McKinney to request for the city to test their water.

"The City of McKinney has always had an open door policy and is always available to test any resident's water," she said. "I would suggest having the experts test the water."

Residents should call 972-547-7550, or City Hall 972-547-7500 to have their water tested.

To find out more about lead contamination in water, log on to the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/ogwdw/lead/lead1.html.

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— A. James Tutuson

issue to the District one area being forgotten because many city council members and city staff live in the newer areas in the western half of McKinney.

"There is more development in the west and north areas of town. This section of McKinney is getting smaller and smaller and a lot of city staff that are newer aren't aware of this side of town," are the explana-

cation for a number of years and you can see the difference between where lead is prevalent and not prevalent," he said. "I can see a difference in behavior between those exposed and not exposed."

According to Garza, there hasn't been any official evidence to support health problems in McKinney being linked with lead in the water.

"I would have to say none [sick]. There is no

mother passed after a fight with cancer and other health problems.

"My mother passed away around this time last year. She had all the symptoms of lead poisoning," he said. "Since she passed, I have been public about it. If I have to offend someone into movement and action, that's fine with me. Even if you set out to prove me wrong, at least you're taking action."

Monkey See, Monkey Do, The Wiggles! Tour Is Coming To Dallas

(NDG Wire) The most beloved family entertainment band in the world, The Wiggles, are setting out on their wildest adventure to date. The fab four from down under are back with a brand new live show! This spectacular musical extravaganza will showcase old favorites as well as their latest hit "Monkey Man" featuring Australian pop sensation Kylie Minogue from their most recent album "The Wiggles Go Bananas".

The Wiggles, Captain Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wags the Dog and all the Wiggly Dancers invite their fans to join them as they "Go Bananas Live!" in Dallas, TX.

The Wiggling commences at the Nokia Theatre on Saturday, August 8th for shows at 1:30 and 5:00 PM.

Tickets for Dallas, TX are on sale now and are available through all Ticketmaster locations



(www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling 800-745-3000. Prices range from \$21 - \$41 (additional facility fees and service charges may apply). Seating for tickets purchased at the \$41 level will take place in the "hot potato seats" and will include an

exclusive Wiggles giveaway.

Come and wiggle in the aisles as The Wiggles Go Bananas Live! Tour brings The

Wiggles highly interactive, fun and educational message to Dallas, TX. Audience participation features include:

- Having fun with your favorite wiggly pal as they sing and dance through the audience

- Start the fun at home by

creating a Wiggles sign and/or dressing up as your favorite character

- Yelling "Wake up, Jeff!" whenever the loveable Purple Wiggle falls asleep onstage.

- Bringing roses, for dancing pal Dorothy the Dinosaur, and bones, for canine comedian Wags the Dog, that The Wiggles and Wiggly Dancers collect during the show

Children can have even more wiggly fun while they

wait for the big day, as The Wiggles are proud to announce the launch of www.WiggleTime.com, their brand new virtual world for children.

WiggleTime.com will provide toddlers with a safe and fun learning environment online. Parents will be able to monitor their child's progress and have access to premium promotional offers, competitions, merchandise discounts and presale Wiggles tickets!

Historic Run for the Presidency Chronicled in the First-Ever Comprehensive Book of Obama Campaign Posters and Prints

(NDG Wire) Just announced, Minneapolis-based

Zenith Press will be publishing *Hope: A Collection of Obama Posters and Prints* (\$35, October 2009), the most complete collection of campaign posters for the man whose groundbreaking campaign for the presidency sent political and cultural shockwaves around the world.

Researched, compiled and written by Hal Elliott

Wert, a professor at the Kansas City Art Institute, *Hope* offers a visually striking and comprehensive chronology of the posters created for Obama's historic presidential bid. Selected from the largest Obama poster collection known to exist, the 160 full-color images visually emphasize Obama's inspirational messages of change, hope and inclusion, solidifying a campaign unlike anything ever seen in U.S. history and elevating

the man behind the message to the status of cultural icon. The unparalleled collection was scanned at the highest resolution largely from original, signed prints available for viewing at "Officially Unofficial -- Inspired Art for Obama," a traveling exhibit that will soon be touring the country.

