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City of Plano Launches Citywide Resident Prescription Savings Program

In the current economic climate, the prescription discount card can provide an average savings of 20 percent off retail price

(NDG Wire) The City of Plano is rolling out a program to its residents to help relieve the high cost of prescription drugs.

Plano is the first large

city in the southern region of the United States to implement this program city-wide. The city is making free prescription drug discount cards available to

residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer average savings of 20 percent off the

retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The discount cards may be used by all Plano residents with no restric-

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SPOTLIGHT
13th Annual Mayor's Back to School Fair Thursday, August 6 at Fair Park



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Three Months, Three New Councilmembers



Councilmember Lisa Sutter

(NDG Wire) Carrollton's City Council added three new councilmembers after the general election on Saturday, May 3; three months later, they are adjusting to their new roles in the community.

New Councilmembers:

- Councilmember Jeff Andonian, Place 1, North-east

- Councilmember Kevin Falconer, Place 5, Northwest
- Councilmember Lisa Sutter, Place 7, Southeast

Returning Councilmembers:

- Mayor Ronald F. Branson
- Mayor Pro Tem John Mahalik, Place 2, At-Large
- Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Marchant, Place 4,

At-Large

- Councilmember Pat Malone, Place 3, Southwest
- Councilmember Terry Simons, Place 6, At-Large

After Carrollton's three were added to the team, everyone got to work. Councilmember Lisa Sutter reflects on her first three months, stating that it "has

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Youthful Praise is Resting on His Promise to Hit Stores Sept. 1st

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COMMENTARY

What Do We Tell Young People After What Just Happened to Professor Gates?

BY REV. AL SHARPTON (NNPA) We often teach our children that if you study, go to school, work hard and remain focused, you will be able to transcend the many racial and social boundaries that permeate in society; that if you stay away from drugs, violence and criminal activity, the law will serve and protect you.

So what do we tell young people today when they see an Ivy League pro-

fessor, a writer and producer for PBS documentaries, a renowned author, an editor of several influential anthologies, a board member of esteemed institutions like the New York Public Library and much much more get arrested in his own home?

How do we even begin to explain the still evident and troubling notions of racism, injustice and insti-

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Bruton & The North Texas Job Corps - Committed to Service

BY LATOYA S. WATKINS Laura Bruton, Deputy Center Director of the North Texas Job Corps, grew up in the Hamilton Park area of Dallas, Texas. She set off for college not far from her childhood home at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas as one of a small

group of African American students to call SMU their college. Bruton completed a B.A. in social sciences there and attended the University of Texas at Austin where she obtained her M.A. in social services.

Bruton shared, "After I finished college I was doing what all young people

that finish college do. I was looking for that next step in life."

Bruton found that step in McKinney at the North Texas Job Corps as a job counselor and was later promoted to manager of counseling, which is where

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Dr. Mae C. Jemison

The first African-American woman in space, Dr. Mae C. Jemison was born on October 17, 1956 in Decatur, Alabama but considers Chicago, Illinois her hometown. She received a Bachelor in Chemical Engineering (and completed the requirements for a Bachelor in African and Afro-American studies) at Stanford University in 1977. Dr. Jemison also received a Doctorate degree in medicine from Cornell University in 1981.

After medical school

Dr. Jemison did post graduate medical training at the Los Angeles County University of Southern California Medical Center. As an area Peace Corps medical officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia in West Africa, she managed the health care delivery system for U.S. Peace Corps and U.S. Embassy personnel. Dr. Jemison's background includes work in the areas of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, and reproductive biology. She also developed and participated in research



projects on the Hepatitis B vaccine and rabies.

Dr. Jemison was a Gen-

eral Practitioner and attending graduate Engineering classes in Los Angeles when she was named an astronaut candidate in 1987. She flew her first flight as a science mission specialist on STS-47, Spacelab-J, in September 1992.

She was co-investigator for the Bone Cell Research Experiment on that mission. In completing her first space flight, Dr. Jemison logged 190 hours, 30 minutes and 23 seconds in

space. Jemison resigned from NASA in March 1993. In 1994, she founded and began a term as chair of The Earth We Share (TEWS), an annual international science camp where students, aged 12 to 16, work together to solve current global dilemmas. From 1995-2002 she was a professor of Environmental Studies at Dartmouth College.

She is currently director of the Jemison Institute for Advancing Technology in developing countries. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including induction into the National Women's Hall of

Fame and several corporate boards of directors on the Texas Governor's State Council for Science and Biotechnology Development. Dr. Jemison published her memoirs, *Find Where the Wind Goes: Moments from My Life in 2001*.

On Friday August 14, Dr. Jemison will serve as the Keynote Speaker at the Strong, Smart, and Bold "NO LIMITS" Luncheon Benefiting Girls Inc. of Tarrant County. The tickets are on sale for \$85. The event will be held at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel 200 Main Street Fort Worth, Texas.

Raschana L. Hall

(BPRW) Raschanda L. Hall, has been promoted to the position of Global Media Relations Manager at Business Wire. Hall has been with Business Wire for more than nine years in various media relations positions.

In her new role, Hall will lead the largest, dedicated, worldwide media relations team in the wire industry, leveraging their relationships with external

audiences and influencers. Hall's focus will be on strategies to further establish and expand Business Wire's media reach and advantage to both traditional and social media audiences.

"Raschanda exemplifies Business Wire's commitment to dedicating our best people and resources to media relations as a vital component to the services we provide on be-

half of our members to the media in this quickly evolving communications environment." said Laura Sturaitis, Business Wire's SVP Media Services and Product Strategy. "Raschanda's experience and her long-time professional relationships with traditional and new media, as well as journalism organizations demonstrate her ability and vision to bring together the best of print, broadcast, online and social media for the benefit of both audiences we

serve at Business Wire, our members and those who communicate our client's news to their view-



ers, listeners, readers, subscribers, friends, fans and followers, wherever they are and whatever language they speak."

Hall works closely with journalism organizations and has served on the boards of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), the Black Public Relations Society of Chicago and The Publicity Club of Chicago (PCC) She has been a sought after speaker and panel moderator on topics such as media relations

best practices and social media tools for communicators.

Prior to joining Business Wire, she worked as a Field Producer and Studio Crew Supervisor for Fox and WB affiliates in San Antonio, TX. Hall earned her BA in Mass Communications from Dillard University in New Orleans, LA.

You can follow Hall on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/raschandahall> and on LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/raschandahall>

Elissa Gabrielle

The sky is the limit for this sassy, sundry and prolific author. Elissa Gabrielle has broken the ceiling of literary excellence with her gift in the skill of multi-genre writing. The author of two poetry books, *Stand and Be Counted* and *Peace in the Storm*, as well as the highly acclaimed novel, *Good to*



the Last Drop, the sequel, *Point of No Return*, and the much anticipated novel, *A Whisper to a Scream*, Elissa has proven herself to be well-versed in artistic creativity.

Her colloquial and imaginative creations have lead to sensual and seductive inclusions in *Zane's Missionary No More: Purple Panties 2*, *Erogenous Zone: A Sexual Voyage*, *Mocha Chocolate: A Taste of Ecstasy*, the forthcoming *Histoire Amore* and multiple poetry anthologies.

As a Literary Entrepreneur, Elissa is the founder of the greeting card line, *Greetings from the Soul: The Elissa Gabrielle Collection*, collaborator and creator of *The Triumph of My Soul*, and publisher of *Peace In The Storm Publishing Company*, which will promote and re-

lease novels by ten, up and coming authors in 2009. In addition to these innovative achievements, Elissa has graced the covers of *Conversations Magazine*, *Big Time Publishing Magazine*, *Disil-gold Soul Magazine* and has been nominated for the AAMBC Publisher of the Year award.

Mrs. Gabrielle is a graduate of the Connecticut School of Broadcasting. She holds a degree in Communications, a certificate in Business from Tulane University, and is a member of the NAACP, the NABFEME, and the National Association of Black Female Executives in Music and Entertainment which is a professional empowerment, networking and support base for African American women in radio, recorded music, media and related entertainment industry fields. Elissa also serves as the media consultant to

First Bethel Baptist Church in Newark, NJ.

