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Mid-Cities Texas Chapter, The Links, Inc. Hosts Round XVII: "A Knock-Out Affair: Black Tie Boxing"

(NDG Wire) On Saturday, August 15 at the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, the Mid-Cities Texas Chapter of The Links, Inc. will host the organization's annual fundraiser "A Knock-Out Affair: Black-Tie Boxing" event. Proceeds will benefit the Mid-Cities Texas

Chapter's Sallye Moore Scholarship Fund and other community service projects.

The black-tie affair will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature musical entertainment, casino tables, both silent and live auctions, dancing, live professional

boxing and a gourmet breakfast.

In its seventeenth successful year, event continues to capture the interest of the metroplex community, civic and business leaders. Last year's Round XVI event drew over 600 supporters.

The Honorary Chairperson for "Round XVII" is Joy Wallace, President and CEO, J.O.Y. Foods, Inc. Founded in 1998, J.O.Y. Foods, began as the exclusive supplier of a component pizza kit for the

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Carrollton's Annual Budget Approval Process Underway; The Meetings are Open to the Public

(NDG Wire) The Carrollton City Council has begun deliberations and will begin voting on the proposed 2009/2010 City budget and tax rate during meetings in August and September. The public is invited to attend.

At the initial August 4 Council worksession, the

preliminary budget included a decrease of 3.7 percent in the General Fund. It also listed many items under consideration, including seventeen positions to be eliminated or kept unfilled for at least one year (most of which are currently vacant); closing of Thomas Pool, the

Nature Center and summer camps which are duplicating efforts by the schools.

Other items which will bring new revenue to the City include the raising of some fees, such as the commercial solid waste road-use fee and Atmos gas franchise fee, as well as some small changes in var-

ious recreation fees, particularly for non-residents.

City Councilmembers at the August 4 worksession also discussed other items, such as public safety needs, and even a possible tax rate increase. No firm decisions were made at this

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Celebrating A Legacy of African American Ownership



City of Dallas District 10 Councilman Jerry R. Allen in the front with other community members held in the park at the Willie B. Johnson recreation center.

BY LATOYA WATKINS
NDG CONTRIBUTOR

Fifty-four years ago, a handful of strong African American men together sowed the first seeds in creating an African American neighborhood on the northern end of Dallas.

Doctors, lawyers, en-

gineers, scientists, artists, scholars, and countless black people who went on to become members of other highly regarded professions were born in the Hamilton Park community. In the same sense of togetherness that foun-

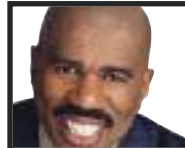
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COMMENTARY

Go For the Gold: Social Networking

BY FARRAH GRAY

(NNPA) Think of your career goals and objectives as a race. To go for the gold in your race you have to start from somewhere.

Despite today's economic hardships, I encourage you to go for the gold in whatever it is you hope to accomplish. The first step is to use the powerful tool of networking. Effective business networking leads to building strong professional relationships and is highly beneficial in the long run.

The recent article, *Recession Got You Worried*

About Your Job? 6 Networking Tips for You, on DiversityInc.com advises people to reach out to their networking circle now because the U.S. is in a recession and unemployment rates are skyrocketing.

Knowing the current state of the economy can break you if you do not take a new direction in your life. Here are some tips on successful ways to network:

Express and utilize your passion. Your personal passion is the best guide to

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Dr. C. T. Vivian

(NDG Wire) The Reverend Dr. C. T. Vivian, a renowned minister, author, educator, community activist, and humanitarian was celebrated at his 85th birthday on July 31, 2009 by 700 of his friends, community leaders, and admirers. The C. T. Vivian Leadership Institute hosted the 85th Birthday Celebration for Dr. Vivian who was a close friend and lieutenant of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the American Civil Rights movement. His birthday commem-

oration, themed *Leadership Now: Passing the Torch*, included a full day of activities including a *Discussion Summit*; a *Networking Mixer*; and the main attraction, *Narratives of my Life: A Spiritual Journey*, which featured passing the torch to a new generation of leadership.

The Discussion Summit -- Leadership Now: Passing the Torch, hosted by Angela Yvonne Robinson, Derrick Boazman, and Alisha Thomas Morgan, offered an occasion to recall

some of Dr. Vivian's history-making moments in time such as the confrontation at the Edmund Pettus Bridge with Sheriff Jim Clark in Selma, Alabama and the historic Freedom Riders. Featured speakers and presenters at this event included Warren Ballentine, Elizabeth Omilami, Dick Gregory, Phyllis Yvonne Stickney and Isaiah Washington.

Alisha Thomas Morgan, Jovita Moore and Isaiah Washington hosted the evening dinner party *Narratives of my Life: A Spiritual Journey*.

Several presentations

were made by Monica Pearson, George Andrews, Henrietta Antoinin, Derrick Boazman, and others. Leadership Torches were passed by Reverend Dr. Teresa Hairston and Reverend Dr. Gerald Durley to those individuals who participated in the "passing the torch" discussions earlier in the day. Entertainment for the event was provided by Sinfo-Nia Youth Orchestra and the Youth Ensemble of Atlanta.

Narratives of Dr. Vivian's life were written and published in a journal that is offered for sale by the C. T. Vivian Leadership Institute,



the non-profit organization founded by Dr. Vivian. The Institute is committed to developing minority communities and organizational leaders through relevant issues and meaningful programs.

With his family sur-

rounding him, the evening closed with Dr. Vivian giving his own narrative and recalling stories about his life and the people who influenced him. Commenting on the program, the exuberant Dr. Vivian said, "I really like this (the format). I never thought about doing this before; but it's very effective. It's more personal and allows people a close-up view of my life in the movement."

For information about the C. T. Vivian Leadership Institute, contact ctvivian-leadership@yahoo.com or the website at www.ctvivian.org.

Kathy Times

(NDG Wire) The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) announced Kathy Times was elected the 18th Pres-



ident of the 3,200-member organization. Also elected to serve for the 2009-11 term are Vice President-Print Deirdre M. Childress of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and Vice President-Broadcast Bob Butler of KCBS Radio in San Francisco.

Times, an anchor for WDBD-TV in Jackson, Miss., won the election with 325 votes or 57 percent of the vote, defeating

opponent Angelo Henderson, a Radio One Talk Show Host, writer and president of Angelolink, LLC.

"This next Board will pick up the gauntlet at a historic moment in journalism's evolution," said Melanie Burney, NABJ Elections Committee Chair.

"These individuals will help to lead our organization to the new frontier of journalism."

Times, who completes a term as Vice President-

Broadcast, replaces current President Barbara Ciara, managing editor/anchor for WTKR in Norfolk, Va., whose term in office ends Sunday.

"We have a lot of work to do and I want to say to you that we will hit the ground running," Times told a packed room at the Marriott Waterside Hotel and Marina in Tampa where the election results were announced. "Advocacy is part of our mission, it is what we do, it is what we are about."