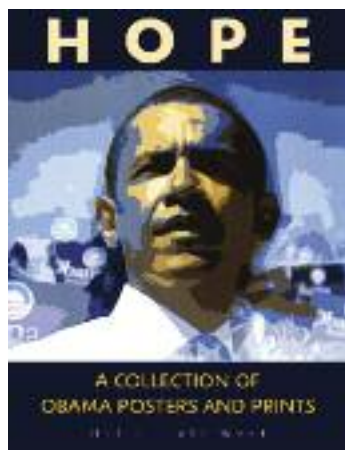
Steve Gansen, Zenith Press editor, sees the collection as a unique way for the widest possible audience to relive this unique moment in American history.

"Obviously, these posters will interest everyone who was inspired and mobilized by the Obama campaign," said Gansen. "But such a watershed moment for America really appeals to anyone with more than a passing interest in politics and American history."

With very few exceptions, each of the visually stunning campaign posters in *Hope*, created by a diverse collection of artists, have been seen only by a limited number of

viewers in the primary states, with others having rarely been seen outside the urban core or the art gallery world.

Accompanying text provides the back story of each individual artist and poster, revealing the expressive intent behind these dynamic compositions. As an added visual bonus, the reverse side of the front jacket reveals a fold-out, full-color reproduction of David Choe's awe-inspiring *Hope* print.



R&B Superstar Ginuwine Releases 6th CD A MAN'S THOUGHTS

(NDG Wire) R&B legend and dance sensation Ginuwine's 6th CD, *A Man's Thoughts*, via Notify/Asylum/Warner Bros. hit the stores this week. The CD features the new Top 10 Billboard R&B hit, "Last Chance," which was released in March amid controversy about the Juwan Lee directed video clip.

The CD also features the kinetic dance single, "Get Involved," the first collaboration featuring Ginuwine, Timbaland and Missy Elliot in nearly eight years. The trio all grew up together musically having first collaborated on Ginuwine's 1996 debut, *The Bachelor*. "It feels great to have the original team reunited. The fans have always loved us together and now we're back," commented Ginu-

wine.

Another song on the CD is "Bridge To Love" Ginuwine's slow jam duet with Pop/R&B Princess, Brandy.

While some folks might have written off Ginuwine as just another pretty boy destined to be a fad, he proved the naysayers wrong when he returned with his sophomore project *100% Ginuwine*. The album featured the hits "So Anxious," "What's So Different," "Same Ol' G" (which was also showcased on the *Dr. Dolittle* soundtrack in 1998) and "None of Ur Friends Business." Music writer Matt Diehl defined the double platinum smash as "a sensual peek into a futuristic bachelor boudoir of soul."

DFW International Airport Debuts Mobile Web Site

(NDG Wire) DFW International Airport launched its new mobile web site recently, allowing web surfers the ability to view the site quickly and easily from their mobile devices. The new site will feature "Flight Tracker" and "Within 5 Minutes of My Gate," which allows passengers to find their gate and surrounding amenities in as

little as two clicks.

"Passengers travel with mobile devices more now than anyone could have predicted even a few years ago," said Joe Lopano, executive vice president of Marketing and Terminal Management. "To meet the needs of our customers and increase their access to our web site, DFW has developed its mobile web site to

be more accessible for everyone."

The new mobile site will automatically appear on mobile devices in lieu of the larger formatted www.dfairport.com, enabling quicker access to the information passengers need most. The site includes the most utilized features from DFW's main web site, and customizes them for the mobile plat-

form including: Flight Information; Shop, Eat & Services; Travel Planner and Just For Fun.

The Airport hopes the launch of the new site will increase passenger visits to the site. The new mobile web site includes fewer images to speed up browsing, and will allow mobile device users to redirect their browser to the full DFW web site if desired.

Plano Economic Development Board Breakfast

One or more of the City of Plano City Council may attend an invitational business breakfast hosted by the Plano Economic Development Board, Inc. on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Gleneagles Country Club 5401 West Park Boulevard Plano, Texas 75093

The purpose of the PEDB Breakfast is to receive information from attendees about the business climate in Plano and to develop and maintain relationships with the local business community.