Her writing and publishing passion is rooted in her desire to give a reader's soul a rise, one page at a time and grounded in her quest to bring forth the *Triumph* Anthology series, an ongoing testament of faith. The first anthology in the series was the highly acclaimed *The Triumph of My Soul*, which will be followed by *The Soul of a Man* and *The Breakthrough* respectively. "I started the *Triumph* series because in life, we all fall down, but by the Grace of God, we get back up. There is always victory in tomorrow," Elissa says about the *I* series.

From the novelty of her writing, to her highly-regarded greeting card line and the successful culmination of her publishing company; Elissa Gabrielle remains an ingenious and creative force

to be reckoned with in terms of delivering distinct, fulfilling and entertaining literature. By pushing herself to

stay a cut above the rest, Elissa Gabrielle brilliantly and consistently delivers Literary best.

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It's Time for a Big Political Flushing

BY HARRY C. ALFORD

(NNPA) When I was in the corporate world the term "upgrade" carried serious consequences. Production and sales would be down and new enthusiasm and morale was needed to turn things around.

When a manager is called in by headquarters and told it is time to upgrade our field staff we had no alternative but to agree and begin the "slashing".

Through upfront terminations, attrition and warnings, a new workforce would begin forming, replacing the stale and nonproductive workers.

This freshening would usually be successful. It works pretty much like a professional athletic team. You have to keep the human chemistry fresh.

By doing so, collective motivation and high energy kicks in. The results are usually positive. This is just what we need to do with our elected officials.

Right now, we have a

group of mayors, city council members, state legislators, congress persons and US senators that are collectively stale, pompous and nonresponsive to the needs of the American people.

No segment suffers worse from this fact than the African-American community which votes like blind sheep when it comes to elections. We keep the same persons in their elected positions regardless of their performance.

What we need is a complete "upgrade" at all levels. Let us stop waiting on an indictment to freshen the personnel ranks that are supposed to serve us. About 25 percent of our elected officials show a fresh leadership approach. The other 75 percent needs to go and I mean now!

This is a call for all talented people with the desire and capability to lead to step forward and begin the process of running a campaign. Whether you win coming out of the "shoots" or not it is

time to get experienced with the process and keep trying until victory is yours.

African-Americans are not genuinely represented by their elected officials. This is why we suffer unemployment at rates double the national average. This is why our cities and states are in financial ruin.

This is why our schools are failing and our tax base is overloaded with new stadiums, airports and other debts that we cannot afford. People from the suburbs enjoy coming into our cities and watching their baseball and football teams in stadiums we paid for (taxes) but did not participate in the building process (jobs and contracts). They come in spend their money and not a penny hits our local banks or stores.

We are being exploited like the colonies of old and the time has come to take these irresponsible elected officials and "flush" their careers down the toilet.

We need more President Barack Obama's by the thou-

sands. The old dingbats that get re-elected, many times without opposition, need to fall on their "swords" and let new talent take on the immense problems we have.

Let's have mayors who understand taxation and economics. Let's have state representatives who know that the government that governs least governs best (Thomas Jefferson).

Let's have congresspersons and US senators who understand that the share of taxes you send to Washington should be the exact same share that comes back in the form of services and benefits.

If your elected officials have been getting a government check but yet they are becoming wealthy, get rid of them. If unemployment in your area has not improved during the last two years, get rid of them.

If Blacks continue to get locked up at alarming rates compared to their White counterparts, get rid of them.

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tutional bias that exist in a country with an African-American President?

Professor Henry Louis Gates, director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African-American Research at Harvard University, was returning home to Cambridge, Mass., from filming a documentary in China last week when he and his driver had trouble getting into his home. After fiddling with the door and eventually gaining access, Professor Gates and his African-American driver entered the house, only to discover police arrive a short while later on reports of a burglary.

The 58-year-old mild-mannered professor with a leg disability then produced his ID in order to prove his residence in the posh neighborhood – in other words having to prove his worthiness despite his accolades of achievements.

Almost immediately,

Cambridge police – and some in the media – began painting Professor Gates as an angry Black man who became 'irate' or was 'irritable and exhausted' from his long voyage. Once again, many began drawing their own conclusions based off of one-sided police reports and state-

ments that don't take into account Professor Gates' version of the incident.

gently on behalf of these four innocent men and we pioneered a thorough investigation into police practices, protocol and an ingrained mentality we referred to as racial profiling.

Defined later by the ACLU as any police-initiated action (including surveil-

Editor's Note: The 911 caller never referred to race. Also President Barack Obama, Professor Skip Gates & Police Officer Sgt. James Crowley plan to sit down together for a beer at the White House.

lance, search, detention, arrest or any other intervention) that relies to any degree on the race, ethnicity, religion or national origin of a person, racial profiling has virtually been in existence in some way, shape or form since the days of slavery.

Countless studies on racial profiling stats and dis-

crimatory behaviors have since emerged following the NJ Turnpike incident, and yet we see the practice still in effect on our streets, in our cities and in our towns.

Time and again, history has proven that race-based policies do not make us safer. And time and again we see the vicious results of overzealous officers who belittle individuals based on preconceived ideas - no matter how esteemed, educated or accomplished he/she may be.

I commend President Barack Obama for personally acknowledging and defending Professor Gate's honor at his press conference last week, and for highlighting the breath of work that still needs to be done in order to advance our nation into a true post-racial entity. Perhaps providing hope and urging young people to continue the good fight is the best thing we can do for the next generation.

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crimatory behaviors have since emerged following the NJ Turnpike incident, and yet we see the practice still in effect on our streets, in our cities and in our towns.

Type 2 Diabetes: Control It So It Doesn't Control You

BY TEXAS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Chances are you're close to at least one person who has type 2 diabetes. Almost one in ten Texans has it.

Odds are equally good that you're familiar with people successfully managing type 2 diabetes, including Larry King, Mike Huckabee, Patti LaBelle and American Idol's Randy Jackson.

Type 2 diabetes often starts as insulin resistance or pre-diabetes, a disorder in which the body's cells don't use insulin the way they should.

People with pre-diabetes have blood sugar levels that are higher than normal, but not high enough to

be diagnosed as diabetes. The body may at first produce more insulin to compensate for insulin resistance, but over time loses its ability to keep up with the amount of insulin the body requires.

Type 2 diabetes often is associated with older age, obesity, family history of diabetes, a lack of physical activity and other factors.

Warning signs include frequent urination, increased thirst or appetite, dizziness, blurred vision, sores that take a long time to heal or frequent infections.

In some cases, type 2 diabetes has no symptoms. You can be diabetic or pre-diabetic and not even know it.

"A lot of people haven't

heard of pre-diabetes," says Richard Kropp of the Texas Department of State Health Services. "If you do a risk assessment and find that you have a higher risk for type 2 diabetes, talk to your doctor about being tested. If you have pre-diabetes, simple lifestyle changes can go far in preventing or delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes."

Early diagnosis is crucial because type 2 diabetes can lead to problems such as heart disease and stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, kidney disease, nervous system disease, dental disease and risky pregnancies.

Risk factors for diabetes include:

- Being overweight.

- Being African American, Hispanic, Native American or Asian American / Pacific Islander.

- Having a family history of type 2 diabetes.

- Having high or low blood sugar.

- Not getting enough physical activity.

- Being age 45 or older.

- Having diabetes with pregnancy.

If a blood test shows you're pre-diabetic, a lifestyle change may be in order. Discouragement is not.

"Clinical trials have shown that you don't have to knock yourself out to prevent type 2 diabetes," Kropp said.

Managing Type 2 Diabetes

If you find out you have

type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes, you can help avoid long-term problems by taking good care of yourself:

- Get at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity five days a week
- Eat a variety of foods that are low in fat and reduce the number of calories you eat per day.