A total of 12 Board members were chosen by the membership to lead the organization for the next two years. Board members re-elected for a second term in uncontested races include Treasurer Gregory Lee Jr., Parliamentarian Tonju Francois, Region III Director Ken Knight, Region V Director Cindy George, and Associate Representative Aprill O. Turner.

Katina Revels won a first term in an unopposed race for Region I Director.

Winning re-election in a contested race was Region II Director Charles Robinson III, and winning a first term in Region IV was Keith Reed. CNN analyst Roland Martin was elected secretary in another contested race.

Georgia Dawkins, a student at Florida A&M University, was elected Student Representative. No candidates ran for Region VI Director, which will be appointed by the new president upon taking office.

Esther Franklin

Esther "E.T." Franklin is the Executive Vice President, Director of Cultural Identities Starcom Mediavest Group. She was recently named the the MAAX 2009 Research Executive of the Year.

Franklin joined Starcom USA when the larger Starcom MediaVest Group media network adopted its Consumer Context Planning (CCP) practice. The aim of CCP is exploring how clients' consumers interact with media and various other contact points, thus forging tighter connections between consumers and brands. Franklin's primary function is charged with leading insights into ethnic and existing/emerging identities. Her projects include a proprietary research study on African

American consumer behavior, one of several steps the agency is taking toward strengthening its multicultural capabilities.

"Not only is the face of America changing, but identities are changing across the globe," said SMG Multicultural CEO Monica Gadsby.

While demographics typically consider cultural nuances, we are quickly learning that inside every culture are several unique communities with distinctive preferences and media consumption habits. Our ability to speak relevantly to each group is critical to our clients as the multicultural marketplace melds with the

general market. E.T. brings remarkable perspective and talent to this endeavor."

Before joining Starcom, Franklin explored and unearthed essential insights that informed the creative and brand strategies for Leo Burnett's clients. She spent the majority of her 10-year Burnett career working on various Philip Morris brands as VP/Planning Direc-



tor for Marlboro USA. In addition to working on PM, she was team leader for pro bono client The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and continues to work in that capacity.

Franklin also led corporate trend initiatives, including 20Twenty Vision - a focus on the 20-something audience, and Foresight Matters, a visionary look at general trends and their impact on the communication industry.

Additionally, she was instrumental in the early development of LeoShe, a Burnett agency-wide initiative geared toward generating greater insight into the female consumer. As a result, she appeared on Oprah touting LeoShe's research on beauty myths. Franklin joined Burnett in 1993 from Burrell Communications Group.

A Chicago native,

Franklin received her BS in business administration from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana

and her Master's of Management at Northwestern University's Kellogg Business School.

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Texans Should Expect Better From Stimulus Website

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A new study of official state websites focusing on the federal stimulus program finds that Texas is among the states that need to improve the quality of their online reporting. Texas usually excels in online open government, so it's surprising and disappointing that we are failing on a project of this size and importance.

The office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, which operates Texas' American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) website, has a national reputation as a leader in both e-government and user-friendly public information.

Yet a recent report published by the non-profit research group, Good Jobs First, finds that most states, including Texas, are doing a poor job in reporting details on stimulus spending on the websites they have created precisely to educate the public about the ARRA. While a few states have created websites that give the public extensive data on the way stimulus spending is

spreading through the economy, most are not living up to President Obama's promise that the stimulus would be carried out with "an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability."

Good Jobs First rated each state on how good its official stimulus website is in providing data on the numerous categories of ARRA funding, on the geographic distribution of spending throughout the state, and on specific spending projects, especially those being carried out by private contractors. On a scale of 0 to 100, the typical state scored only 25. Texas scored 15.

One of the biggest areas of deficiency is reporting on job creation -- a primary objective of the stimulus. Only four states post any jobs data on their main ARRA website. Fewer than half the states provide details on specific stimulus projects, such as a highway upgrade or a school renovation, and the contractors hired to do the work.

The states with the best ARRA websites are Maryland, Colorado, Washing-

ton, West Virginia and New York. Texas came in toward the bottom, tied for 34th place.

There are some simple steps that Texas and other states can take to make their ARRA websites more effective:

Put a summary of key information about ARRA spending at the top of the home page of the site. A clear bar graph, pie chart or table showing the main spending flows goes a long way in helping the user begin to see what the Recovery Act is all about. There should be clear links to pages with details about the various specific programs.

Provide a map or a table showing how overall ARRA spending and the amounts in key categories are being distributed around the state.

Along with information on spending streams, provide information on individual projects funded by those programs, such as a particular transit improvement or weatherization effort. Where possible, display the location of the projects on maps -- preferably

interactive displays that allow one to drill down for details.

For projects carried out by private contractors, be open about the contract award process and the identity of the companies that win bidding competitions. Post the bids and the details, including the full text, of the contract awarded to the winner.

While the federal government's Council of Economic Advisers is responsible for estimating the overall employment impacts of ARRA and the federal Recovery.gov website will report jobs data on some (but not all) individual projects, state ARRA sites should also include employment data in their project reporting.

State ARRA sites should make it clear when individual projects began work (or are expected to start), how long they are expected to run and what percentage was complete as of the latest reporting date.

States should make their ARRA websites as user-

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yourself. Whatever it is you like to do use that your advantage. Research and analyze your specific market to seek opportunities. After all, to know our strengths gives us direct access to our power. You know yourself better than anyone else, so find your niches and expand to better yourself.

Make a name for yourself. Once you have found opportunities in your field, use them to make a name for yourself by promoting yourself. Carrying business cards at the age of seven, lead me to become co-founder of Urban Neighborhood Enterprise Economic Club, in my hometown in South Side Chicago. It is well deserved to stand out from others and set standards to what makes

unique.

Be confident. Prepare an introduction speech on who you are and what you represent to other business professionals at networking functions. This lets them know that you mean business and that you believe in yourself. It's always good to be yourself and have a positive attitude no matter what you do in life.

Take advantage of online social networks. Although some online social networks are first made with personal connections, they can lead to many professional opportunities. Online social networks allow you to connect with people that have the same interests and career objectives as you. This is a great way to get advice from people who

have succeeded in your field.

Seize and conquer. Seize and conquer every networking opportunity that come your way. By networking with many business professionals you'll be one step closer to achieving your goals. After all, your success may be to own a million-dollar corporation or to reach to the top in management at your dream company.

I too have had economic hardships before reaching success, but along the way I believed in my market, my products and my contacts. I know what I know. I know how to fill the "in between."

Now it's your turn to take the steps to achieving your dream and go for the gold medal waiting for you at the end of the finish line.

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Research Shows Weight Loss Among Widows More Harmful to Health than Post-Wedding Weight Gain

(NDG Wire) The death of a spouse has a much more profound effect on weight change than marital status, according to new research by sociologists at The University of Texas at Austin.

The researchers have detailed their study "Marital Status, Marital Transitions and Body Weight" in the June issue of the Journal of Health and Social Behavior.

Umberson's team of researchers, Daniel Pow-

ers, associate professor of sociology at the university; and Hui Liu, assistant professor of sociology at Michigan State University, analyzed data from a national survey, in which they tracked weight trajectories among 1,500 adults over a 15-year period.

