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SPOTLIGHT

Health Care Reform Debate Takes Center Stage in Dallas



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Plano Church Seeks Historic LEED Status

(NDG Wire) Plano's Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) has been a leader in the community for 30 years, with unique cross-cultural missions projects reaching across town and around the world.

Now the church is at the forefront of another movement - CUMC is going green. Not just the recycle-

your-trash green, but a multi-million-dollar building effort that, by summer 2010, will result in the church seeking to own the first LEED-certified sanctuary in Texas.

CUMC and its partners at HH Architects and Rentenbach Constructors are building a 60,000-square-foot building at the corner of

Coit and Parker roads.

LEED, an acronym used by the U.S. Green Building Council, stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is a point-based system that rates a building's performance in five areas: sustainable site design, water efficiency, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environ-

mental quality.

By using high-efficiency irrigation and native plantings, the church expects to use 57 percent less exterior water. Efficient plumbing will cut internal water usage by 42 percent. Improved insulation, with efficient lighting, and heating and cooling

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State Partially Funding 2-1-1 Texas Infoline

BY JACKIE HARDY
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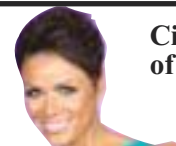
Dialing the numbers 2-1-1 is one step closer for the residents of Plano, Garland, and Irving allowing them to have their health and human service needs addressed. Since October 2001, the 2-1-1 Texas-North Central Texas-Dal-

las Area Information Center (AIC), has provided twenty-four hour assistance for North Texas residents. The cost is funded, in part, by state funds, with other funds provided by United Way and private / corporate donations.

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2-1-1 Call Center Team answering the call for North Texas



Cindy Cohen Named the Winner of TV Land's *She's Got the Look*

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COMMENTARY

Testing Obama's Fortitude

BY RON WALTERS

(NNPA) It is time for testing on several fronts as the health care debate becomes the platform for a general uprising over President Barack Obama's governing program.

His very life is being tested, as people like William Kostric, show up to a New Hampshire Town Hall meeting with a gun strapped to his leg.

In an interview with Kostric, he claimed his right under New Hampshire law to carry a weapon openly, but he

also had a sign with him carrying the words saying that "it is time to water the tree of liberty."

This was a Thomas Jefferson quote that inferred that liberty often required the shedding of blood, and it had been the same phrase carried by Timothy McVeigh when he blew up the federal court house in Oklahoma City several year ago.

The strange thing about this is that there are no news reports of the Se-

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Concerts To Help Single Moms Offset The Impact Of Recession

(NDG Wire) Households headed by single mothers are one of the hardest hit segments in the economic troubles. Unemployment during this recession has been especially steep for female heads of household, and the impact has been mind numbing for mothers trying to raise children with-

out a support system and adequate income.

Theresa Green, a Plano mother of two, said, "I have no idea what to do next. The bottom has fallen out of my life, and I am afraid of what might happen to my family."

Green's story is echoed by a flood of single mothers who are struggling to keep

food on the table and a roof over their heads. Last year, a group of women formed The Single Mothers Outreach Project (SMOP) to provide relief and support for women raising children alone.

The SMOP has announced a series of jazz concerts to raise awareness and money to help single moth-

ers during this challenging time. The Jazz Friday Series is a monthly event, where local visual artists, jazz musicians and a sommelier come together to create a night filled with entertainment and enrichment.

Four concerts in the se-

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Evelyn Palfrey

Editor Note: Tulisoma South Dallas Book Fair and Arts Festival Featured Author, see www.tulisoma.com for more info.

Evelyn Palfrey is a native Texan and a lawyer who writes romantic suspense for the 'marvelously mature' because romance is just as sweet with a little gray at the temple. She is the author of four novels: *Three Perfect Men*, *The Price of Passion*, *Dangerous Dilemmas* and *Everything In Its Place*. Her novels deal with issues com-

mon to the middle passage of life, and reflect her 25 years' practice of criminal and family law - and her love of RV travel.

Palfrey began writing fiction in 1995, driven by the realization that although many romance readers were like her-at middle age and starting a new phase of life-they weren't represented as romance heroines. *Three Perfect Men* was born as the first book in a trilogy about three women who had been college roommates in the 60s. *The Price of Passion*, a

novel about marriage and betrayal, followed the next year. Her sister's remark about the absence of full-figured women as romance heroines propelled her to write *Dangerous Dilemmas*. Her fourth novel, *Everything In Its Place*, grew out of recognition that many women who thought they had finished raising children, are now raising grandchildren.

Her next venture is a story in the anthology *Cougar Tales*, with Sandra Kitt and Laura Parker.

Palfrey's novels have been on the *Essence Magazine* bestseller list, the

BookSense '76 list, and have been *Black Expressions* selections. *The Price of Passion* was awarded Best Multicultural Book by *Romantic Times Magazine*.

Palfrey's story *The Lady at the Bus Stop* was published in *Chicken Soup for the African-American Soul*, and her story *Mama's Hands* was published in *Chicken Soup for the African American Woman's Soul*. She has also been a contributor to *Black Issues Book Review*.

Palfrey was nominated for a Career Achievement Award by *Romantic Times*. She has served on the Board

of Directors of the Austin Public Library Foundation, Travis County Lawyer Referral Service, Austin Community Radio, Inc., Texas Municipal Courts Education Center and the State Bar of Texas. She is currently on the Board of the Writers League of Texas and is active with Austin Romance Writers of America.

Visit Palfrey's website for more information about

her books: <http://www.Palfreypalfrey.com>.