Other important steps are taking care of your feet, checking for sores on them, having an annual eye exam and getting a flu shot each fall.

"A primary goal of diabetes management is prevention of cardiovascular disease," Kropp said. "Heart disease and stroke account for about 65 percent of deaths in people with diabetes, and people with pre-

diabetes are also at an increased risk."

It's also a good idea to wear or carry something that lets others know you have diabetes and tells them how they can help in case of an emergency.

"Diabetes is a serious disease, but along with the help of your health care team, there are things you can do to control it," Kropp said. "It doesn't have to control you."

Online Resources:

• Texas Diabetes Council: www.texasdiabetes.org

• National Diabetes Education Program: www.ndep.nih.gov or call 800-438-5383

• American Diabetes Association: www.diabetes.org

Newborn Bloodspots Destruction Option Available

(NDG Wire) A new law allows parents of children born in Texas to instruct the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to destroy dried bloodspot samples collected as part of a routine "heel stick" screening of newborns for certain inheritable and congenital disorders, after the newborn screening process is complete.

Texas' newborn screening program began in 1963. In July 2002 the department began saving all newborn screening samples for quality assurance/quality con-

trol purposes and for their potential value in approved research to find new or more effective ways to pre-



vent, diagnose, treat or cure leukemia, birth defects, brain cancer or other serious medical conditions in children.

The stored dried bloodspot cards contain no names or other personally identifying information. Identifying information linking a child to a particular bloodspot card is not allowed outside of DSHS without advance written consent of the parent, managing conservator or legal guardian unless otherwise provided by law.

But people who do not

want their children's bloodspot samples stored after the newborn screening process is complete may request destruction of those samples. Information about the use and storage of the samples and a downloadable destruction request form are available online at www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/nb_sbloodspots.shtm.

The form also can be requested by calling DSHS toll-free at (888) 963-7111, extension 7333 or by mailing a request to: Texas Department of State Health Services, Newborn Screen-

ing Laboratory, MC 1947, P.O. Box 149347, Austin, TX 78714-9347.

DSHS reports that as of July 20 it has received requests to destroy samples for 85 children. As of June 30 some 5.4 million samples have been stored.

Typically, two samples are collected from each newborn, one at birth and the other one to two weeks later.

Recent legislation spec-

ifically authorizes the storage and use of the samples and requires that information about the practice and the destruction option be given to parents of newborns by the physician or other person attending the birth. On August 1, DSHS will be including this information with the newborn screening sample collection kits ordered by hospitals, birthing centers, physicians and midwives.

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tions based on the age, income level or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used at approximately forty pharmacies around the city, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the nation. A list of those retailers can be found at www.caremark.com/nlc or by calling too-free 1 (888) 620-1749. Some of the retailers accepting the card are Costco, CVS, Sam's Club, Target, Walgreen and Wal-mart, as well as

several pharmacies within grocery stores and specialized pharmacies.

For resident convenience, cards are available at city-operated libraries and recreation centers, as well as Plano Municipal Center (city hall). Residents can stay apprised of the program by visiting the City Web site, www.plano.gov.

"In the current economic climate, where many people are watching what they spend, the NLC prescription discount card will offer significant sav-

ings on the purchase of prescription medications for our residents," said Plano Director of Health Brian Collins.

"Whether or not an individual has prescription coverage, this program can make it easier for our residents to afford the drugs they need to deal with a short-term illness or stay healthy by managing a chronic condition."

"Not only does the NLC prescription discount card help residents save money on their medica-

tions, it is easy to use," said Collins. "Plano residents only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the many participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and city residents and their family members can use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance."

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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FC Dallas Set to Host 1st Annual International Night Celebration at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco

(NDG Wire) FC Dallas has partnered with the DFW International Community Alliance to celebrate the global impact of the sport of soccer and the cultural diversity of the Metroplex with the first International Night Celebration at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco. The event will take place on Saturday, August 1 when the team hosts the Kansas City Wizards at 7:30 p.m. CT.

The special day will feature a World Cup-style amateur soccer tournament on the parks complex fields, a global festival on the north concourse plaza, and a parade of nations on the main stadium field prior to kickoff.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 and at the gate all tickets are \$30.

Kelly Weller, FC Dallas Vice President of Sales and Marketing said, "This marks the first ever FC Dallas International Night Celebration, which we hope will soon be an annual event at Pizza Hut Park."

"Soccer is truly the worlds game, reflected by the 21 countries that have been represented by various players throughout the teams history. This event will not only celebrate the global impact of the sport of soccer, but will also celebrate the rich multicultural presence throughout the Metroplex."

The International Night Celebration kicks off at 9 a.m. on the PHP complex fields with a World Cup-style amateur soccer tournament. The 11-versus-11 competition is open to eight mens teams from various international communities around the Metroplex, and the winning team will be presented with a trophy during halftime of the FCD versus Kansas City match. Participating teams represent Nigeria, Sudan, and several other local ethnic communities.

The Pizza Hut Park stadium gates will open at 5 p.m., at which point the global festival will begin on the north concourse plaza.

The festivities will include live music, dancers and an international vendor village. A parade of nations will take place on the stadium field shortly before kickoff, allowing community groups to represent their respective nations and cultures.

For information on how

your group can participate in the International Night Celebration activities, call Luis Rietti 214-705-6743 or Sean Weron 214-705-6727. For individual ticket information visit FCDallas.com or call 888-FCD-GOAL. Parking at FC Dallas games is always free.

International Night Celebration Schedule of Events:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. World Cup-style amateur soccer tournament (PHP complex fields)

5 to 7 p.m. International Night Celebration (PHP north concourse plaza)

7:10 to 7:30 p.m. Parade of nations (PHP stadium field)

7:30 p.m. FC Dallas vs. Kansas City Wizards (PHP stadium field)

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Councilmember Jeff Andonian



Councilmember Jeff Andonian

been a full agenda, with briefings by staff, tours, work sessions and Council meetings." As busy as things have been, the rest of the Council is confident in what the new three are capable of accomplishing. Mayor Branson believes that "all have proven to be dedicated and committed free thinkers that value, and are not threatened by, the opinions of others. They will and have made decisions based on what is best for our citizens."

"Since the new councilmembers have taken office, it's been a smooth transition," said Council-member Terry Simons. "All three have come prepared and willing to voice their opinion, and that's what makes them the best people to serve Carrollton."

Mayor Pro Tem John Mahalik agrees: "With our new councilmembers, the past three months have been a success as we are all work-

ing together as a team to better our community."

With a new council, comes new goals and new direction. "We are working hard on the budget along with evaluating our current and future goals for the City," stated Sutter.

Councilmember Pat Malone is fully confident in where the team is headed. "We have a great group that knows the City and we have three new independent thinkers who love this City," said Malone.

"The first three months of sitting on City Council have been enlightening and exciting. It is evident the challenges we have before us in these turbulent economic times will be difficult, but I look forward to capitalizing on the strengths of our City and our citizens to create new opportunities and improvements in our community," said newly-elected Councilmember Kevin Falconer.

Overall, Mayor Branson thinks Carrollton is "fortunate to have a plethora of solid candidates from which to choose. The three elected all brought their own levels of education, experiences and priorities."

Beyond their capabilities, their dedication shows thr-

ough in a statement from Councilmember Jeff Andonian. "The day after the election, very early in the morning, I took a drive around town and felt a very deep sense of responsibility toward the citizens and the City of Carrollton. Since then, there hasn't been a morning

that I have not awoken to that continued sense of responsibility," said Andonian.

Carrollton's City Council is working daily to meet the needs of the citizens, through resolving issues and planning ways to better the community. For information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/council.

Free Composting Classes at Healthy Living Expo

Compost classes will be featured at Garland's Healthy Living Expo on September 26 at the Garland ISD Special Events Center. Class I is set for 9 to 11:30 a.m., and Class II is scheduled for 1 to 3:30 p.m.

"There is no charge for the training, but we do require registration prior to class," explained Glena Brown, Waste Minimization Coordinator for the City of Garland.