They found that while the transition into marriage is associated with temporary weight gain, weight loss affected by divorce or widowhood is the most detrimental.



According to the study, the biggest cause for concern is the long-term

weight loss following widowhood, especially among African Americans. Those who lose as little as 10 pounds are at an increased risk for mortality.

"This is a big concern for population health as significant weight loss increases mortality risk—especially among the elderly," Umberson said. "We were especially concerned to see that weight loss following widowhood is significantly greater for African Americans than for

whites."

Umberson suggests weight loss following widowhood reflects grief-related stress, as well as significant lifestyle changes. Because married people routinely divide cooking and grocery shopping chores, a partner helps to prepare food and provides more social motivation for eating meals.

When widowed men and women fall out of that routine, they tend to lose interest in eating.

"Given that even modest weight loss increases mortality risks, the newly widowed need to be aware they are at risk when they begin to lose weight," Umberson said. "But this is a lot to ask of bereaved persons, so most of my advice is for family members and helping professionals who can make sure widowed men and women have access to food and provide opportunities for them to sit down and eat their meals with others."

Methodist Charlton Medical Center Receives Top Maternity Care Excellence Award Third Year in a Row

(NDG Wire) Methodist Charlton Medical Center announced that it has once again received the highest rating – five-stars – for maternity care services, and the 2009/2010 Maternity Care Excellence Award™ from HealthGrades, the nation's leading independent health-care ratings organization. This marks the third consecutive year the hospital has achieved these top distinctions, and is the only central Dallas area hospital to sustain the achievements.

Wide gaps in quality out-

comes for maternity care persist, according to a new study released by HealthGrades. Among the findings are that the nation's best performing hospitals have complication rates for vaginal and C-section deliveries, as well as neonatal mortality rates, that are dramatically below those of poorly performing hospitals.

The Sixth Annual HealthGrades Women's Health in American Hospitals study analyzes patient outcomes for maternity care and in-hospital treatment of sixteen other

procedures/diagnoses concerning women's health.

"We are extremely proud of our doctors, nurses and support staff for sustaining this achievement for three consecutive years," says Methodist Charlton President Zach Chandler. "We encourage patients to take an active role in their health care, and part of that process is to seek hospitals with the best quality outcomes when making health care decisions. This recognition from HealthGrades demonstrates that Methodist Charlton is not

only providing compassionate care using some of the latest technology available, but we are also providing our patients with quality care."

Study findings include the following:

- The difference in quality of care between maternity programs is substantial for both vaginal and C-section deliveries: the best-performing hospitals had 52 percent fewer maternal complications among women who had vaginal births compared to poor-performing hospitals and 7 percent fewer complications

among women who had C-sections. Patient-choice C-sections had the largest difference at 84 percent between best- and poor-performing hospitals.

- If all hospitals, among the nineteen states studied, performed at the level of the best-performing hospitals from 2005 through 2007, 182,129 women may have avoided developing one or more in-hospital major obstetrics complications.

- Best-performing hospitals had a 56 percent lower weight-stratified neonatal

mortality compared to poor-performing hospitals.

- C-section rates average approximately 32 percent among the nineteen states studied.

In the study, HealthGrades analyzed approximately 13 million hospital delivery and neonate records from 2005 through 2007 in more than 1,500 hospitals in nineteen all-payer states for this study and identified 218 hospitals as being five-star rated in maternity care. The full study can be found at www.healthgrades.com.

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DART Sponsors Career Awareness Opportunities



(NDG Wire) Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is offering workshops ranging from resume writing, interview skills, networking and dressing for success to women in the Dallas area on Friday, August 21.

Women Helping Wo-

men, an event hosted by DART's Human Resources staff, will allow women to learn about various opportunities in the transportation field while helping them discover ways to effectively market their skills.

The free event is from

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel adjacent to DART's Galatyn Park Station on the Red Line. The address of the hotel is 900 E. Lookout Drive, Richardson 75082.

Additional topics planned for Women Helping

Women include re-entering the workforce, low cost childcare, food banks, and resources for the newly unemployed.

More information on DART's career awareness opportunity can be found at www.DART.org/women-

helpingwomen.

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Local Food Pantry Reopens Its Doors & Goes Green

Thinking outside the box: The Hunger Business is Booming

(NDG Wire) Cheryl Jackson founder of Minnie's Food Pantry (MFP) and Chairwoman of the End Hunger Coalition of Collin has decided to GO GREEN and provide clients a choice in the foods they receive. Instead of giving out a box of food MFP is thinking outside of the box.

"We found that some of our clients don't eat corn, but that's what we gave

every person so what happened to that food?" said Jackson.

The pantry reopened its doors last week. They now allow their clients to go from shelf to shelf and decide what foods they actually want. The quantity of food received is based on the size of the family.

Clients will utilize donated recycled bags. MFP also offers a nice ambience with candles, soft music

and a smile, because the staff believes showing that they care is important.

MFP launched last year on Jackson's birthday, unfortunately the need has grown extraordinarily.

"The hunger business is booming, in one year the pantry has increased from serving 50 families per month to 460 families per month," said Jackson. Community partnerships with Market Street and

WalMart allows the pantry to be successful and they are able to distribute fresh bread, fruit, and salads to

their clients. Nissan of McKinney recently donated a van to help the pantry.

Minnie's Food Pantry is

part of The Giving Movement and Jackson founded the pantry to honor her mother, Minnie Ewing.

Delta Sigma Theta Bowl-A-Thon to Benefit Youth

(NDG Wire) In an effort to raise funds while having fun, Delta Sigma Theta North Dallas Suburban Alumnae will host a Jabberwock Scholarship Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser.

The Bowl-A-Thon event supports scholarships for high school students within the DFW area. The event is open to the public and will be held on Saturday, September 19 at 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

at USA Bowl, 10920 Composite Drive in Dallas.

Participants may sign up either as a team or individually. For \$100.00 a five-player team can reserve a lane and enter the bowl-a-thon. Individual registration is only \$20. Additionally, pledges are accepted.

Online registration is available at www.dstnds.com through September

12. Onsite registration will also be available on the day of the Bowl-A-Thon.

According to North Dallas Suburban Alumnae chapter president, Carolyn Matthews, the Bowl-A-Thon is just one of many community-based events the organization holds throughout the year.

For more information, visit the chapter's web site or call, 214-452-7835.

Carrollton's Leisure Connections Magazine Ready

(NDG Wire) Pick up the latest issue of Carrollton's *Leisure Connections* magazine today or visit cityofcarrollton.com/leisure emag to check out the fall issue online. The September-December 2009 issue contains all City events, activities and programs for the fall.

Leisure Connections is

available at: Rosemeade Recreation Center (1330 E. Rosemeade Parkway), Hebron & Josey Library (4220 N. Josey Lane), Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs Road), City Hall (1945 E. Jackson Road), Carrollton Senior Center (1720 Keller Springs Road) and other City facilities.

City-sponsored activities at recreation centers, libraries and other leisure facilities include athletic league opportunities, community events and classes for adults and children.