Thurbert Baker

(NDG Wire) The National Bar Association (NBA) presented Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker, with its first annual Barack Obama Political Leadership Award at its 84th annual meeting in San Diego, California on Friday. The award recognizes Baker's pioneering achievements as a public servant and elected official.

Baker, a Democrat from Stone Mountain, is Geor-

gia's first African-American Attorney General, having served in the office since 1997. During this time, he has been the only elected African-American Attorney General in the nation. He is also the only African American to be elected by his colleagues to serve as the president of the 102-year-old National Association of Attorneys General.

As Attorney General, Baker has successfully man-



aged the state's legal affairs for more than a decade. He has always made protecting families and children a top priority. He promoted tough new laws against sexual predators who target chil-

dren via the Internet, and has aggressively worked with local prosecutors and police to bring those who target children online to justice. Baker has also been a leading voice against domestic violence. He fought to make it a crime to commit an act of domestic violence in the presence of a child, and he's worked with local law enforcement to fight family violence.

Prior to his service as Attorney General, Baker served for five terms in the Georgia House of Represent-

tatives, including several years as the Floor Leader for then-Governor Zell Miller. As Floor Leader, Baker led the fight to pass some of the most significant legislation in modern Georgia history, including the institution of the state lottery and the lottery-funded HOPE Scholarship program.

He was the lead sponsor of the largest tax cut in Georgia's history - the removal of the state sales tax on groceries. He also led the fight to pass tough new laws against drunk driving, stre-

ngthening the state's notoriously weak, outdated drunk driving laws, and helped bring Georgia to the forefront in the battle against DUI.

Baker, now a Democratic candidate for Governor of Georgia, said, "I am humbled and honored to be the first person to receive the National Bar Association's Barack Obama Award. I hope to live up to the honor by continuing to bring people together to solve the tough problems facing Georgia."

Dr. Winfred Parnell

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Winfred Parnell, MD is not only committed to providing his patients the best health care as a local obstetrician and gynecologist, but he is also an advocate for healthcare reform. Speaking Monday as a member of the Community Panel on Proposed Healthcare Reform, Parnell dismissed the notion reform would lead to

socialized medicine with assurance. "We will put together a uniquely American program," he said. He also reminded the audience of the importance of getting the right information out to allow citizens to make a more informed decision regarding which proposal they support.

Parnell's concern is the debate derails the reform process and "we do nothing." He challenges those who do not want a public option - fine - bring a solution for the public to consider. Simply saying no is not a solution.

In recent days the idea proposed by Sen. Kent Conrad (R-ND) described as a "nonprofit health care cooperative as an alternative to a new government insurance plan," commonly referred

to as co-ops, has gained momentum in the debate. However, Parnell stated the only successful version of a medical co-op worked well because it operated like an insurance program. Many feel the same issues would persist under a co-op without addressing the underlying problems of affordable access for everyone.

The Community Panel included representatives from Baylor and Parkland hospitals, the business community and Aetna insurance. They all agreed there was a need for health care reform. Parnell said, "Doctors want it, patients want it - who is between it?" He feels critical political rhetoric be removed from the debate.

Key elements for successful reform will include providing doctors and hospitals incentives to work together, said Parnell. Stating

that what we have now is "sick care," Parnell advocates providing pay-for-performance incentives. Many have argued that by making the public aware of the quality of services provided in the medical community, an informed medical consumer will receive better care.

Parnell is one of the founding physicians of Carlos Parnell, Jones & Diaz in Dallas. He is an active member of the medical staff at Medical City Hospital, serving in leadership positions on numerous hospital committees, and was Chief of Staff during the 1995-1996 term.

Receiving his Bachelor of Science from Florida A&M University, Doctor of Medicine from the University of Florida, he completed his internship and residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital and UT

Southwestern Medical Center. Parnell is a member of North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship. He and

his wife, Debra, are the proud parents of twins (Winfred and Wendy). He enjoys traveling and skiing.



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Twenty Companies Have Pulled Advertising from Fox's Glenn Beck

(NDG Wire) Eight more of Glenn Beck's advertisers, including Wal-Mart have confirmed to ColorOfChange.org their ads were pulled from the controversial Fox News Channel broadcaster's eponymous show. Allergan (maker of Restasis), Ally Bank (a unit of GMAC Financial Services), Best Buy, Broadview Security, CVS, Re-Bath, Travelocity and Wal-Mart join the dozen other companies who previously distanced themselves from Beck.

Twenty companies have pulled their ads from Beck's show in just the last two weeks. The moves come after the Fox News host called President Barack Obama a "racist" who "has a deep-seated hatred for white people" during an appearance on *Fox & Friends*. Previous companies who pulled their ads include ConAgra, GEICO, Lawyers.com, Men's Warehouse, Procter & Gamble, Progressive Insurance, RadioShack, Roche, SC Johnson, Sanofi-Aventis, Sargento

and State Farm Insurance.

"We are heartened to see so many corporate citizens step up in support of our campaign against Glenn Beck," said James Rucker, executive director of ColorOfChange.org. "Their action sends a clear message to Glenn Beck: broadcasters shouldn't abuse the privilege they enjoy by spewing dangerous and racially charged hate language over the air. No matter their political affiliation, hate language doesn't belong in our national dialogue."

David Tovar, a spokesperson for Wal-Mart, in an email to ColorOfChange.org said "Walmart [sic] today confirmed the retailer pulled ads from the Glenn Beck show on August 3rd."

"While advertising on Fox is part of our communication plan, we had not requested time on Glenn Beck's show specifically," said Carolyn Castel, vice president of Corporate Communications for CVS Caremark, in an email to ColorOfChange.org. "We have instructed our ad-

vertising agency to inform Fox to ensure Glenn Beck's program is not part of our advertising plan."