"To sign up, call 972-205-3500 before September 22 and indicate if you want the morning or afternoon class. Each class is limited to 50 students, so I recommend signing up early.

Training will include instruction on compost ingredients, the benefits of building healthy soil with compost, and how to build and manage the compost pile. Students will receive a compost instruction manual and will participate in drawings for eight compost bins.

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New Report Says Black-White Reading and Math Achievements Improve - but Racial Gap Remains

BY TISHA Y. LEWIS

(NNPA) - Reading and Math scores have increased for both Black and White students but the hope of closing the racial achievement gap is still a strenuous work-in-progress.

A new report, issued by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is the first that primarily focuses on the Black-White achievement gap at the state level. Based on the data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, widely known as the Nation's Report Card, highlights scores for grades 4 and 8 in reading and math that dates back from the 1990s to 2007.

Scores in 2007 ranked higher for both Black and White students in all four assessments (reading and math at grades 4 and 8) nationwide than in previous assessments in 1990.

This illustration marks the "first possible pattern of performance-score increase for Black and White students, with a larger increase for Black students, resulting in a narrowing of the gap," described Stuart Kerachsky, acting commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics. On average Black students trailed 26 points behind White students in each subject on a 0-500 scale.

A reason for the achievement gap consists of Black students consistently scoring lower than their White counterparts. According to Ker-

achsky, "the achievement gap can be reduced by increases in the scores of low-performing students or by declines in the scores of high-performing students, with the former, of course, being the desirable pattern."

Hugh B. Price, professor at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School and former president of the Urban League, notes from the study that only half of Black and Hispanic fourth-graders are actually performing at or above "Basic" in reading while nearly two thirds are in math.

As illustrated by senior associate of the ETS Policy Information Center, Paul Barton's study, Price argues that schools and schooling need to improve, but there are also "developmental deficits that impact students' capacity, motivation and readiness to learn in-school and non-school factors that influence achievement."

However, there are other factors that contribute to this continuing decline for Black students.

Issues of race, inequalities in school and community, lack of resources, unstable home lives, ineffective and inattentive teachers, among others are significant factors that are associated in Black students' lack of academic progress, argues Warren T. Smith, Sr., member of the Vice President of the Washington State Board of Education and the National Assessment Governing Board.

Implications we can use that might rectify these discouraging measures might be to reinforce the lessons from the military. He is not recommending militarizing public schools, he suggests a military approach of providing teamwork, motivation, self-discipline, mentoring, accountability, rewards and recognition among others that should be considered and implemented in today's schools.

Other recommendations to motivate and encourage student learning that may positively affect the Black-White Achievement Gap, as proposed by Price, include:

- Organizing achievement month rallies and festivals to rejuvenate learning in schools;
- Coordinating "Doing the Right Thing" assemblies and events in schools and communities;
- Planning awards ceremonies that recognize literacy and achievement;
- Hosting achievement fairs that focus on various content areas (i.e., literacy, math, science) for students to demonstrate academically relevant projects;
- Coordinating achievement day parades for fourth and eighth graders who successfully pass the state-mandated examinations in reading and math; and
- Recognizing graduating seniors who earned B averages or better throughout their high school careers.

While the scores reported in the NCES report do not

provide a complete picture of all student performance, it does signify the relative margin of scores for Black and White students in each state and how the size compares to the national gap, as well as how the gaps have changed over time, suggests Kerachsky.

Now it is up to parents, school administrators and students to be held accountable for what learning in the 21st century looks like to reform achievement in and out of schools. Until then, as Dr. Maya Angelou professes, "all great achievements require time."

Tisha Y. Lewis is a doctoral candidate in reading at the University at Albany and a lecturer at the Howard University School of Education.

COLLEGE CORNER

Linda Lael Miller Scholarships for Women

Linda Lael Miller's scholarships are awarded annually to women who are 25 years or older, non-traditional students who have a difficult time finding scholarships for which they qualify. As in previous years, the scholarship funds may be used not only for tuition and books, but also for childcare, transportation and other expenses not covered by traditional scholarships.

Essays will be judged on readability, demonstration of commitment to applicant's education/career and on the possible impact of the scholarship on the life of recipient, her family and/or her community.

Past scholarship winners are a testament to the success of Linda Lael Miller's scholarship program. Melinda Vasquez, 42, a single mother of five who never attended high school, recently received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice with the help of Miller's scholarship. She completed her master's degree in June.

Deadline: September 1, 2009

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

Website/Contact Info:

www.lindaelmiller.com/scholarships/apply.asp

Blackstudents.com

New Teachers Find Jobs Before Graduation

(NDG Wire) Alternative certification programs for new teachers in Texas include a year-long internship in which new teachers are still in training and receive mentorship before they complete the program and earn certification. More than half of the graduates at the Alternative Certification for Teachers Program (ACT) at

Brookhaven College already had teaching positions by graduation.

Brookhaven and Richland colleges have programs that focus on training teachers in critical-need areas, such as science, math and bilingual communication.

Alternative certification prepares those who have a bachelor's degree to teach in

different subject areas and for differing age groups.

The five year old ACT Program at Brookhaven College has trained dozens of teachers in math, science, social science and history. For additional information about this program, contact the ACT Program Office at 972-860-7848 or bhcTeacherCert@dcccd.edu.



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Garland Civic Theatre Awards Scholarships

(NDG Wire) Garland Civic Theatre's Board of Directors has announced that three applicants will be awarded scholarships totaling \$1,500. Each of the 2009 scholarship recipients has been involved in some way with the theater's programs.

Katie Butler, who attended Garland High School, attended two of the Theatre Camps offered each summer. She said in her essay, "My involvement with the Garland Civic Theatre played a huge role in pushing me out of my comfort zone. The summer camps taught me how to find quick ways to relate with people and how to overcome the shyness that had plagued me throughout elementary school." With her newfound courage Katie performed in

band in both middle school and high school. She plans to attend Texas Tech University as a member of the marching band.

Paul Allen Orman III, another graduate of Garland High School who plans to attend Texas Tech University, is the second scholarship winner. Trey, as he is known, auditioned for *Seussical, the Musical* last summer and was cast as Horton the elephant.

Orman shared, "That experience completely changed my life forever. ...I enjoyed playing the part of Horton, but didn't understand the impact that theatre could have on the audience. Looking at the faces of all the children after the show made all the hard work completely worth it. The kids were old enough

to know that I wasn't really an elephant, yet I saw that they felt some kind of magic from the show and they were



Hannah Browning

almost compelled to touch my costume to be truly convinced that I was a kid like

them. That lit a passion for acting inside of me that I had never felt before." Trey is currently preparing to perform a major role in "Les Miserables, School Edition."

The third scholarship recipient, Hannah Browning, has appeared in five of Garland Civic Theatre's Children On Stage productions. She has also taken part in one of the Audition Workshops.

Hannah, who graduated from Dallas Christian High School, will follow her dream of becoming a professional performer by attending Oklahoma State University to study Theatre.

In her essay she recounted how "Garland Civic Theatre has shown me the reality of rejection and the extreme importance of con-

fidence. ...Because I have had the opportunity to work with numerous talented directors, stage managers, and other performers, I have leaned the significance of connections and collaboration, how to take direction and apply it in order to bring about positive change, and how to present my best self. I've grown as a performer and I've also been instilled with an insatiable drive, true ambition, and a powerful work ethic. Garland Civic Theatre has shown me how believing in oneself and never giving up go hand in hand with making dreams come true."

Persons interested in donating to the scholarship fund are encouraged to do so by sending a check designated

for that purpose to Garland Civic Theatre, 108 North 6th Street, Garland, Texas 75040.

The long-range plan for this program is to grant scholarships equal to the earnings from the fund each year; therefore, the bigger the fund, the more scholarship monies available. All donations to Garland Civic Theatre, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax deductible.