Registration began August 10 for residents and August 24 for non-residents; classes begin September 1.

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(NDG Wire) The Blue Notes, one of the most dynamic groups from the Sound of Philadelphia Family will provide the entertainment at the 2009 Urban League of Greater Dallas Annual Gala on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the Hilton Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway at 6:30 p.m.

The Blue Notes, previously known as Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, were formed over 40 years ago in Philadelphia and reached the highest heights



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in the world of music. The group then consisted on Harold Melvin, Teddy Pen-dergrass, Bernie Wilson, Larry Brown and Lloyd Parks and attained national and international recognition.

Through the inspiration of Larry Brown and the mutual agreement of Lloyd Parks, original members of the group, they added three extremely talented gentlemen, Arthur Aiken, Dr.

Salaam Love and Lenny Edwards. They have performed at Carnegie Hall, The Forum, Hollywood Bowl, Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, The Paladium in London and the Wachovia in Philadelphia.

They also performed at President George W. Bush's Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Their list of hits is endless and include *If You Don't Know Me By Now*, *The Love I Lost* and *Wake Up Everybody*. Their vocal talents and choreographic genius continue to mark them "specialists" in the trade.

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Disney/UNCF Scholarship Program

United Negro College Fund and Disney are offering two scholarships for eligible students. Students must have a least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, attend a UNCF college or university, and have an interest in the arts, hotel hospitality, or communications.



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agement, Hospitality Administration, Hotel Management, and Performing Arts.

Disney is the largest media and entertainment conglomerate in the world. Their corporate headquarters and primary production facilities are located at The Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, California.

Deadline: August 31, 2009

Award Amount: \$5,000

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Blackstudents.com

Teens Mix Business Creativity with Web Technology

Camp Lets High School Juniors and Seniors Explore Net's Entrepreneurial Side

(UTD) High school students at School of Management this summer vanquished the stereotype that teenagers use the Internet only for socializing and entertainment.

A group of eighteen local teens put blogs, social networks, Twitter, video sharing, virtual worlds, wikis and more to work at Web 2.0 Summer Camp. They spent a week exploring creative ways to apply the latest in information technology to business issues re-imagined as entrepreneurial opportunities.

The driving idea, according to camp director and faculty member Dr. Mark Thouin, was to show participants a problem-solving methodology to address such problems as how to help organizations be green, reduce their healthcare costs, and market their products to consumers ages 16 to 24.

Participants came from Dallas, Frisco, Richardson, McKinney and Cedar Hill. The Turner Twelve Organization, a nonprofit group that works to create first-generation college graduates, sent the largest contingent, twelve students from Lincoln High School in South Dallas.

All participants "worked in groups to create, strategize and implement the most effective way to deliver their IT solutions," Dee Ellington, the

School of Management academic adviser who developed the camp idea.

Contemplating ways a company might reduce health-care costs, Kyle Tyler, who will attend Berkner High School in Richardson, proposed that the company direct employees to food wiki sites that could both show them healthier eating alternatives and allow them to share their own.

One of Tyler's teammates for the exercise, LaCira Boyce of Cedar Hill, suggested the company set up health-care blogs on behalf of workers.

A third teammate, Bran-

don Bostic of Centennial High School in Frisco, said, "The company could hold a clinic and get Twitter or Facebook to tell the employees about it."

Playing off the abbreviation for information technology, IT, Thouin keyed all camp activities to the theme of "Do IT Better."

"When it comes to IT, there's opportunity everywhere," said Thouin, who is director of the school's Management Information Systems program.

Web 2.0, however, refers not merely to technology—the latest applications, networks, services and sites

available online. The term also—and perhaps more importantly—describes a new Internet era, one in which users, formerly able only to view and download information, now also can generate and contribute content as well.

Divided into five teams, the campers vied to deliver the best Web 2.0 solution to a real environmental, health-care or marketing challenge.

A panel of judges evaluated the content, delivery, time management and overall impression of their presentations, which had to run less than twenty minutes.

Two groups created blogs, Ellington said. One had responses from nine bloggers less than a day after posting its initial content.

The culminating camp event came Friday afternoon when Thouin announced the

winning teams. All four members of the first-place team, i.M.A.D., got a \$50 Visa gift card.

The judges found "their solution was the most comprehensive," Thouin said of i.M.A.D.'s ideas. They provided access to healthcare answers in a variety of cost-cutting ways, he said, including e-mail, text-messaging and on the Web.

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The Vincent Tucker Radio Show Returns for Season Three Beginning September 3rd

(NDG Wire) CWC Entertainment Group L.L.C. announced this week rising music and entertainment executive Vincent 'Young Heartbreak' Tucker and the crew of *The Vincent Tucker Radio Show* are returning to the airwaves. The program's third season begins Thursday, September 3 via HipHopSoulRadio.com (11 a.m. Central), and will continue to air in syndication on various online streaming stations including True Fire Radio, Streets D Radio & DPS Radio.

Co-starring comedienne Myskenna, Yellostar, former basketball player Jonathan "JB" Bullock and comedian Savel Rhines, *The Vincent Tucker Radio Show* includes music & entertainment primarily targeting the 18-34 demographic in the Urban Contemporary genre. In addition to running through the latest in music, news, entertainment & sports, the crew discusses topics that affect the hip-hop generation including politics, violence,

racism, religion and more.

Recognized as "standing in as a voice of the unknown and unheard," *The Vincent Tucker Radio Show* will continue to showcase an urban music mix of unsigned artists on the cusp of superstardom as well as music from major label artists.

Vincent 'Young Heartbreak' Tucker adds, "It's amazing the amount of praise and respect our show has received. It's great when you read the emails and people are telling us how much they've missed listening while they were at work, exercising or even relaxing. Well there is no need to worry; the radio crew you love is coming back intact and with a brand new swagger. Stay tuned as big surprises are coming during Season Three of *The Vincent Tucker Radio Show*!"

For more about *The Vincent Tucker Radio Show*, visit VincentTuckerRadioShow.com or call (877) 998-4623.

Radio Date™ is Coming to Dallas

BlackPeopleMeet.com and *The Steve Harvey Morning Show* Seek Dallas Black Singles for Interactive Dating Game

(NDG Wire) - *BlackPeopleMeet.com* and *The Steve Harvey Morning Show* announced they are now seeking black singles from Dallas to participate as contestants in *Radio Date™*, a creative and interactive take on dating game shows of the past.

One woman and three men, all from Dallas, will be selected to appear on the show on August 19. The lucky couple's date will take place Saturday, August 22 in Dallas, and the recap will be featured on *The Steve Harvey Morning Show* on Wednesday, August 26.

To enter, interested daters need to visit www.blackpeoplemeet.com/m/steve-harvey and click "Participate." Candidates

for *Radio Date* must have a profile on *BlackPeopleMeet.com* and will be selected based on the quality, completeness and popularity of their profiles, as well as their proximity to the city where the date will be held. There is no purchase necessary to be eligible.