Our position is simple," Castel continued. "We support vigorous debate, especially around policy issues that affect millions of Americans, but we expect it to be informed, inclusive and respectful, in keeping with our company's core values and commitment to diversity."

In an email to ColorOfChange.org, Lisa Svach-Hawks, director of public relations for Best Buy, stated that any advertisements for Best Buy placed on Glenn Beck's show were done so in error. Svach-Hawks pledged that Best Buy will correct any mistakes made.

"We did not specifically place our ad on the show," said Amanda Borichevsky, a spokesperson for Travelocity in an email to ColorOfChange.org. "We buy ads in bulk and then they are placed somewhat randomly. However, we have now specifically asked that our

ads do not appear during this show."

"We reviewed our commercial schedule, and based on your feedback, we've put any programming featuring Glenn Beck on our "do not air" list," said Aziz Mottiwala, senior marketing manager for Allergan, in an email to ColorOfChange.org. "This means that you will no longer see any Restasis ads during programming featuring Glenn Beck. Thanks again for bringing this to our attention."

"Ally advertises on a broad spectrum of programs to reach our potential customers," said a customer care representative for Ally Bank. "Our advertising is not an endorsement of editorial content on any program. We have ceased to advertise on the Glenn Beck program."

In a phone conversation with Dwayne Sigler, Senior Vice President of Marketing for Broadview Security Systems, Sigler told Color

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cret Service securing this individual quickly, given that the President of the United States was there. Federal law, which should have taken precedent in that case, prohibits any citizens from threatening the President of the United States, and Kostic most certainly would have seemed threatening having a loaded weapon on his person.

Rather than the media denouncing such practices and the vitriol that has accompanied these town hall meetings, they appear to want more drama, following the president out to town hall meetings in the Mid-West in anticipation he will be confronted personally.

He has done well in those settings, but you could not tell it from the subsequent reportage.

Rather than praising him for his clarity in explaining difficult concepts of health care that are on the table, he is being chastised for not having said this or that, done this or that, and taking little leadership. Where have these people been? What guides their conclusions?

But it is more difficult to handle a debate where fear-mongering is the most potent resource and where the confusion around the lack of a settled piece of legislation feeds into the fear and indecision.

The insurance industry is a master at this. They have fielded television ads that appear to support reform, but are larded with subtle questions that propose to support a "bi-partisan" solution, meaning a solution that is favored by Re-

publicans as well as Democrats.

That is increasingly unlikely as one can see by the leadership in the Senate of Grassley of Iowa, the minority leader on the Senate Finance Committee who is working with the Chair, Max Baucus.

Baucus is already compromised because he received more money from the health care industry than any other senator except for Grassley, but his deference to Grassley makes it all the worse.

So, the issue is whether Obama will have the guts to stand up to them or negotiate reform away, seeking to get anything to set him up for re-election in 2012.

Already, the wheels of the "government option" seem to be coming off. This measure had been sold as a

mechanism to provide competition to the 1,300 health insurance companies to bring down costs.

Now his secretary of health is saying that if the same thing can be achieved without this option, it might be done.

Obama needs to not be intimidated, but to understand the raucous town hall meetings as nothing more than the massive rant of those who lost the election, that things will clarify when there is a bill and the American people will most probably swing behind it and him.

Dr. Ron Walters is Professor of Government and Politics Emeritus at the University of Maryland. His latest book is: *The Price of Racial Reconciliation* (University of Michigan Press).

TXU Energy & Citizens Development Center Host 16th Annual Dash for Dignity

(NDG Wire) For over 15 years Citizens Development Center (CDC) has hosted the Dash for Dignity at White Rock Lake in celebration of adults with disabilities. CDC exists to empower men and women with disabilities to

achieve their highest level of employability. This year's event will be on October 10 at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake, with registration at 7:30 a.m. TXU Energy and CDC are calling on all runners to participate in the TXU

Energy Dash for Dignity, a 5K timed event. There will also be a 1-mile fun run, walk, roll or push for participants of all abilities. In the Dallas area there are more than 350,000 people with disabilities and approximately

half of those individuals 175,000 are at employment age. Individuals with a disability face an unemployment rate six to seven times higher than the normal rate because of discrimination in the hiring process.

"Having TXU Energy as a partner on this event shows their strong commitment to the community they serve, and we look forward to a record number of participants this year," said Gaylord Thomas, executive director

of CDC.

For more information about the TXU Energy Dash for Dignity or Citizens Development Center, contact Phyllis Fleming at pfleming@cddallas.org or call 214-637-2911.

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The objective for 2-1-1 Texas-North Central Texas -Dallas AIC is to provide assistance for residents (but not limited to) needing basic need services, physical and mental health resources, employment services, support for seniors and persons with disabilities, and support for children, youth and families. It also connects callers needing information for state benefits and reporting waste, fraud and abuse.

The Dallas region serves as one of twenty-five AICs across the state. The North Central Texas-Dallas region covers an eight county area consisting of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall counties.

2-1-1 Texas-North Central Texas AIC is also a part of the Governor's Emergency Response Plan mak-

ing it a call center hub for Texas residents needing assistance with information for evacuation routes, shelter locations and other pertinent information during a natural disaster.

It receives approximately 20,000 to 46,000 calls a month, depending on the time of year. According to Debby Thornton, director of 2-1-1 Texas Resources and Technology, the call center in the Dallas region took 13,000 calls in July, and eighty percent of those calls were residents requesting information and/or referrals for basic need services. Basic need services include assistance with food, clothing, rent and utility assistance.