Garland Civic Theatre, a member of the Garland Chamber of Commerce, Garland Downtown Business Association, and Texas Non profit Theatres, is celebrating its 42nd season this year.

Visit the GCT website at www.garlandcivictheatre.org or call 972-485-8884 for additional information.

Plano Community Forum Banquet Scheduled for October

(NDG Wire) The Plano Community Forum (PCF), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization mission is straightforward. They provide scholarship opportunities for graduating minority students in Plano and promote cultural enrichment within the community.

On October 3, 2009 the PCF invites the community to its 28th Annual Awards Banquet everyone will see "Men Making a Difference", the theme for this year.

Since 1982, when PCF unveiled the first Awards Banquet recognizing the achievements of African Americans in the community, the goal was to raise money for higher education. They succeeded and in 1983 created the Martin Luther King (MLK) Scholarship Fund which today has awarded approximately \$200,000 to 200 minority students.

The first award was given to Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. PCF contin-

ues to support Paul Quinn College and the United Negro College Fund annually.

"The PCF is unique in that we have awarded more scholarships to African American students than any other group in the City of Plano. Our scholarships have been awarded to other minorities as well", says Brenda McDonald, PCF president. Since 1983 PCF has evolved into an organi-

zation that has also sponsored three African American plays in Plano; broadened the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebration. In the beginning it was a small, mostly African American celebration. Now the all-inclusive Plano MLK Weekend Celebration includes City, school and college leaders, a broad range of churches,

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DFW Texas Singles' Dating Convention Coming to Plano

(NDG Wire) Planners have scheduled nearly 100 events in one day, at the Singles' Dating Convention. The program slate is the largest dating event in the nation. The convention will be held at the Plano Centre on Saturday, September 5, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Programs include presentations on dating, "Spotlight" panels with special guests, and the greatest number of events geared toward the entire spectrum of dating.

In addition, the Program-

ming schedule will feature panels and events devoted to this year's special theme, "Dating in the 21st Century." Also included are the Happy Hours in the Exhibit Hall from 5-7 p.m.. And Singles' Dating Convention does not end when the Exhibit Hall closes at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a VIP Dating party afterward to help guests meet that special someone.

Learn more about the event at www.SinglesDatingConvention.com.

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Garland Citizen Police Academy Class #34

(NDG Wire) Applications are now being accepted for the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) Class #34, which begins August 20.

The CPA is presented free of charge by the Garland Police Department in an effort to educate and inform Garland citizens of the internal values, philosophy, and daily operations of the department.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, either live or work in Garland, maintain a good standing in the community, and have no felony convictions.

The class meets for 12 weeks every Thursday night, 7 to 10 p.m., with one additional Saturday class. For information, contact Lt. Scot Bunch at 972-205-1698 or Cindy Hale at 972-205-2012.

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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 HQ, 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney. Call Fred Moses at 972-618-7027 or fred@tes.com for more information.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, July 9, August 14 & September 10, CCBCC General Meetings for Summer Quarter, McKinney Public Library, 101 E. Hunt Street McKinney, TX 75069

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn - July 16, August 20 & September 17, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, 11:00am until 1:00pm at the El Fenix Restaurant, 3450 S. Central Expressway, McKinney, TX 75070. 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 Rd. 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 Thursday at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expy. Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140,

Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. See <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

Summer Melange: Business, Pleasure & Charity Networking Event Free very 2nd and 4th Friday, 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at Prince Bistro, 1201 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Ste. 100, Plano. 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. Info: 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

July 23 - August 2

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

July 30 - August 1

Friends of the Plano Public Library 26th Annual Book Sale All proceeds go to Friends of Plano Public Library. Info: 972-208-8002.

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 Info: www.ticketmaster.com

August 1

Congregation "Click" Workshop Froswa' Booker-Drew, Director, Partners for Sacred Places, 1500 N. Main, Suite 160, Fort Worth, Texas 76164 fdrew@sacredplaces.org, froswabookerdrew@att.bleckberry.net, www.sacredplaces.org

August 2

2009 Taste Dance: Addison Style! 2-4PM, Addison Conference Center, 15650 Addison Road, Addison TX 75001. Cost: Adults \$8, Seniors & Students \$6 and children under 6 FREE

KKDA-AM's Reporter Roundtable Live from Harwood 609 at 8 am. Bring your calendar of events, your alumni chapter dues and your contribution to UNCF and Paul Quinn College.

August 5

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

Technology, Engineering, and Security Clearance Career Fair Admission is FREE. 11am to 3pm. Info: 800.695.1939 or www.targetedjobfairs.com.

August 6-9

Mocha Sisters 3rd National Conference. This year's theme is, "Embracing the Vision" at the Marriott Suites Dallas Market Center, 2493 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas Info: www.mochasisters.org/

August 7 - August 8

14th Summer Home-school Conference Pre-register at www.NTHEN.org or 214-495-9600.

August 7

"Music under the Dome" features the live band of "MuziQue" 7pm to 11pm located at the African American Museum in the Historic Fair Park of Dallas, TX. The \$10 admission includes food, refreshments, and entrance to the "George Washington Carver" exhibit. Parking is FREE. Info: 214-563-9026, www.aamdallas.org/, www.dallasalphas.com/

August 8

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

Learning Over Lunch 2009: Creating Your Corporate Identity from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Info: Remarkable Affairs Cafe 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140 Dallas, TX 75234

August 11

The Multicultural Outreach Roundtable 7:00 p.m. Plano Municipal Center, Training Room A 1520 Avenue K

August 14 - August 15

Quilt Plano 2009 9am to 5pm Info: www.quiltersguildofplano.org, 972-517-7238.

August 19

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

August 21 - August 22

Half Price Sale: Divine Consign Children's and Maternity Consignment Sale 9am-8pm Admission is free. Info: Tina Teutsch 214-513-2838, divineconsign@hotmail.com, www.divineconsign.net

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.

August 26

A Beka Book Home School A home school curriculum and text book sale. Admission is Free, 11am to 3pm; Info: Mickey Pierce at 800-613-3222 Ext. 67 or www.abeka.org

August 28-30

Tulisoma South Dallas Book Fair & Arts Festival Tulisoma, Swahili for "we read" a community based literary festival promoting literacy and the arts. Speakers include Dallas DA Craig Watkins, poet Sonia Sanchez and romance author Evelyn Palfrey. The fair will be hosted at the African American Museum and other venues, visit www.tulisoma.com

August 29

Greater Games Gathering 8am.- 11:30pm. Admission: \$15 at the door. Info: 469-277-2417, info@g3con.org or www.g3con.org.

The Metroplex Economic Development Corp. hosting a housing fair event, **A Time To Own II**, 10am-3pm at Clay Academy, 3303 Potter's House Way, Dallas. Info: 972-708-6400

September 2

Plano Career Fair Meet with Plano and Dallas area employers. To see a complete list of jobs available and to pre-register for this event from 10am to 2pm, www.choicecareerfairs.com Admission is free. For more information call 830-393-7401

September 5-6

2009 City of Bedford Labor Day Blues & BBQ Festival a feast for the

senses. The two-day event re-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 10

The Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable - District 4, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow, Plano, Texas 75024

September 13

Plano Bridal Show 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, children 14 and under \$5 (includes toddlers & infants). Info: 972-713-9920 or www.bridalshowsinc.com

September 17

Capacity Building with Grants Expo: Meet non-profit groups, educators, successful grant writers, and share strategies for your grant funding capacity. From 8am to 5pm Admission \$39 Info: Tasa Anderson at 903-639-4519 or www.grantexperts.info

September 18 - 20

EDS Credit Union Plano Balloon Festival at Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Admission: \$8 Day Ticket (allows readmission during the day); \$5 Single Admission Event Ticket, Special \$4 Discount Ticket between 9AM & 3PM Saturday & Sunday. Kids under 36" Free. Seniors 65 & older \$1 off any ticket price. Info: Jo Via at (972) 867-7566 or www.planoballoonfest.org

September 23 - 26

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tive and informative activities, displays, entertainment and kids activities.