Every other Wednesday morning, four lucky *BlackPeopleMeet.com* members appear live on *The Steve Harvey Morning Show*. One female listener chooses from three eligible bachelors, and listeners can vote online to let the woman know who they think she should pick. To vote, visit www.blackpeoplemeet.com/steve-harvey.

Winners of the *Radio Date* receive an elegant, all-expenses-paid night on the

town courtesy of *BlackPeopleMeet.com* and *The Steve Harvey Morning Show*. In addition to a chauffeur-driven limo, dinner, flowers for the bachelorette and gifts, the winners will be interviewed twice, live, on the nationally syndicated *Steve Harvey Morning Show*, which is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week.

After each date, people can go to the website to see photos and videos from the date. In addition, those unable to catch the radio show - or those who just want to hear it again - can get full audio from the *Radio Date* segment. Website visitors also can view past dates in the date archive and stream the show live from the page.



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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.

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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@ccc.edu or www.ccc.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

August 14 - August 15

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

August 15

The PLAN Fund hosting **"Business Basics for Entrepreneurs"** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 2801 Swiss Ave. Suite 120, Dallas, TX 75204. Cost is \$45, register at www.planfund.org or 214-942-6698.

ART De'LeCour is a fundraising event for **Mesquite's Historic Brickyard Preservation Project** at the The Westin City Center Hotel, 650 North Pearl Street, Dallas. The Pre-Event Marketplace begins at 4:00 p.m.; Fashion Show at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:45 p.m.); and Post-Event Art Exhibit and Reception for VIPs to fol-

low fashion show. Info: Denise Upchurch at denise_upchurch@yahoo.com, 214-280-0866 or www.artdelecour.com/.

Urban League of Greater Dallas is hosting a Community Family Reunion Celebration from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Glendale Park, 1300 E. Ledbetter Dr., Dallas. Bring your families, lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a day of celebration and a little friendly competition in the park. Activities will include the following: Walk or Run competition, Swish Basketball Tournament, Game Royale - Spades and Dominoes Tournament and Fun Time - field-day races and activities. Info: (214) 915-4635.

August 17

Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs) will be hosting their last Family Fun Night for the summer from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Families are invited to participate in a free night of games and crafts. Info: 972-466-4800 or cityofcarrollton.com/library.

August 18

Town Hall Meeting with State Rep. Jodie Laubenberg 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Opening remarks followed by Q&A session consisting of prepared questions sent in by attendees, and then questions from the audience. RSVP: thespences@75013.mojo4m.com or 972-747-7544

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 21

Gospel Jam feature Christian comedian Kenn Cox and musical guests. Cost is \$10 pre-sale/\$15 door. Info: Kyle Miller at 972-821-9930 or TheGospelJam.com.

August 22

2009 Urban League of Greater Dallas Annual Gala will feature The Blue Notes, previously known as Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes at the Hilton Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway at 6:30 p.m. Info: (214) 915-4600 or purchase tickets at the Urban League Headquarters, 4315 South Lancaster Road, Dallas

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

Garland Mayor's Evening In ~ 5-7 p.m. City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street To reserve a time slot, call 972-205-2471 or email edattamo@ci.garland.tx.us

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 au-

thor 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

Neighborhood Advisory Commission & City of Carrollton Community Services hosting a **Neighborhood Involvement Forum for Involved Neighbors** from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on at Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs Road). Info: 973-466-4299 or cityofcarrollton.com/comdevelopment.

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.choicecareerairs.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-turns 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

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. 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 18

Jazz Friday featuring Faith Band 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., 13342 Midway Road Suite 250 at ArtFest Intl, Dallas. Tickets: \$10 -\$25, email stephanie@stephaniestips.com for paypal link and e-ticket.

September 23 - 26

Life Enrichment Boot Camp Admission Fee: \$200 per person. From 6pm to 11pm Info: David Bishop at 214-736-9991, www.lifeenrichmentbootcamp.com or www.marriagebootcamp.com

September 26

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Thurman Jones (standing) and Jim Bochum, in the early days of *Minority Opportunity News*, later renamed *North Dallas Gazette*

BY TESSA HOWINGTON
NDG CONTRIBUTOR

*Editor's Note: Mr. Jim Bochum, the co-founder of *Minority Opportunity News*, the predecessor of the *North Dallas Gazette* (NDG), sat down with NDG for his final interview late last year.*

Our Chairman Emeritus reflected on his career and the launch of NDG prior to his passing away on Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

Jim Bochum did not set out to be a writer, a journalist or a civil rights activist – like most good leaders, it just happened.

Bochum, started *Minority Opportunity News* (MON) in 1991 with co-founder Thurman Jones. The paper has since become the *North Dallas Gazette*.

The original idea for the paper came from *Mahogany Magazine*. Bochum said that the idea “reached in and got him.” And once the idea had a hold of him, it did not let go.

MON originally was a paper devoted to inform-

ing and educating the African American community, promoting community events and encouraging people to become leaders.

In 1996, Bochum launched a new publication, *Seniors 2000 & Beyond News* magazine. Its purpose was to provide information for the senior community and their caregivers, and to help bridge the gap between technology and members of the aging community.

In 2000, MON moved to Plano and changed its name to *North Dallas Gazette* to better represent the community served. In 2007, *Seniors 2000 & Beyond* merged with the *North Dallas Gazette* and became *Seniors Quarterly*.

Bochum grew up east of the metroplex in Greenville. He was always interested in learning, and he said eagerness helped him graduate from high school at the age of 15, skipping 3rd and 5th grades.

After high school, he pursued an English degree from the University of Southern California and

Reflections of a Leader

graduated in 1954 at the age of 20.

Like most young people of the time, he was facing the possibility of the draft. Unaware that he had been called in for a physical, Bochum was living in California when he learned the FBI came looking for him at his mother's house in Greenville. That is when he believed that it was a good idea to “volunteer” for the Air Force instead of being drafted into the Army.

Bochum's buddy was in a similar situation, and a few days after enlisting, they found themselves together at Basic Training for the Air Force in Hayward, California.

After officer training in Cheyenne, Wyoming, he was assigned to an administrative post that took him to worldwide locations.

Describing himself as adventurous, he said he felt lucky to be able to travel across Europe when he had leave. Bochum said he had it made while serving in Europe, and felt the European people took to him, making it easy and enjoyable to travel.

He finished in the Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant, saying that he “never could act right” and returned to the states in 1959.

Bochum spent a brief stint in a manufacturing company, but then went to work for Volkswagen in California. In 1974 he moved back to Texas to help take care of his grandmother in Greenville.

A few years after being back in Dallas, the idea of producing a paper “took hold.” By that time he knew Thurman Jones from his church and approached him with the idea.

“We just did it,” Bochum said. “I became editor in chief, and Thurman was publisher. We worked well together.” Bochum said the duo

wanted to be hard hitters and fight the establishment. He said that in those days it was hard breaking down barriers and opening doors to get the paper started.

The original goal of the paper, which is still important and true today, is to help the minority community – economically and socially. Bochum knew their creation helped break down some of the barriers that the community faced, and that things was a little easier for members of the African American community than they were when the paper started.