"Basic needs assistance is always our number one request from callers. At this time we have not seen a significant increase in callers

requesting assistance for basic needs since the recent recession," said Thornton.

The annual budget is approximately \$1.2 million dollars. The allocation of those funds includes the hiring and training of a twenty-team member staff, overseeing the resource database and managing the sophisticated Voice Over IP network. The resource database and call specialist training meet the standards of Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS).

2-1-1 Texas Specialists must complete a total of forty hours of training before handling a call. The training involves instructing the call center team in dealing with customers whose issues include depression, suicide, mental disabilities and illiteracy. Call Specialists can work toward pass-

ing the Certified Information and Referral Specialist (CIRS) test administered by AIRS. The purpose for CIRS is to ensure a consistency of professional standards is maintained.

2-1-1 Texas AIC call specialists prioritize the callers' needs, identify and

offer appropriate resources using the Alliance database system, provide advocacy for those needing extra support in accessing services, and perform follow-up to all crisis calls.

AIRS is a national association in partnership with United Way and serves as a

professional umbrella for all Information and Referral (I&R) providers in both private and public organizations. AIRS is the leader of the 2-1-1 movement that has transferred access for human services through

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City of Dallas Program Receives \$700,000 Grant

(NDG Wire) The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a grant of \$721,000 to the City of Dallas, through the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Program.

The grant is a permanent supportive housing renewal grant that will con-

tinue providing 28 units of permanent housing for post-incarcerated people who are living with HIV/AIDS.

"I am pleased that the City of Dallas will receive this funding, so that it can continue to provide comprehensive outreach to offenders who are reentering

society," Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson said. "Reentry programs strengthen our community and make it safer."

Project Reconnect, a City of Dallas program that provides outreach to people who have been incarcerated, will receive the funding.

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**Suzette
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We live in a society judging us from the outside in and why not? We see what we see, and we base decisions on the outside. If that were not true, then why are there so many issues with the African American culture, Muslim religion and over-weight people. And what about "ugly" people? I will try and use this

term lightly because I do not want to offend anyone. Nor am I putting down anyone who believes they are ugly. I am just trying to make you visualize, as the reader, my point.

Yes, it is true the thin pretty girl gets the job quicker, get the looks more often and gets the boy's attention that much faster. However, they appear to me to be the loneliest. Why? Because they are so misunderstood. Because of their looks, they are immediately put in a

category of what I call "the untouchables." You know what I mean. You have read stories. But how do we take the average "Joe" or "Josey" and transform them. Well, we usually think make-up, a good diet or even plastic surgery can do it.

In reality, what is most important is what we eat. Ok! I know, broccoli will not get us on the cover of Vogue, but it will do wonders for our self-esteem. That is where it begins.

Think about this for a

moment - we all drive a car and we try very hard to keep our car running. Our aim is to avoid a breakdown, or, God forbid, be forced to purchase another vehicle. So we check the tires, change the oil and put the proper gasoline in at least once a week...right?

Would you ever think about putting sugar in your gas tank, ignore a flat tire or how about never cleaning the dirty windows?

NEVER!! So why do we treat ourselves like "xxxx" (you fill in the blank)

Maybe because we don't see the poor results right away, but they are there. They are beginning a downward spiral that will catch up to us eventually and Bam - we are sick.

How did this happen? Yeah! We all do it, but it is time readers, it is time to make a better choice. If we want ugly to go away, we have to do something about it. Start eating right, take care of your insides, and amazingly we will have the strength and the will to take

care of the outside.

Then before we know it, our mental attitude will combine with our physical attitude, and we will be able to do anything we set our minds to.

And then the word "ugly" will only be used to describe something creepy crawly. Trust me readers, it can happen. Try it, even for one month, and see what happens.

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Remington College Offers Complimentary Hair Cuts for Kids

(NDG Wire) With the start of school approaching, parents will soon be spending money on backpacks, notebooks, pencils, clothes and other necessities to get kids ready for the new school year. Remington College wants to provide parents with one thing they will not have to pay for - a hair-

cut at Remington College.

Remington College-Dallas Campus is holding an event called Cuts for Kids, where children (17 years old and under) can get complimentary haircuts from instructors and students in the Cosmetology program.

The Cosmetology program teaches students the

art of hair, skin and nail care through traditional classroom instruction and hands-on training in The Salon at Remington, which allows students to work with real clients.

The event runs from August 18 to August 29. Parents can make appointments by calling Remington Col-

lege-Dallas Campus at 972-698-3890 or just walk in. The salon is open Tuesday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"Times are tough for a lot of families, and getting kids ready for the start of school can cost a lot of money," said Skip Walls,

Remington College-Dallas Campus president. "Cuts for Kids is a way for us to help parents save some money and help kids look and feel their best."

Adults who bring a child in for Cuts for Kids will get 50% off select salon services for themselves, including haircuts, styling and nail

care. See campus for details.

"It seems like something so small, but something like a haircut can help boost a child's confidence," said Walls.

Remington College-Dallas Campus is located at 1800 Eastgate Drive in Garland.



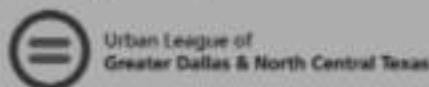
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Kroger Food Store Shoppers Can Help Raise Funds for the UNCF

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Kroger Food Stores will once again support the

United Negro College Fund (UNCF) through its Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Customers can help UNCF raise money each time they shop and use their Kroger Plus Card.

Kroger selects community part-

ners to participate in the program.