"The Back To School Fair is a fun way to get your child excited to return to school. The entire community has come together to offer every kind of resource possible to equip Dallas schoolchildren for success," said Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert. "We greatly appreciate the overwhelmingly generosity and support of our donors, nonprofit partners and media sponsors in making this day possible."

Although the Fair's array of activities and services are free and open to anyone, the free school supplies are available only to those who meet specific eligibility requirements. Recipients must be public school students (ages 5-18) who reside in the City of Dallas or attend Dallas ISD schools and meet the 2009 Federal Poverty Income guidelines. Proof of residency, photo ID, and proof of income are required to qualify.

"Each year Walmart, Sam's Club and our associates look forward to our involvement in the Dallas Mayor's Back To School Fair and the opportunities to make a difference in the lives of students and parents alike," said Chuck Jones, Health and Wellness Regional Director

for Walmart. "Good health is directly linked to higher achievement, and we're pleased to be working alongside these community partners to build healthy bodies and healthy minds."

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The Baylor School of Dentistry along with All Smiles Dental and Orthodon-

first day of school, Cedric B's Barber and Beauty Salon and Ogle School will be at the Fair giving free haircuts. In addition, Galleria Dallas will donate 36,000 pairs of socks, valued at \$40,000. Other freebies include books, pencils, water bottles and apples from Walmart; backpacks and pencils provided by MetroPCS; pencil packs and prizes provided by Whataburger; and discounts on school uniforms.

the Whataburger Stage. Junior League of Dallas will sponsor the Book Nook and Storytime, where Mayor Leppert and other members of the community will take a turn to read a book out loud. Half Price Books will donate 15,000 books and will give a free book to each student who listens to a story.

Other entertainment will include musical and dance performances by students. Big Thought will present a Hansel and Gretel puppet show as well as Latino-style folktales (performed by Teatro).

Also on tap will be kids activities, including face painting, crafts, games and interactive demonstrations. The Aetna/Parkland Community Health area will have a dance pad, hula hoops, jump ropes, temporary tattoos and more.

The Mavs Street Team will bring their Big Shoe Inflatable where people can test their skills during a shooting game. ESPN Deportes will have an inflatable soccer game, plus Xbox on plasma TVs.

Mascots from Mavs Man to the Dallas Cowboy's Rowdy to Whataburger's Whataguy will add to the fun.

Focusing on helping students with many of their school-related needs, the Mayor's Back To School Fair is a collaborative effort between the City of Dallas, Dallas ISD, Dallas area schools, the public health department, state agencies, nonprofits, corporations and volunteers.

For pre-registration locations and eligibility requirements, please call the City of Dallas information line at 311 or go to www.themayorsbacktoschoolfair.com.



tics will provide free dental screenings, fluoride applications, free toothbrushes and toothpaste to students, and offer free oral health information.

The City of Dallas Immunization Outreach Program will provide free immunizations. And because children want to look sharp the

Educational information and services, including bilingual information, will be offered at 100 community resource booths from crime prevention and fire safety parenting to health and nutrition. Dallas ISD staff will hold parent seminars, answer questions and distribute all kinds of information on magnet schools, scholarship programs, psychological and social services, and family literacy. Chase will provide information on financial literacy and checking accounts.

Mayor Leppert will conduct opening ceremonies at 7:45 a.m., followed by a Dallas ISD fashion show at 8 a.m. The Dallas ISD Band Directors Jazz Band will perform a musical at 9:55 a.m. at

2009 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

Photo ID, Proof of Residency & Proof of Income Required
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Guideline (For families with more than eight people, add \$3,740 for each additional person).

1	\$10,830
2	\$14,570
3	\$18,310
4	\$22,050
5	\$25,790
6	\$29,530
7	\$33,270
8	\$37,010

Eligibility Guidelines

Must have picture ID:

- State drivers license, state ID card or military ID card
- Foreign consulate-issued ID

Proof of Residency:

- May, June, July or August 2009 utility bill showing applicant name and current address
- Any mail sent to applicant showing applicant name and current address, with a postmark from either May, June, July or August 2009
- Letter from landlord or apartment management company, on company letterhead, with proof of residency during May, June, July or August 2009

Proof of Income may be verified using:

- Paycheck stubs from May, June, July or August 2009
- A letter dated in May, June, July or August 2009 on agency or company letterhead from an employer, welfare office, caseworker, or Social Security Administration Office indicating annual income and signed by an agent of the company or agency. Letter must include contact phone number for verification.

Remaining Pre-Registration Dates & Locations

Friday, July 31
3 – 6 p.m.

Cobb Field House
1702 Robert B. Cullum
Boulevard, Dallas, 75210
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Saturday, August 1
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cobb Field House
1702 Robert B. Cullum
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(at Pennsylvania Ave.)

Sunday, August 2
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find low priced designer apparel if you look hard enough and stay on top of sales via mailing lists and frequently checking websites and newspapers.

There are also plenty of resale and consignment stores within the area that sell beautiful and very affordable pieces, like Dream Resale, and Bonton Boutique. Another suggestion is to try attending clothing swaps. This is a very fun and creative way to gain a new wardrobe while getting rid of your old unwanted one.

Log onto www.stuffswapevents.org for more information and be sure to tell Serita I sent you. Remember that shopping is all about being creative and having fun. If the shopping spree has become stressful, you are not doing something right. Go back to the drawing board, figure out what it is and start over with a new approach and attitude.

Do you have a personal question for Lifestyle and Image Consultant Talisa Lavarry? Please e-mail your questions to tlavarry@talisalavarry.com and Talisa just may choose your question to post in the next column. For more information about Talisa please visit her website at www.talisalavarry.com.

Youthful Praise is Resting on His Promise with Their New Release to Hit Stores September 1st

(NDG Wire) James "JJ" Hairston and Youthful Praise, the inspired pen and iconic sound that introduced such gospel hits as *Awesome God* and *Incredible God, Incredible Praise* is sure to set the gospel world afire with their highly anticipated release, *Resting on His Promise* (Light Records/Evidence Gospel), hitting stores Sep-

tember 1st . Youthful Praise's fifth album not only offers the trademark east coast choir sound, expansive melodies and inspired lyrics for which Youthful Praise has set the standard but also offers the contagious energy of driving rock infused tunes and plenty of foot stompin' rhythm to satisfy traditional gospel music fans.

"JJ" Hairston's ability to craft tunes with timeless melodies and timely lyrics is aptly demonstrated by the title track *Resting In His Promise* The gentle reminder that we are children of an all sufficient father will "put your mind at ease" and draw you into

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Countrywide Customers Eligible for Restitution to Begin Receiving Claim Forms in the Mail

(NDG Wire) Texans eligible for \$7.46 million in restitution from Countrywide Financial Corporation should be on the lookout for claim form, which were mailed late last week.

The \$7.46 million restitution program, announced by Attorney General Greg Abbott in February, is specifically set aside for Countrywide's Texas customers whose loans origi-

nated between Jan. 1, 2004, and Dec. 31, 2007, who lost their homes to foreclosure or whose payments were 120 days behind as of Oct. 6, 2008.

Only customers who receive letters from Countrywide will be eligible for restitution, and those customers must complete and mail claim forms in order to receive their share of the total restitution amount. The final dollar amount

homeowners receive will depend upon the number of eligible Texans who make restitution claims.

Last year, the attorney general investigated Countrywide for encouraging homeowners to accept loans they could not afford, failing to fully disclose risky loan terms to borrowers and writing loans for unqualified borrowers in an effort to increase market share.

The \$7.46 million restitution program was part of a \$345 million settlement the OAG reached with Countrywide.

Additionally, the state's agreement with the lender included the following:

- \$335 million in loan modifications for about 30,000 Texans; and
- about 1,400 Texans who are in default - or are likely to be in default - on their subprime mortgages

and who voluntarily and appropriately turn over their residence in the Relocation Assistance Program, are eligible to receive up to \$2,000. The Relocation Assistance Program is expected to provide \$2.8 mil-

lion in benefits to Texas homeowners.