Although community relations have improved between its members and other ethnic community groups in the metroplex, Bochum readily admitted it was hard but worth it.

While there still may be some barriers, he knew that the paper had made a lot of contributions to the community and hoped that it would continue to.

Bochum felt the world

today is in shambles, that we need to take a look around and really work toward a goal where everyone is happy and peaceful.

The time Bochum dedicated to producing the paper is not the only way he contributed to the betterment of the community; he held various leadership positions over the years.

For about five years, Bochum served on the Independent National Bank Advisory Board in Irving, and served three years as a Corporate Board Member for the Dallas Theater Center, as he was always interested in the arts.

He also served on the American Diabetes Association's African America Advisory Board, on the Board of Directors for the Ms. Texas Senior Pageant, the Advisory Board of the Richland College Emeritus Program, and on the Texas Silver Haired Legislature Election Steering Committee.

At the time of his death, he was listed as Chairman Emeritus for the

North Dallas Gazette. Bochum also volunteered his time by serving as press secretary during the past election for Garland Mayor, Ronald Jones.

While the paper has won several prestigious awards, Bochum has also accumulated several of his own. Most notable, a 2006 Katie Award given by the Dallas Press Club, and he was recognized in 1994 at the Austin, Texas, Convention Center by the Texas Association of Minority Business Owners where he was named as one of that year's Texas Men of Distinction.

But if you asked him about his awards, he admitted though honored he did not like to talk about himself or his awards. Bochum said he liked to stay low key and under the radar.

The only thing he was really committed to, was being satisfied. He spent his time doing things he enjoyed like listening to

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Jimmy Louis Bochum

June 26, 1933 – August 5, 2009

Jimmy Louis Bochum was born on June 26, 1933 in Greenville, Texas to Reverend Billy Bochum and Cardella Alexander Bochum. After obtaining his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California, Bochum served in U. S. Air Force.

Bochum, retired co-founder of the *Minority Opportunity News*, now the *North Dallas Gazette* newspaper, also launched the *Senior 2000 and Beyond Inc*, now the *Seniors Quarterly*.

Active in the community he served as a board member of the American Diabetes Association's African American Advisory Board Board of Directors of the Ms. Texas Senior Pageant, the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Election Steering Committee, and the Advisory Board of the Richland College Emeritus Program, the Dallas Theatre Center, and a member of the Independent National Bank Advisory Board.

Bochum is survived by one daughter, Monique Jackson and son-in-law, Ian Jackson; 4 grandchildren: Brande Bochum, Ashley Jackson, Britnie Costa and husband Marc, Cameron Jackson and wife Amber; 5 great grandchildren: Marc, Cameron, Calla, Jaylun and T. J. all of Oklahoma City, OK. In addition, he will be missed by many family and friends, including the staff of the *North Dallas Gazette*.

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Jim Bochum and Victor Morales, former Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate.

jazz and watching the Dallas Cowboys.

Bochum spent a lot of time online. He believed access to information online was our greatest tool, and if used correctly, could be educational.

Education played a large role in his life. Bochum said, "Education is important. That it is the secret to everything. You can't be successful unless you are educated."

Education may have helped him gain the ideas and the tools to make him as successful as he was, but the greatest influence in his life was his father.

His father was a minister, and Bochum described him as a strong man. Bochum admitted that his dad taught him the most important lesson in life - to be strong, truthful, independent, and remain close with God. Those were the things that were important and make up your character.

And Jim Bochum was quite a character.

Bochum seemed to be the quiet type, and given his educational history, you can see how and why he stayed "under the radar." But there was also a hint of some rebellious times and fun-spirited mischief. When asked to sum up his 20's, 30's, etc., he simply sat back and smiled saying "they've all be exciting. I've lived a good

he ever met was Dr. Zan W. Holmes. Dr. Holmes is the retired pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Dallas, and someone Bochum was proud to call a friend.

According to Bochum, Dr. Holmes was "one of the most influential people in the world spiritually." And was a great influence in Bochum's life by always advising him to try "to do the right thing and serve the community."

Dr. Holmes obviously gave some good advice, because Bochum did just that.

But Bochum still believed he had not done enough to really change the world, and was not sure if he could do it himself. "I just don't have the resources to change the future the way I want it. I can probably change things for a few, but not for all," he said.

However, between the publications he started and the time devoted to serving his community, Bochum led a life full of service. The barriers he broke down and the opportunities he presented to the community have an endless effect on the future. It is clear that he has impacted many more lives

than he realized.

His advice for the future was to "keep on keeping on" and "go get it."

Bochum believed that if you want something bad enough than you can get anything you want as long as you are willing to work for it.

Mr. Jim Bochum earned the right to be satisfied, retired and taking it easy.



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Accelerating Business Growth for Women of Color

Dallas Forum to Detail: What Works - and What Doesn't

(NDG Wire) The Center for Women's Business Research will turn a groundbreaking research project into practical action items for women of color who want to accelerate the growth of their businesses this fall.

The center is hosting a forum at Southern Methodist University's James M. Collins Executive Center, 3063 SMU Blvd, Dallas,

TX., on Tuesday September 8, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Center for Women's Business Research estimates that women business owners of color started businesses at a rate of three times that of other groups during the past two decades, even though a multi-year research project shows they face major obstacles. Those obstacles include

human resources, cash flow and capital; marketing, access to decision makers, strategic partnerships - all of which are embedded with racism and sexism.

"The Forum will provide women business owners of color with practical strategies to overcome many of the obstacles they face," states Dr. Gwen Martin, director of Research at the Center for Women's

Business Research.

Martin adds, "In addition, the Forum marks the beginning of a national dialogue on access to corporate decision makers which is key to continuing the growth of women of color firms."

The forum includes a continental breakfast plus lunch. Attendees will get a copy of *What Works: Strategies for Women Busi-*

ness Owners of Color in Growing Their Firms, a new report that details the findings on barriers and successful strategies used by women in the study and recognized experts.

Sponsors of the forum

include Southern Methodist University, IKEA, UPS Foundation, MasterCard, Haynes and Boone, Energy Future Holdings, and IBM. To register for the forum visit www.womensbusinessresearch.org.

Four Things An Entrepreneur Should Never Say

BY DANTE LEE

Nearly every time I'm networking at a business function, I run into people who say things that make me question whether or not they are legit. Here are just some of the things I have heard:

1) "Our web site gets millions of hits."

First of all, web traffic is not measured in "hits" any more; It's measured in impressions, page views, and unique visitors. Secondly, your web site doesn't get millions of hits. If it did,

people would already know and you wouldn't have to broadcast it. Thirdly, I went to your web site before and the design sucks. There is no way a million people go there.

2) "We real big right now."

First of all, the proper way to say that is "we're really big right now." Secondly, no you're not. If you were "real big", I would already know and so would everybody else. Thirdly, what does that mean? Your statement doesn't mean any-

thing. How are you big? Why are you big? Big in sales? Big in popularity?

3) "I'm the hottest thing out."