Each nonprofit can invite their supporters to link their Kroger Plus Card to the program by bringing a copy of the UPC bar code to their local store. Once scanned, each time the customer shops at Kroger their total will be tagged for

UNCF. At the end of the program period, the totals for each charity will be analyzed and a percentage of the \$1 million Kroger donates annually will be distributed. The program earning period ends April 30, 2010.

For example, when all of the purchases for the

tagged Kroger Plus Cards are tallied, if five percent of those receipts received were from supporters of UNCF, the college fund would receive five percent of the allocated funds.

To participate take a copy of the unique barcode to the left to a Kroger. The cashier will scan upon

checkout with your Kroger Plus Card - and you are done. Going forward, whenever you shop at Kroger using your Kroger Plus card, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to UNCF. The sooner you sign up the sooner UNCF can begin to earn needed funds.

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Collin College Nursing Students Awarded Scholarships

(NDG Wire) A trio of Collin College nursing students received scholarships from the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.

Ying Cui, of Plano, and Julie Rosentel, of Allen, were each awarded the Promise of Nursing for Dallas/Fort Worth Scholarship. The scholarships total \$1,500 each.

Linda Franklin, of Celina, was awarded the McKesson Scholarship from the Foundation for \$1,000.

The three students are due to graduate in May 2010 from the Collin Col-

lege nursing program.

"Collin College has a large number of very talented students," Dr. Nell Ard, director of the Collin College nursing program, said. "These three provide a shining example of the caliber of students at Collin College and demonstrates a combination of academic achievement as well as service to the community and active participation in student organizations."

Since 1974, the Foundation has awarded over \$2 million in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students.

NSNA, founded in 1952, is a nonprofit organization for students enrolled in associate, baccalaureate, diploma, and generic graduate nursing programs. It is dedicated to fostering the professional development of nursing students.

The organization has over 50,000 members in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For more information about the Collin College nursing program, visit www.ccccd.edu/academics/programs/nursing.html.

A&E's Interventionist VanVonderen Visiting Collin College

(NDG Wire) Collin College will host one of the hosts from the A&E show *Intervention* at an upcoming lecture.

Jeff VanVonderen, renowned consultant and interventionist, will speak Monday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

VanVonderen has more than 25 years of working with individuals, families and

organizations in areas of addiction, family systems and recovery.

He is one of the featured interventionists on the Emmy nominated A&E program, and he has published six books including *Good News for the Chemically Dependent Families*, *Where Grace is in Place*, *When God's People Let You Down*, *Tired of Trying to Measure Up*, *The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse* and *Soul Repair: Rebuilding a Spiritual*

Life.

VanVonderen also has been interviewed on radio and TV programs across the country.

The event is free and open to the public. VanVonderen's visit is sponsored by Collin College's Prevent Abuse and Use of Substances by Education and Student Life.

For more information, call Michael Gregorash at (972) 377-1788.

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Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hosts North Texas Job Corps Director

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Laura Bruton, deputy center director of the North Texas Job Corps, was the featured speaker at the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on August 11, at the San Miguel Grill in McKinney.

Following a welcome and introduction, Bruton provided an overview entitled The New North Texas Job Corps. She answered questions from the office regarding the program's services. The meeting closed with announcements and door prizes.

The Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce objectives are to serve as a resource for Hispanic businesses in the area and work together "to have a common voice for the important events and relationships that affect our commercial activities," according to the organization's



(L-R) Estella Prettellini, handles Public Relations for the Rotary Club of Plano, Latin America; Hosea Castro Srenzel; (Center) M. Beatriz Von Borsig, Founder/President, Rotary Club of Plano, Latin America, USA; unidentified female guest and Humberto Rodriquez, President of the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

website.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at Carolina's Mexican Cuisine at 3310 N. Central Expy. For more information visit www.cchcc.org or call the chamber offices at (972) 548-2608.



Carol Rodriguez, CCHCC Founder & Board of Directors Member



Darryl Ewing, Reliant Energy, presents a \$5,000 check to Deno Harris, Dallas ISD Director of Community Relations. The check is for the purchase of school supplies for Dallas ISD elementary and middle school students who otherwise might not have adequate supplies for the school year. Reliant Energy collected additional supplies for elementary and middle schools students Monday, Aug. 17 through the company's inaugural "Lights On!" School Supply Drive for Dallas ISD, where Dallas residents donated supplies at nine different drop-off sites throughout the city.



Marchalee White & Laura Bruton, North Texas Job Corps

Former NDG Intern Awarded Scholarship

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Toi Pearson of Allen was awarded a scholarship for 2009/2010 from the Former Students Association of Texas Woman's University (TWU), Denton, Texas. Pearson is a senior majoring in dance at TWU.



Toi Pearson

In the 2008 summer, Pearson served as an editorial intern for the *North Dallas Gazette*. Her responsibilities included organizing photo archives, business contacts, distrib-

uting mail, and maintaining an up-to-date community calendar. The *North Dallas Gazette* staff is delighted to learn of Pearson's continued success in pursuit of her education.

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African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. (Doors open at 6:30 pm.) Collin County Republican Party HQ, 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney. Call Fred Moses at 972-618-7027 or fred@tes.com for more information.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, September 10. CCBCC General Meetings for Summer Quarter, McKinney Public Library, 101 E. Hunt Street McKinney

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn - 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. 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. \$10 fee for materials. For 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 every 2nd and 4th Friday, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm 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

Thru 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, 214-565-9026, \$5 Adults, \$2 Children www.aamdallas.org

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 Barkays and The Zapp Band. This three-day outdoor music event will take place in Fort Worth. Kids under the age of 10 get in free. For tickets and info: www.fwmusicfestival.org or 817.923-9300.