Region, Drivers Benefit From 2 Million Miles Saved

(NDG Wire) The cost of a gallon of gas this year is significantly lower than it was last May, but conservation remains a priority.

Carpooling, using the region's growing mass transit network, and working from home are among the most common ways to conserve fuel. While not every-

one can leave the car at home, many have chosen alternatives to traditional commuting.

And they are recording them on the region's alternative-commute Web site at a pace rivaling last year's, when the price of a gallon of gas peaked at about \$4.

Users of [\[ingit.com\]\(http://www.trypark\) recently surpassed the 2 million mark in miles saved. Assuming a maintenance cost of 52.2 cents per mile, users of the Web site have saved more than \\$1 million since the site debuted in October 2006. And assuming average fuel efficiency of 21 miles per gallon, participants have](http://www.trypark</p>
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pumped about 95,000 fewer gallons of gas since the site's debut.

It took almost two years for drivers to log 1 million miles saved, but only 10 months to log the second million. The recent milestone comes as the region works to reach attainment of the Environmental Protec-

tion Agency's current standard for ozone pollution.

North Texas has taken important steps to improve air quality and is within range of meeting the current standard. Therefore, this year is especially important. The 2009 ozone season continues through October 31.

Until September 15,

commuters have an extra incentive to leave their cars at home. Those logging their alternatives to solo driving on www.tryparkingit.com by this deadline are eligible to win \$250 thanks to the North Texas Clean Air Coalition. Visit the Web site to register and begin tracking your commute.

Juanita Zapata Flint Appointed Examiner for 2009 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

(NDG Wire) Juanita Zapata Flint, PhD, of Brookhaven College located in Farmers Branch, TX has been appointed by Dr. Patrick Gallagher, deputy director of the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), to the 2009 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The award, created by public law in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive.

As an examiner, Dr. Flint is responsible for reviewing and evaluating



Juanita Zapata Flint

applications submitted for the award. The board is composed of approximately 500 leading experts selected from industry, professional and trade organizations, education and

health care organizations, and government. She currently serves at Brookhaven College as the executive dean for the Health and Human Services Division overseeing the disciplines of nursing, radiologic technology, emergency medical services and child development.

Those selected as an examiner meet the highest standards of qualification and peer recognition. All members of the board must take part in a preparation course based on the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence and the scoring and evaluation processes for the

Baldrige Award.

Awards may be given annually in each of six categories: Manufacturing, Service, Small Business, Education, Health Care and Nonprofit. Awards have been presented to 77 organizations, most recently as recipients for 2008: Cargill Corn Milling North America, Iredell-Statesville Schools and Poudre Valley Health System.

Information about the Baldrige National Quality Program can be found on the Baldrige National Quality Program's website at www.nist.gov/baldrige. The Award Program is managed by NIST in close

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Five Year Old Drowns in Community Pool

The Plano Fire Department reports a five-year old girl drowned in a local community pool on Tuesday evening, June 23rd.

Fire Department crews were called to the pool

located at 4716 Blackshear Trail in the area of Preston Lake at approximately 8:45PM to reports of a drowning. The child was transported to Medical Center of Plano where she was declared dead shortly after 9PM.

Savor Summer While Saving Local Water

In Texas, summer is the time to enjoy local lakes, rivers, streams and creeks, but some people unknowingly pollute and impair these water bodies with their daily activities. Even if these activities do not occur in a specific water body, they still have the potential to pollute our waters through storm water runoff.

When it rains, cooking oil and grease, motor oil and fuel, trash, pet waste and

other materials deposited on yards and streets are washed into the storm inlets and carried into area creeks. Water transported by the storm drainage system does not receive treatment for pollutant removal before entering bodies of water. Any pollutant deposited in the storm drainage system will eventually run into local streams and rivers, the source of drinking water for North Texas.

The following tips can help protect local waterways:

- Dispose of trash and debris in a covered trash receptacle. Place used cooking oil, fats or grease into a non-breakable and tightly sealed container and dispose of in your trash.
- Recycle used motor oil at an approved recycling center. If your vehicle is leaking fluids, place a can underneath to collect the flu-

ids until it can be repaired. Place cat litter on the spilled oil and sweep into trash bag.