You're hot? Do you mean you're getting tons of publicity? Do you mean you're in high demand? What newspapers have you been featured in? Any radio and TV shows? Generally, people who are the "hottest thing out" don't have to tell people that because people already know.

4) "I own my own business in network marketing."

You might be making some money, but if you're in network marketing - you don't own anything. You work for somebody else. You're a contractor that gets paid on commission. Just tell people you "work in network marketing."

Dante Lee is the 27-year old president and CEO of Diversity City Media, a multicultural marketing and public relations firm based in Columbus, Ohio. His daily blog is at www.DanteLee.com

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K-12 School segment. Since then, the organization has evolved into a manufacturer and marketer of a variety of branded and private label pizzas for every foodservice segment. As important as the products J.O.Y. Foods manufacturers is the company's core value statement:

"J.O.Y. Foods is committed to delivering outstanding results while operating with integrity and employing Christian business principles in all we do. J.O.Y. Foods strives to provide an environment where team members can develop personally and professionally and achieve their dreams."

General Chairpersons of the event are Marilyn Evans, Carol Huntley Little and Michelle Thomas.

Chapter President Doris Johnson acknowledges the community and corporate supporters of this event in saying, "We remain thankful for community and corporate partner generosity. In this time of great need, we ask that you continue to be faithful patrons and we pledge to be unrelenting in our endeavor to provide unparalleled community service."

The Links, Inc. is an international organization, founded more than 50 years ago, by African-American women, to make a positive impact on their communities. Through the years, The Links, Inc. has raised millions of dollars for worthy causes including education, health care, arts and youth programs.

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is black-tie. Tickets for the fund-raiser are \$100 per person. For ticket information call 512.294.5200.

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time. The Mayor and City Council remain committed to making long-term, sustainable decisions that will serve our community well for many years to come. If you are interested in attending any future budget meetings, please see the schedule below.

All meetings will be

held at City Hall (1945 E. Jackson). Dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, August 18, 5:45 p.m. - City Council Worksession: Preliminary budget deliberation

Votes setting the proposed tax rate, public hearing dates and date for approval of the proposed tax

rate and budget

Monday, August 31 - Proposed budget posted online at cityofcarrollton.com

Tuesday, September 1, 5:45 p.m. - City Council Worksession: Review proposed budget

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and, if required*, first Public Hear-

ing on Proposed Tax Increase

Tuesday, September 8 (tentative) - If required, second Public Hearing on Tax Increase (tentative special City Council meeting)*

Tuesday, September 15 - Adopt budget and tax rate

*Section 26.05(d) of the Texas Property Tax Code

requires a taxing unit to hold two public hearings and publish newspaper ads before adopting a tax rate that exceeds the rollback rate or the effective tax rate, whichever rate is lower.

The public may review copies of the preliminary budget at Josey Ranch Lake Library at 1700 Keller

Springs, and at Hebron and Josey Library at 4220 N. Josey Lane. The proposed budget will be posted online on August 31 and will also be available for review at both libraries.

For more information, visit the City's website at cityofcarrollton.com.

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ded this great community, a few descendants and lovers of the spirit of the community have joined together to form the Hamilton Park Historic Preservation Foundation (HPHFP).

HPHFP's interests lie in working together to preserve the rich history of Hamilton Park and leave a legacy of true African American community. The foundation's goals to help homeowners of the 725 homes in the community are a celebration of homeownership, success, and moving forward.

It has been decided by city developers that Hamilton Park represents a valuable piece of land, so the HPHFP has stepped up to the challenge of uniting the community in order to collectively sell the land and redevelop the community.

Executive director of the foundation, Angela Grant Mitchell grew up in Hamilton Park. She shared the four major goals of the foundation with *North Dallas Gazette*. "Self-determination, Preservation of Hamilton Park's Historic Legacy, Collective Land sale for 'Highest and Best Use' price, and Reconnection the Hamilton Park Community," Mitchell explained, "Are our main interests."

Mitchell also mentioned that HPHFP was formed with the blessing of the Hamilton Park Civic League Homeowners' Association. "This was a big deal," she stated. "We are all youngsters to

them. The youngest member is in his 60s! Being accepted by them really means something."

Thomas Jefferson, president of the Hamilton Park Civic League Homeowners' Association, called himself a member of what he calls the "Everlaster Group." Jefferson graduated from Hamilton Park High School in 1961. "I graduated when we had the city and the country all in one," Jefferson laughed during an interview with *North Dallas Gazette*. "Back then that school was K-12."

He agreed with Mitchell that Hamilton Park Civic League Homeowners' Association endorses HPHFP goals and interests. "Most of these youngsters are children or grandchildren of the original homeowners. We are just proud that they are the ones doing it. The program is set up to work inside out, no outside in. For us, that's a good thing."

Jefferson added, "We can't go wrong with supporting them. They are very open in communication. Who could ask for anything more than that? I believe in what they are doing."

HPHFP committee and event chair Elaine Johnson commented, "We all love Hamilton Park and some of us even have personal ties to the community. My mother lives in Hamilton Park."

Johnson informed *North Dallas Gazette* that HPHFP holds a Juneteenth celebration annually for

the Hamilton Park community to celebrate the history of Juneteenth.

On September 12, 2009 the HPHFP will be hosting the first Hamilton Park Legacy Gala. The gala serves as a way to celebrate the greatness of the Hamilton Park community's outstanding legacy as well as a way to raise money to support some of the costs (attorneys, development consulting, etc.) associated with achieving the goal of ensuring that the homeowners of Hamilton Park get the most for their very valuable land collectively.

Dr. Zan Holmes, former pastor of St. Luke

United Methodist Church in Dallas, will be the keynote speaker at the event and a host of others have been invited to join, including, RISD, the mayor of Dallas, and council member Jerry Allen.

HPHFP also extends an invitation to anyone who grew up in or has a love for the Hamilton Park community.

Mitchell commented before the end of her interview with *North Dallas Gazette*, "We just want to reconnect the past with where we are today. The more we can stand together as a community, the better."

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Illegal or Inappropriate? Job Interview Questions That Cross the Line

(NDG Wire) With unemployment at record highs and scores of individuals often vying for the same job, some will do - and put up with - just about anything to land a job. And, with escalating divorce rates and single parent households, employers understandably want to ensure new hires have the professional and personal capacity to "get the job done." But, in an employer's quest to weed out those who do not fit the bill, job candidates are often subjected to interview questions that are beyond inappropriate: they are downright illegal.

Unfortunately, many do not know exactly where the line should be drawn, or how to react

(www.LawyerInBlueJeans.com) says, "Follow one of two courses of action: ignore the question

interviewer may even recognize the professional misstep and appreciate how well you were able to manage the situation."

It is not uncommon for women in particular to be asked about their family status, notes Isaac. "In some outrageous instances, women are asked when they plan to start a family even before they're asked to present their resume. Women need to be prepared to deal with such a situation when it arises, and should also know what legal recourse they have if the offense is particularly egregious."