Each claimant is projected to receive a minimum of \$1,400.

For more information, visit www.countrywidesettlementinfo.com.

Small Businesses Struggle to Remain Competitive in the Recession

Financial Advisors Offer Tips for Controlling Costs

(NDG Wire) From corporate board rooms to the kitchen table, Americans are at work cutting the fat from over-extended budgets. This switch into survival mode is equally imperative in the small business arena where tight credit and the nation's newly adopted frugality have combined to create unprecedented financial challenges.

"With revenues down, small business owners must adjust their cash flow and growth plans and adapt to the new normal," says Clyde Wyatt, Navigation Financial Group. According to Wyatt and two other veteran financial advisors -- Arthur Cooper, Cooper McManus, and Don Patrick, Integrated Financial Group -- there are three steps to help small businesses survive the recession and position themselves for greater long-term profitability:

1. Refinance or re-negotiate. "It's possible to reduce a small business loan at 6 to 7% down to 2 to 3%," says Cooper. "In fact, a lot of the lenders would rather secure their portfolio by adjusting terms instead of looking at possible future defaults."

Don't stop with loans. "Times are tight all over, so

try to re-negotiate contracts with vendors, too," says Patrick. "In that battle to stay afloat, some providers voluntarily reduce their costs rather than lose business."

Wyatt counsels small business owners to have a figure in mind when they begin negotiations. "Consider what it would take to get you to feel more comfortable in the current economic environment," he says.

2. Control overhead. Cuts to salaries, bonuses, office space, vehicles, and technology are all on the table to help stabilize businesses in the short term. But Wyatt urges small business owners not to overlook the advantages of taking a totally new path.

For example, after a slow start, consumer-driven health plans that shift more cost and decision-making power to the plan participants are emerging as an innovative solution for small business owners hoping to get the most bang for their benefit buck. Consumer-driven plans typically pair a high-deductible health plan with tax-advantaged health savings accounts (HSAs) used to pay for the

deductibles.

3. Zero in. Focus on the most valuable corporate assets - employees. "Talk to your staff about your efforts to reduce operating costs," says Patrick. "Often the

best ideas for making a company lean and mean come from the folks working in the trenches. You may find you have employees who would prefer to

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she stayed until she was contacted by the Atterbury Job Corps in Edinburg, Indiana. From Edinburg she was called to Batesville, Mississippi to become a deputy center director, and from there Bruton's career led her to Memphis, Tennessee to serve as director of a brand new center.

"These were all very country places," Bruton chuckled. "Me and the kids that were from big cities like Chicago would all get so excited about the wildlife and country living. I had a lot of fun."

Bruton was high in demand with job corps, and she traveled around the country to help direct and better develop centers all over. Bruton left Job Corps to begin her own consulting business and remained in Tennessee to do so. Three years after venturing out on her own, she decided that she was ready to go back to work again and began searching Job Corps position postings all over the country. A listing in the North Texas Job Corps brought her full circle to where she had first started



after college.

Bruton is now second in command at the North Texas Job Corps. She has direct oversight of academics, social development, training and trades, and

transportation. When the director is unavailable Bruton is first in command.

Bruton shared, "Even though my mother is deceased, I'd have to say that she has been and is my biggest influence in life. She always believed that we could achieve and be whatever we aspired to be."

Bruton added, "And she would tell me and my sibling too, 'you can go to whatever school you choose to go, you can do and be anything you want to be.'"

Bruton is a member of the Chi Zeta Omega Alpha

Kappa Alpha sorority as well as the Hamilton Park Methodist Church. She revealed that she believed that if helping people had not been the calling placed upon her by life, she would probably be performing on Broadway with the rest of her family.

"It is my other passion," she admitted. "I come from a long line of performers. My mother and sister were in Broadway Musicals, so that's probably what I'd be doing too."

The North Texas Job Corps Center has provided

young adults with job training for nearly forty-five years. Job Corps offers vocational training for young adults between the ages of 16 to 24.

The main goal of the Job Corps is making people employable. Job Corps actively recruits through television advertisements, schools, community centers, church organizations, and workforce programs.

For more information on North Texas Job Corps Center visit <http://north-texas.jobcorps.gov>.

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Get rid of them, if your roads are in disrepair and your schools are failing your children. Get rid of them if your taxes are going up and the services remain inferior.

Get rid of them if new industry or major businesses are not locating in your com-

munities. Elect new politicians and fire the old, inferior guard with a vengeance.

Register to vote, educate yourself on the choices and "upgrade" for a better world. Flush the waste down the toilet.

A fine example of this sit-

uation is the state of California. It is an economic basket case. The population is 54 percent minority but minorities don't get 5 percent of the business.

It is 12 percent of the national population but it holds 32 percent of the national

welfare load. It is exploitative from top to bottom and the people of California need to kick out practically every elected official they currently have.

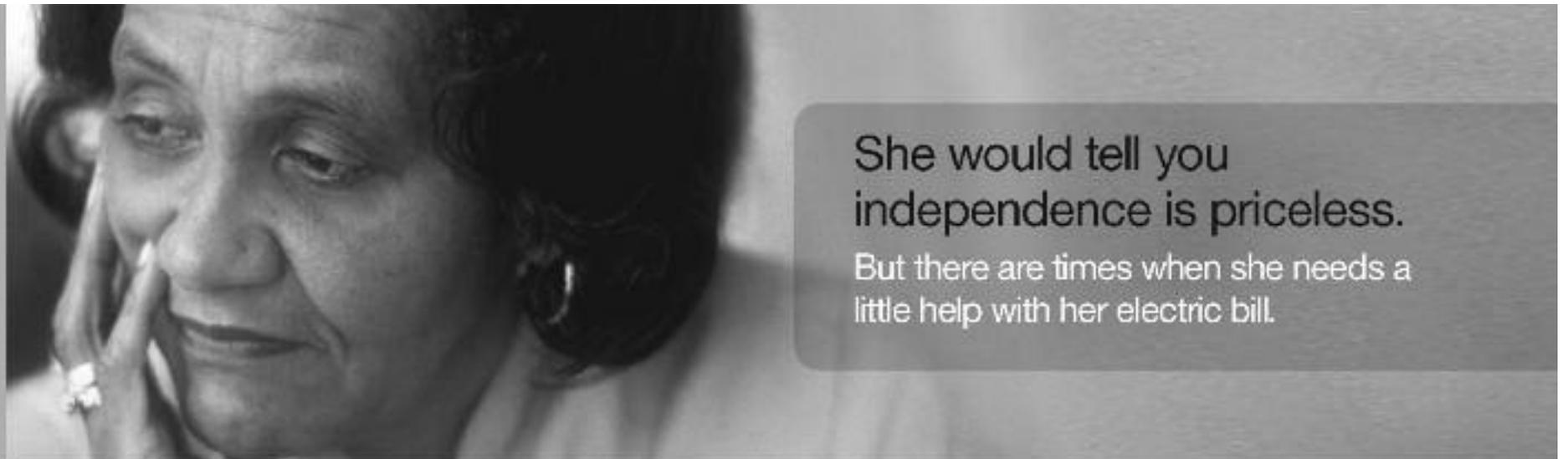
Flush them down the toilet and get in a new, fresh, educated and motivated group

of young leaders who demonstrate a commitment to a new day. If they are old or have been around over the years, then they are the problem.

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ests please consider them the "Devil" and act accordingly. MAKE THAT CHANGE!

Harry Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Website: www.nationalbcc.org. Email: halford@nationalbcc.org.



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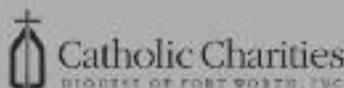
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NAACP Announces NAACP Diversity Job Board

(NDG Wire) The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Personnel Strategies Inc. (PSI) announced a partnership to produce a diversity job board to be featured at www.naacp.org. The job board entitled www.NAACPJobFinder.com promotes career opportunities to NAACP members and visitors from across America.