- Bring a plastic bag to collect your pet's waste on your walk. Trash receptacles are usually provided in neighborhood parks; use these to dispose of your pet's waste.
- Leave grass clippings and leaves on your yard or place in yard bags on your collection day. Use a leaf blower to blow grass clip-

pings and leaves back onto your yard. Do not direct clippings into the storm drain inlet or allow your lawn service to do so.

- If you need to drain your pool for repairs or empty it at the end of the summer, make sure to drain the pool water to the sanitary sewer and not to the alley, street or storm drains.

- If you wash your vehicle at home instead of bringing it to a commercial car-

wash, try washing it on the grass and using a minimal amount of soap. Carwashes may be great as fundraisers, but the soapy water is not allowed to drain to the water ways. Try partnering with a commercial carwash, use a location that has a sand trap for the wash water or use water only.

Please contact Carrollton Environmental Services for questions or to report potential violations at 972-466-3060.

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relatively short periods of time. Fortunately, there are basic steps which people can take to save money and be more financially stable, and today I would like to share five ideas with you on ways to make better financial choices:

1) Pay bills on time – Although this may seem like commonsense, many people forget to pay their bills by the due date and are subject to costly late fees. These can be in the range of \$40 and can damage your credit score.

Set up automatic bill-paying if you procrastinate, travel frequently, or are particularly forgetful.

Additionally, be sure to open any and all bills when they arrive. Ignoring bill problems won't make them go away, but developing a strategy to pay for them will.

2) Avoid overdrafts and bounced checks – Sometimes financial institutions will allow you to exceed your balance, but you will pay a hefty price for the courtesy. Avoid over-limit

fees and bounced checks by recording every transaction, including any ATM withdrawals.

3) Don't max out credit cards – Creditors like to see people properly manage their credit, so try to use 30 percent or less of your available credit. Maxing out your credit cards could indicate that you are having financial trouble and lead to higher rates and lower credit lines.

4) Review your insurance coverage annually – The last thing anyone

needs is to have an emergency and find out that they weren't insured when they thought they were. At the same time, being over-insured is costly and ineffective. Communicate with your provider and know exactly what is covered on your insurance plan and what you are paying for it.

5) Track spending and know where your money goes – People often forget about the importance of keeping records and having a general, yet detailed, knowledge of their expenses.

A budget does not have to be restraining, and it can help you spend your money in the best way you deem fit.

I hope you will keep these tips in mind and remember that non-profit organizations like the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (www.nfcc.org), the Jump Start Coalition (www.jumpstartcoalition.org), and HOPE NOW (www.hopenow.com) can help educate you on financial matters. I encourage you to

visit their websites for further information, and to keep in mind that many of these organizations have local affiliates that you can seek out.

Today we are seeing the dire consequences of the lack of financial literacy in the United States. Being educated about financial issues is one of the best ways to lead a financially stable life, and I hope you will get the information you need to make financially smart decisions.

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marked by the election of the first African-American president.

But with only one justice in dissent, the court avoided the major questions raised over the section of the voting law that requires all or parts of 16 states - mainly in the South and with a history of discrimination in voting - to get Justice Department approval before making changes in the way elections are conducted.

The court said that the Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 in Austin, Texas, could apply to opt out of the advance approval requirement, reversing a lower federal court that ruled it could not. The district appears to meet the requirements to bail out, although the high court did not pass judgment Monday on that point.

Five months after

Barack Obama became president, Chief Justice John Roberts said the justices decided not to determine whether dramatic civil rights gains means the advance approval requirement is no longer necessary. That larger issue, Roberts said, "is a difficult constitutional question we do not answer today."

Attorney General Eric Holder called the decision a victory for voting rights and said the court "ensured that this law will continue to protect free and fair access to the voting booth."

Debo Adegbile, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund lawyer who argued for the preservation of the law at the high court, said, "The fact is, the case was filed to tear the heart out of the preclearance provision of the Voting Rights Act and that effort failed today."

But critics of the law said the court made clear that it may not take such a restrained approach the next time a voting rights challenge comes its way.

"It leaves the courts wide open to another challenge. If someone files a new lawsuit, I think there's a very good chance that down the line they might find it unconstitutional," said Hans von Spakovsky, a legal scholar at the conservative-oriented Heritage Foundation.

Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, R-Ga., one of only 33 lawmakers who opposed renewal of the law in 2006, said, "I'm disappointed that the justices laid out the case for why the law is unconstitutional and then stopped short of tossing it. I do feel optimistic, however, that the court's dim view ... means the law will not survive for the full length of its 25-year

renewal."

The court's avoidance of the constitutional question explains the consensus among justices in the case rendered Monday, where they otherwise likely would have split along conservative-liberal lines.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, alone among his colleagues, said he would have resolved the case and held that the provision, known as Section 5, is unconstitutional. "The violence, intimidation and subterfuge that led Congress to pass Section 5 and this court to uphold it no longer remains," Thomas said.

Roberts himself noted that blacks and whites now register and turn out to vote in similar numbers and that "blatantly discriminatory evasions of federal decrees are rare."

He attributed a signifi-

cant share of the progress to the law itself. "Past success alone, however, is not adequate justification to retain the preclearance requirement," Roberts said.

Still, the court did not decide that question in what Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg recently described as "perhaps the most important case of the term."

The Voting Rights Act, first enacted in 1965, opened the polls to millions of black Americans. In 2006, the Republican-controlled Congress overwhelmingly renewed the part of the law which provided for the advance approval requirement for 25 years and President George W. Bush signed it.

The Austin utility district, backed by a conservative group opposed to the law, brought the court challenge. It said that either the

district should be allowed to opt out or the entire provision should be declared unconstitutional.

Based on the tone of the questions when the case was argued in late April, many civil rights and election law experts predicted the Roberts-led court would indeed strike the measure down.

The court ruled instead on a provision of the law that allows a state or local government to seek to be free of the advance approval requirement.

The three-judge court in Washington, D.C., that originally decided the case said the utility district did not qualify as a local government that is eligible to bail out. The high court reversed that ruling Monday, saying "all political subdivisions"

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Summer Jobs: Youth Program Sponsored by the North Central Texas Workforce

(NDG Wire) With today's economy many are searching for employment. Thanks to the Workforce, those ages 14-24 currently living in Collin County may be eligible for Employment and work readiness training, making \$7.25 an hour.

This program is very unique as it is designed to overcome all employment obstacles. Do you need

childcare while you work? Do you need gas money to get to work? Do you need a bus pass so that you can get to work? How about work clothes? Training so you can work? This Saturday all of the obstacles can be overcome. The Workforce is currently partnering with employers to pay program participants to work in their business. Providing work-

man's comp insurance, as well as any drug screening or background checks even uniforms if necessary.

What does this mean in a nutshell? If you want to work the workforce will place you in a job. If you need an employee the workforce will give you one, paid in full. As an employer you are asked to oversee the employee and offer addi-

tional training to better the individual as potential employees for your agency or someone else. The McKinney Housing Authority is happy to offer their facility and staff to help host the first of two intake meetings.

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mentation. Drivers License or Picture ID, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate and Proof of Family Income for the last six months. If you would like more information please contact Dy Ann

Matthews with the North Central Texas Workforce (940) 597-4884 or Contessa Corkern at the McKinney Housing Authority (972) 542-5641, ext 15.

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are eligible to file a bailout suit.

The Austin utility district is in the heart of Canyon Creek, an affluent suburb of about 3,500 residents that didn't break ground on its first house until the 1980s. About 80 percent of residents in Canyon Creek are white, according to the 2000 census.

As recently as 2002, voters in Canyon Creek

used a neighbor's garage to cast their ballot in their utility board elections. The board wanted to change the polling location to a school, but first had to seek federal clearance.

The community got it, but Canyon Creek's board felt that needing approval from Washington was an unnecessary obstacle in a tiny neighborhood with no history of minority voter discrimination.

Associated Press writer Paul J. Weber in San Antonio, Texas, contributed to this report.

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BY SHIRLEY DEMUS TARPLEY

Rev. C.B.T. Smith, Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas Emeritus Pastor, died at the age of 93 on June 13, 2009 of a heart attach at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Rev. Smith was 'nationally known in the Metroplex area and in his circle of pastors around the United States' whose sermons reverberated with the energy of the Holy Spirit, as stated by many. He has a post office in East Dallas named after him.