Illegal to Ask in a Job Interview:

Race | Color | Sex | Religion | National origin
Birthplace | Age | Disability
Marital/family status

Legal to Ask in a Job Interview:

Availability | Qualifications
Education | Experience | Hobbies

when it has been blatantly crossed. How should a candidate respond if asked a question (s)he knows is illegal?

Attorney Jeff Isaac

and deflect conversation to another topic area, or answer as succinctly as possible and then introduce a new, more appropriate point for discussion. The

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friendly as possible. This means keeping all or most of the program and project information on the main site, rather than requiring users to engage in an online scavenger hunt across agency web pages. Sites should have standard web features such as a search engine and a site map.

ARRA sites should provide readily accessible information about the ways that individuals, organizations and businesses can apply for stimulus grants and contracts. This should include contact information and selection criteria.

Most of these recommendations are simply matters of good web design and best practices in government transparency. Yet the use of ARRA websites to inform the public can play a larger role. Showing what government is doing to ad-

dress the recession can bolster public confidence in the economy and hasten the process of recovery.

Moorhead is executive

director of the interfaith advocacy network Texas Impact and a former senior fiscal policy analyst with the Texas Comptroller of

Public Accounts. The Good Jobs First report and an appendix on each state can be found online at www.good-jobsfirst.org/stimulusweb.cfm.



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FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES

August 13 & 14, 7:30 pm

All Youth Departments are invited to our Annual Youth Revival with speakers Ministers Ty Jones from Greater Mt. Olive COGIC in Dallas and Patrick Gunnell from Freedom Fellowship Church in Corsicana. Call Minister Sheaniqua Batty @ 214-780-7856 for details.

**Bishop Gregory Crawford,
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August 26-28, 7:30 pm

We continue our Pastor & Wife's 8th Anniversary Services. Pastor Hubbard, Sr. preaches what thus saith the Lord.

September 6, 3 pm

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**September 20,
10 am and 7 pm**

Join us for the conclusion of our Living Water Revival.

**Rev. Randall Cain
Senior Pastor
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August 19 – 20, 2009

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gery we arrived thirty minutes before the scheduled time (Phemia didn't want to be late, of course!)

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When we arrived at Phemia's house, a gown and a bed was ready (although I had packed a night gown), a pillow was ready for my hand, and my favorite dinner was ready.

The entire family waited on me the full time I was there. Part of the doctor's instructions was I could not take a shower for 48 hours, Phemia would only allow me to take a 'good ole fashioned sponge bath'. I wasn't allowed to go outside the house for two days!

At the clinic, Phemia

heard me scheduling to go to a restaurant to take care of some business. I wasn't allowed to do that either (I was riding, not driving, is what I told Phemia, she said, "I don't care!")

An attorney from University Park came over to have me look at some papers, she told him that we could sit in her formal dining area and conduct business, because I wasn't going to leave her house for two days. When I protested and said, "But Phemia, this attorney lives in University Park!" She said, "I don't care! You know George W. Bush, and I will not let you go out of the house with him for two days either."

When complaining to my son, Jarrell, I said, "I should have stayed with you and Cleo for my two days of recovery."

He said, "No, staying with Phemia was the right thing to do, Cleo and I would have caved in and let you do what you wanted to do. Phemia loves you enough to give you 'tough love' when it is needed."

Many have told me that Phemia is a great friend and that I am blessed. I to-

tally agree with this.

The Tinner's friendship with me reminds me of how much Jesus loves all of us. He is the one that sticketh closer than a

brother or a friend. He is the one that died on the cross for us. He is the one that shed His innocent blood for us. He is the one that will never let you

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Back-to-School Events in the Metroplex

• **Back to School Supply Drive:** First Lady Felton and the New Life In Jesus Christ Ministries are distributing school supplies on Saturday, August 15, 2009, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at 1108 W. Parker Rd., Ste 130, Plano. The church is also purchasing school clothes for one girl and one boy. All interested students must write an essay. For essay details, log on to www.nljcm.org or call (972) 999-7114.

• **Reliant Energy & DISD Lights On School Drive** - Dallas residents

can drive by one of nine drop-off sites on Monday, Aug. 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to donate basic elementary and middle school supplies. The nine locations include participating Staples locations, and the Dallas ISD Administration Building at 3700 Ross Avenue.

Reliant will also present DISD with a check of \$5,000 for the purchase of additional school supplies needed.

• **The Gospel Jam** is scheduled for August 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at

the Plano Centre. Tickets are available for pre-sale for \$10 or \$15 at the door. Hosted by nationally recognized Christian comedian Kenn Cox and featuring Christian Rock band Trade Cities, Gospel Recording Artist Monae Miller, RJ and Prophetic Ensemble and many more. There will be spoken word, praise dancing, gospel rap, and much more.

Tickets are available for pre-sale for \$10 or \$15 at the door. For information visit: www.thegospeljam.com.

Jack & Jill Hosting Back to School Bowling Fundraiser

(NDG Wire) Teens of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. Greater Frisco Chapter will host a Back To School on Thursday August 20 at Strikz. The fundraiser welcomes teens ages 13-19 to come out and hit a strike for a worthy cause.

A percentage of all proceeds will benefit the J & J Foundation. The Jack and Jill Foundation, Inc. started back in 1968, the foundation has acted to influence the ongoing positive development of children. The Foundation pro-

motes the excellent preparation of succeeding generations of children as leaders, in all walks of life, so that they may attain their fullest potential as individuals.

The bowling lanes will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Strikz located at 8789 Lebanon Road. in Frisco. The cost is \$4.95 per game or \$22 per lane per hour.

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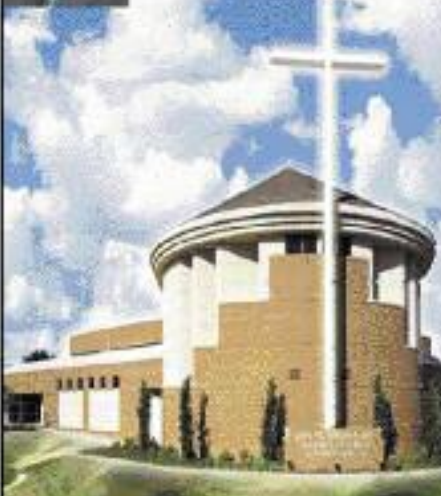
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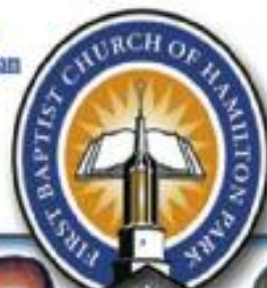
Sunday	9:45AM Sunday School
Monday	7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
Tuesday	7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
Wednesday	7PM Mid-Week Service
Thursday	7PM Mass Choir

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Worship Services
7:30am & 10:30am

Sunday School
9:30 am

Wednesday
Night Service
8:00 pm



Dr. Gregory Foster Senior Pastor



Rev. Anthony Foster Pastor

Our Mission

To fulfill The Great Commission until Christ comes.

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9:30 a.m.

Worship Celebration
10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

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7:00 p.m.



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