August 21

Gospel Jam featuring Christian comedian Kenn Cox and musical guests. \$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 pm 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 author Evelyn Palfrey. Hosted at the African American Musuem 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. is 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 Car-

rollton Community Services hosting a **Neighborhood Involvement Forum for Involved Neighbors** from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs Road). Info: 973-466-4299 or cityofcarrollton.com/comdevelopment.

LaToya Watkins, In Love with Losers Booksigning 11:30 AM at Jokae's Bookstore 3223 Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas

LaToya Watkin, In Love with Losers Booksigning 2:00 PM at Borders, 5500 Greenville Avenue, Dallas

September 2

Plano Career Fair Meet with Plano and Dallas area employers 10am to 2pm. To see a complete list of jobs available and to pre-register www.choicecareer-fairs.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 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 pm each day

September 10

The Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable - District 4, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow

September 13

Plano Bridal Show 12:00 pm to 5 pm. 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 re-admission during the day); \$5 Single Admission Event Ticket, Special \$4 Discount Ticket between 9 am & 3 pm 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 pm, 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

City of Garland is hosting **Healthy Living Expo**

September 30

Annual Celebration of Enterprise Business Expo Luncheon at 11:30am-1pm, Business Expo 10 am-3:00pm, VIP Reception 10:30-11:30 am Luncheon tickets are \$45 and a table of 10 is \$400; after August 14th Luncheon tickets are \$65 and a table of 10 is \$600. Admission to the Business Expo is open to the public and Free. Info: 972-612-2425 or www.celebra-

tionofenterprise.com

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October 2

Envogue is performing at the SWA State Fair Classic Pre-Game at the Cotton Bowl

October 16

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

October 17

A Taste Of Plano 12:00 - 8:00 pm. Activities include food samples for purchase, wine tastings, demos, music and more. visitdowntownplano.com.

October 24

Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 10th Anniversary Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel & Conference Center, 705 Central Expressway South, in Allen at 7 pm \$90 for a single ticket, \$150 for two and \$720 for a table for eight. Info: www.cchchamber.org or 972-548-2608.

October 27

Jobing.com Career Expo Will Rogers Coliseum, 3401 W. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, 12 noon - 5 pm

November 27

Jazz Friday featuring Cat Garner Trio 7:00 - 10:00 pm, 13342 Midway Road Suite 250 at ArtFest International, Dallas. Tickets: \$10 - \$25, email stephanie@stephaniestips.com for paypal link and e-ticket.

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Health Care Reform Debate Takes Center Stage in Dallas

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Monday's healthcare reform town hall meeting in Dallas was moved to accommodate overwhelming public demand for free tickets, the crowd inside was much tamer than it was outside.

In a low-key panel discussion, U.S. Representatives Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) and Pete Sessions (R-TX) presented opposing ideas on healthcare reform and fielded audience questions. Each reiterated their parties' positions on the subject and, at times, gave their emotionally charged opinions.

In her opening remarks Johnson described the need for healthcare reform as a "moral obligation to ensure universal access." She said Texas has the highest rate of uninsured people in the United States, with some at risk of bankruptcy due to healthcare costs.

Johnson said she has read each of the three bills currently under consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives, and she favors the public option, which she described as an opportunity for the uninsured to go into a pool and

purchase affordable coverage.

Sessions said the public option is a form of "socialized medicine," to which Johnson immediately responded "better than nothing," to the applause of many in the audience.

Johnson, who is a registered nurse, previously worked in psychiatric services at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas. She is the 30th Congressional District of Texas representative. This includes Downtown Dallas, Fair Park, Oak Lawn, East

is lacking for many because they do not seek medical attention until they are very sick and show up in the emergency room, said Johnson. She stated this results in several tests - at a cost to the public - because emergency room professionals have no prior medical history for the patient.

Johnson said she wants health care reform to address quality care and stability for patients despite their income level. Johnson would like to eliminate pre-existing clauses and ensure coverage when there are

corporations receive.

Sessions advocates patient controlled coverage, which he said would give insurance portability, allowing them to keep the same insurance provider year to year. He also called for national tort reform to eliminate the \$150 billion per year spent in lawsuits.

Sessions believes the current proposals are too ambitious, as they tackle 220 million who have good insurance, rather than simply addressing the 46 million who lack coverage. He said everyone will be heavily taxed, and about 120 million people will be shifted to the public option by their employer, not by choice.

Sessions stated care will suffer because patients will not be able to choose their doctor as they will be placed in a pool. And he said they will have difficulty seeing a physician because there are not enough doctors in place to handle the influx of patients to universal coverage.

Sessions said the Republicans support associated plans offering people the opportunity to band together and buy as a group across state lines, and he cited realtors as an example. Sessions agrees with Johnson that insurance companies must move toward eliminating the pre-existing condition clause.

Sessions and Johnson disagreed on the cost effectiveness of the public option. Sessions said it would "tax the stuffings out of business."

When he asked who would pay for it, Johnson said Parkland hospital provided \$520 million of uncompensated care last year. She said people visit Park-



Libbie Terrell Lee, past President of the Women League of Voters, shared her impressions of the town hall with the local Fox News affiliate.

"With insurance coverage for everyone at a reasonable cost, we would not have a problem."

— U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson

Dallas, Pleasant Grove, South Oak Cliff, and other areas. Johnson said there are over 220,000 uninsured within her district.

For the uninsured, preventative and primary care

changes in employment. She said people should not be forced to stay in undesirable jobs just to maintain insurance coverage.