Rev. Isiah Joshua, Jr. pastor of Shiloh MBC in Plano said, "He had a tremendous sense of humor and he was committed to the preaching of the gospel."

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Your Defining Moment with God



Sister Tarpley

Every believer in Jesus Christ must have a defining moment in their life; a friend and I was discussing this fact one day because a man that we both know personally is fighting a drug & alcohol problem, he constantly says he wants to stop and straighten his life out but doesn't seem to make any head way toward his desire.

My mind began to reminisce of my defining moment, when I came face to face with God. I was hand-watering my lawn and thinking how miserable I was, I had a husband and a son, I had family and friends, they all had shown me love, I went to church regularly, but something was missing from my life and I didn't know what. My sister, Eloyd was praying for me; but I knew that, she had been praying for me all through my college years that I would come to the

Lord, confess my sins and seek His guidance for my life. What made this moment so different? I began to think of how good God had been to me and to my family. I began to count my blessings one by one and I realized that only a God that loves me so unconditionally understood my misery and only He could help me and give me His peace.

looked up to his face and saw the light shining all around Him, that was her defining moment.

When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in one of his famous speeches, "I've Been to the Mountaintop" on April 3, 1968. He closed the speech with, "And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man!

and kill him. Jacob sends gifts ahead as a peace offering. He spends a restless night in prayer asking God to spare his and his family's life when he met his brother.

Jacob has lived a life of control and manipulation. Yet, there is something in Jacob God finds worthy of redemption (only God knows the mind, thoughts, motive of any man.)

Jacob now has a heart that wants to serve and be used of God. But God must do something in Jacob to carve away the bad traits in his life.

God sends an angel in the form of a man to wrestle away the ruthlessness in Jacob.

"When the angel saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that the hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man." (Genesis 32:25 & 26.) Jacob's natural abilities were so great that God literally had to make him a weaker man, physically, in order for God's power to

"And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."
Genesis 32:30.

There are incidents in others lives that I believe was their defining moment. First Lady Elizabeth White of Love Chapel C.O.G.I.C. told me that after years of her mother and her aunt praying for her to come to Christ, one day on her knees praying she saw the feet of Jesus, then she

My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord! I believe that was his defining moment.

The last time that Jacob, in the Bible, saw his brother Esau after years of separation was when he manipulated the birthright from Esau. Jacob assumed that his brother was going to try

angel saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that the hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man." (Genesis 32:25 & 26.) Jacob's natural abilities were so great that God literally had to make him a weaker man, physically, in order for God's power to



Sister Tarpley and Lt. Calvin J. Spann, a distinguished, highly decorated and a world-renowned Tuskegee Airman. He was a WWII Escort Pilot who flew 26 combat missions including the longest and most historical mission of WWII from Ramitelli, Italy to Berlin, Germany.

be manifested in his life. I believe that this was Jacob's defining moment; he came face to face with God.

Be careful that a Christian, especially a Christian leader has come face to face with God, a place in his/her life where

he/she is totally dependent on God or they might be leading a life of striving and manipulation. Paul said to follow him as he follows God.

If you let God do the work needed in you, even your enemies will be at peace with you.

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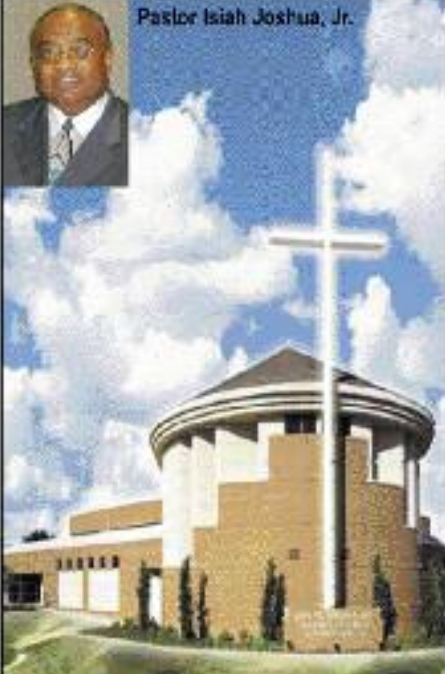
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