The www.NAACPJobFinder.com will showcase opportunities from a cross section of industries and locations.

"The NAACP job board addresses our principal objective to ensure political, social and economic equality for all citizens. It also provides a more comprehensive approach to providing racially diverse, qualified job seekers access to a broad

range of the nation's top employers," said NAACP President Benjamin Jealous. "With so many Americans out of work we hope we can provide new resources and opportunity."

The NAACP boasts one of the Nation's most diverse and active membership websites. It is anticipated that during the 2009 NAACP Centennial a large number of

visitors will be registering and searching the positions at the website.

For employers this represents an exception branding opportunity to promote their diversity initiatives and acknowledge the NAACP Centennial.

"PSI www.psijobfair.com has worked with the NAACP producing NAACP Diversity Job Fairs since 1993. Provid-

ing a state of the art job board technology that reaches a truly diverse market of motivated and socially active candidates should be a great tool for employers. We will also be reaching thousands of can-

didates who each year attend a NAACP Diversity Job Fair," says Mike Hall President of PSI. "We like the online and onsite solutions being offered by this partnership."

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work part-time. To encourage cooperation, offer rewards for effective suggestions."

The down market is a great time to reach out to current clients, possibly the best source for new business and referrals. Consider introducing a new service or product, changing office hours to accommodate customer needs, or target a new niche.

As in the past, small businesses, fueled by the irrepressible American spirit of innovation, will lead the national economy out of recession. According to the Small Business Administration, following the recession of the 1990s, small businesses with fewer than 200 employees created 3.8 million jobs, compared to just 500,000 by big-business expansion.

Small business showed similar leadership in the aftermath of 9/11 and the tech

bubble, accounting for two-thirds of our nation's operating profits in 2004. Gear

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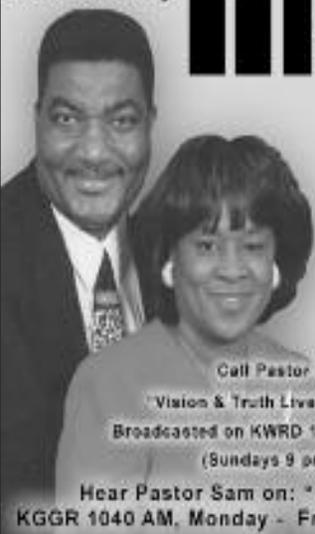


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What Were You Born to Be?



“And said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.” Job 1:21 & 22 (KJV)

Does a bumblebee walk on the ground all the time, never flying? Can a caterpillar fly, or does it crawl all the time? If you said, “No,” to either of those two questions you would be partially correct. Actually, a beekeeper said that often when a bumblebee’s wings fail to develop as they should, the bumblebee walks on the ground for his lifetime; and a caterpillar can fly, but something must occur first.

The bumblebee must struggled and fight to get fluid from its body into its wings to get them strong enough to fly; and the caterpillar must struggle and fight its way out of a cocoon in order to become a butterfly.

The butterfly begins life as a caterpillar, a

wormlike larva that spins a cocoon for itself. For weeks, the larva remains hidden within the cocoon as it undergoes metamorphosis and in the end the butterfly emerges and fly.

As humans, if we witness the struggle and fight of the bumblebee or the caterpillar, we might be tempted to help them both to speedup the process, but that’s the worst thing we could do for either one. The struggle and fight is what enables both to fly. The bumblebee and the butterfly both need adversity to become what God intended them to be. So do humans.

The book of Job is the story of a wealthy and successful community leader named Job. He was also a righteous businessman with huge holding of livestock and real estate; read his story and see what struggles that he went through before the end of his life.

“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in

the earth, and from walking up and down in it.” Job 1: 6 & 7.

“And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect man and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?” Job 1:8. Please note that you don’t have to be doing anything wrong in your life before you are tested and learn to be all that God intended you to be. God pointed Job out to Satan and gave him permission to test him with adversities. Job’s herds were stolen, his servants were murdered and all of his children were killed by a sudden tornado. By the way, God also has to give Satan permission to test you. That’s why it is said; that God will not tempt you beyond what you are able to bear.

But through all Job’s trials of adversity, he grows in strength, wisdom and faith. His entire perspective on God is transformed by his suffering. He was even accused of sin by his closest friends.

As Christians we must get beyond the immature notion that God is interested only in making us healthy, wealthy and happy

with the status quo.

God’s desire for Christians is to be more and more like Christ. And the road to becoming more like Christ often leads Christians through the wilderness of adversity, much like Christ was lead through the wildness and tested by Satan.

For the Bumblebee and the butterfly to fly, there had to be a transformation process that was developed through adversity.

For Christians to be what God designed for them to be, a transformation process that is often developed through adversity must take place. Count all your trials as joy because God isn’t through with you.



Don Willeford, Executive Director of Plano Community Charities and WWII Airman Sherman Goodfriend at a Plano Function

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and civic organizations. Students, families and people from all walks of life in Plano participate in the annual celebration. The PCF also encourage members to be actively involved in the City by serving on boards and commissions.

McDonald shares, "I'm excited and honored to have our men step up to

the plate and take the lead this year. We all support each other and help out in preparing for our largest fundraiser of the year but to have the men chairing all of the committees is truly making a statement. I believe it is a fine example illustrating that despite the changes in generations and society we still need our men to set the tone

and show our youth and young men what responsibility to self, family and community is all about. Our men are going to make a difference on Saturday at 7 p.m. October 3rd at South Fork Hotel and I'm asking for the community to please come out and share in this joyous evening with us. All are welcome."



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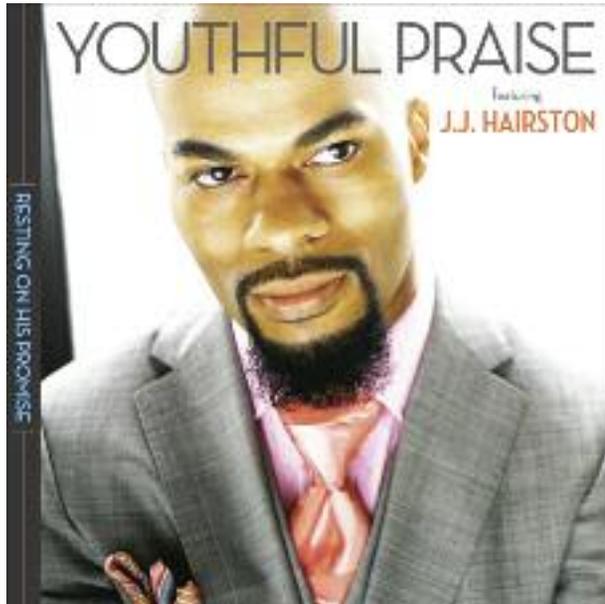
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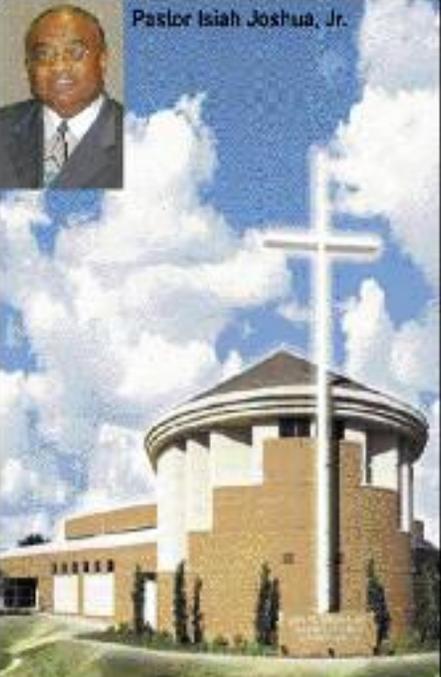
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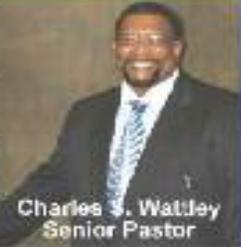
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