Sessions agreed there is a healthcare problem, but said he is concerned that the current proposals will provide a huge cost shift to the federal government. Instead of a public option, he proposed actions such as doubling the funding for the National Institute of Health, whose research in recent years has paved the way for significant decreases in deaths due to cancer, heart attacks and high cholesterol.

Citing what he considered Republican healthcare success, Sessions said Medicare prescription reform has led to \$4 prescription co-pays. He also said the health savings account, which allows participants to deposit pre-tax monies is a Republican success. And he repeatedly referred to expanding the program by allowing individuals to enjoy the same tax benefits all

land because other hospitals will require \$500 before you get any care. Johnson said this cost is coming out of taxpayers' pockets.

Sessions changed the tone of the discussion when he dismissed the co-op proposal because he said there is no need to create a new entity. He even suggested many problems are a result of a lack of personal responsibility, citing knifings and drug usage as examples.

"When someone is paying for something in America, they treat it differently,"

Sessions said.

A stunned Johnson replied, "I don't even know how to respond to that," which was greeted with applause.

She added, "With insurance coverage for everyone at a reasonable cost, we would not have a problem." Johnson pointed out insurance companies charge about the same as each other, eliminating competition in the marketplace.

Johnson closed by saying, "Anything that is for the people is hard to come by."



U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions



Claudia Fowler of The Progressive Center of Texas believes it is important for all citizens to evaluate the facts for themselves. As more people lose their jobs and seniors struggle with the Medicare donut-hole, Fowler stated, "Healthcare reform has become a faith-based issue."

Cindy Cohen Named the Winner of TV Land's *She's Got the Look*

(NDG Wire) Cindy Cohen of Calabasas, California, was crowned the winner of this season's *She's Got The Look*, the TV Land PRIME original reality series that searches for the next great supermodel - over the age of 35. Cohen was proclaimed the winner on a dramatic season finale where she proved *She's Got The Look* in two demanding photo shoots that in-



Cindy Cohen

involved posing in a revealing swimsuit and modeling with live penguins and body paint.

During the finale, the three remaining finalists, Cindy Cohen, Theresa Kalnins and Leeane Locken, jetted off to Miami for the last two photo shoot challenges of the competition. The final Cohen photos and runway performance swept the judges away, and

earned her a modeling contract with Wilhelmina Models, Inc., a photo spread in *SELF* Magazine and a check for \$100,000.

Cohen, a 40-year old wife and mother is fulfilling her childhood dream of becoming a model. Her early plans to pursue modeling were postponed after having her son at a young age, struggling to make ends meet and eventually

becoming homeless. However, Cindy persevered through her tough times without ever giving up her dream and has now proven *She's Got The Look* by taking the competition.

She's Got The Look, which is hosted by supermodel Kim Alexis, is a collaboration with Wilhelmina Models, Inc., and sets out to discover a sophisticated, beautiful and confident

woman 35 or older destined to become the next "it" girl of the fashion industry.

Supermodel Beverly Johnson, who made history as the first African-American model to appear on the cover of *American Vogue*, celebrity stylist Robert Verdi and Wilhelmina president Sean Patterson were featured as judges on the series.

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ries are slated for Dallas and Plano. This year, two intimate locations were selected, Artfest International at 13342 Midway Road, #250 in Dallas and Plano's Courtyard Theater. Tickets are \$25. All the money raised will go directly to support single mothers.

"I have been overwhelmed by calls from people needing help," said Stephanie Ward, the organization's founder. "I did the only thing I know how to raise money - sell art and host great jazz sets. I am hoping we can make enough money to make a difference."

Nearly a million single

moms are out of work, and their families are suffering, according to a report entitled *Women in the Recession: Working Mothers Face High Rate of Unemployment*. Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Chair of the Joint Economic Committee, said. "The fact that they (single mothers) are receiving pink slips in greater numbers than in prior recessions has serious implications for family economic well-being. Working mothers are having a tough time sheltering their families for the current economic storm, with women of color fairsing the worst."

Ward she has noticed the

same thing in recent months "It is scary," she said. Ward is asking those not interested in attending the concert series to make a donation.

"Just today I got a call about a young woman who is 9 months pregnant with three small children ages, 1, 2 and 3 years old. Her husband left and is no longer supporting the family. She can't find work and needs money to keep her utilities on, to buy shoes for her children and gas for the car. I am tired of saying there is no money to help. We all have a responsibility to help each other during these tough times."

The remaining scheduled

concert dates are September 18, October 16 and Novem-

ber 27.

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If you have children at home, you're no doubt aware that it's the traditional back-to-school time. But even if your days of parent-teacher conferences are in the past, or even in the future, you can still find a place in your life for education - and you might want to start by educating yourself about investing.

To get the most out of your investment education, ask yourself these questions:

- *What are my goals?* Your financial goals should drive your investment decisions. You probably have short-term goals, such as

making a down payment on a home or paying for a vacation, and long-term goals, such as saving for your children's college education or building resources for your retirement. Once you've identified your goals, you can create an investment strategy to help achieve them.

- *What is my risk tolerance?* Self-awareness is important in every aspect of life - including your approach to investing. As you create your investment portfolio, you need to understand your own views on risk. Would you consider yourself an aggressive investor - that is, someone

who can accept a relatively higher degree of investment risk in exchange for potentially higher returns? Or are you a more conservative investor - someone who is willing to take lower returns in exchange for lower potential risk? Or perhaps you're a moderate investor, less risk-averse than some but less aggressive than others. However you'd characterize yourself, it's essential that you factor in your risk tolerance when choosing investments. Otherwise, you'll likely end up causing yourself needless worry over your investment portfolio's performance.

- *When should I make*

changes to my investments?

Once you've built an investment portfolio, you shouldn't leave it on "autopilot." Over time, you will need to add new investments or sell others. However, try to avoid selling quality investments just because their share price has dropped - they may still have good long-term prospects. In general, you should sell an investment under certain circumstances. For example, if your goals have changed, you may find the need to sell some investments and purchase others. You may decide to sell an investment if it's no longer what it was when you purchased it. For

example, maybe you've invested in a company whose products are less competitive than they once were, or perhaps the company belongs to an industry now in decline. And finally, if your portfolio has become "over-weighted" with certain types of investments, you may decide to sell some of them to bring your holdings back into balance, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- *Whom should I consult for help?* You can do a lot to educate yourself about investing - but when it comes to making the right choices for your future, you may need help. A professional fi-

ancial advisor who is familiar with your family situation, short- and long-term goals and investment preferences can help you build and maintain a portfolio that can help meet your needs. The investment world can be complex, so the more knowledge you have on your side, the better off you'll be.

Take the time to learn as much as you can about investing. It's an education that can pay off in the long run.

Please contact me at roger.behymer@edward-jones.com or 972-542-7045 if you have any questions.

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systems will help cut energy costs up to 14 to 18 percent. And with 35 percent of the new building's electricity coming from renewable West Texas wind power, the church will reduce carbon dioxide emissions associated with its electrical needs.

"We are doing this because we believe it will benefit others," says Rev. Alexandra Robinson, associ-

ate pastor at CUMC. "Building green is not just about this current generation, or even our grandchildren. It is also about providing a better life for our neighbors, particularly those who are not able to provide a better life for themselves."

A green building is a healthy building, said Blake Atkins, the church's LEED awareness project leader and

a regional chief with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Paint and carpeting made of low-odor compounds will improve indoor air quality. By diverting 75 percent of construction waste from local landfills, the project will reduce resources and energy necessary for producing new paper, metal, plastic, glass, concrete and lumber

that will be recycled. Use of alternative refrigerants and refrigerant management of the new cooling system will minimize ozone layer depletion, thereby minimizing UV radiation from penetrating the atmosphere. And by using a light-reflecting roofing material and maintaining vegetation around the sanctuary, CUMC will help minimize the heat-island effect.

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OfChange.org that Broadview's advertising is bought based on network, not particular programs, but that "given the considerations, we have requested of Fox News not to include us in the rotation that would have our commercials running on Glenn Beck's show."

"We are continuously impressed with the response we are getting and the amount of companies who have stepped forward to pull their ads from Glenn Beck," said James Rucker, executive director of ColorOfChange.org.

"We have the backing of a number of major companies in this country and we're still going to continue our fight to see that as many of Beck's advertisers pull their

support as possible."

Three weeks ago, ColorOfChange.org called on its 600,000-plus members to sign a petition urging companies who advertise on Glenn Beck to cut off their advertising support of his work. Since then, more than 145,000 members have responded to the call by signing a petition directed at advertisers.

The ColorOfChange.org email directed visitors to <http://www.colorofchange.org/beck/>, to send letters to executives of target companies.

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Consortium for Logistics, Aerospace and Manufacturing (CLAM) has partnered with El Centro College to provide job training using a \$2.9 million Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train workers for 2,698 new and upgraded jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions such as certified assemblers, electronic technicians and plants and systems operators. They will receive an average hourly wage of \$24.12.

CLAM includes Dallas Airmotive, Guardian Packaging, Handango Inc., IntergraColor, Luxottica Group, Marlow, Sanden International Inc., 7-Eleven Inc. and Standard Controls Inc.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING
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Dist/Div: Fort Worth

Contract 0172-02-067 for MILL AND OVERLAY
in TARRANT County will be opened on
September 10, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 30431

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Monday - Friday

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August 30, 3:30 pm

Join us for Pastor and 1st Lady Tasha's Anniversary Celebration @ the Allen Civic Center with speaker Dr. J.R. Sheppard, Senior Pastor of Ben Washington BC of Irving.

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August 23, 3 pm

Join us for the start of our Pastor & Wife's 8th Anniversary Service. Theme: A Pastor Leading by Faith. Matthew 24:45

August 26-28, 7:30 pm

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

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August 23, 7:45 am
And 11 am Services

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September 11, 7:30 pm

Our Theatre Arts, Music & Dance Ministries present: Poetry & Praise. "An Evening of Poetry, Storytelling, Dance & Song Under the Stars," @ the Oak Point Amphitheater, 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano. Call our bookstore for details, to register and for ticket prices.

September 12, 2-6 pm

Come to help us celebrate 20 years of God's Grace with, "Our Amazing Race... Changing the World for Christ." Founders' Day Events in-

clude our picnic on Saturday @ Churchill Park, 7001 Churchill Way, Dallas, TX 75230

September 19, 6 pm

Our concert will be @ the Special Events Center-Garland, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. 75040

September 20, 9:30am

The conclusion is our Founders' Day Worship Service with Pastor Gary Frost from Youngstown, OH also @ the Special Events Center-Garland.

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Richardson, TX 75081
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September 19,
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Don't miss the conclusion of our Single's Summit. Call the church for details.

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August 21, 2009

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Sayings that may remind you to put all things in perspective; and they should cause you to spring into action.

What God will not ask: He will not ask what kind of fancy car you drove; He will ask how many people you gave rides to who didn't have transportation. **He will not ask** the square footage of your home; He will ask how many people you helped who didn't have a home.

God will not ask how many fancy clothes you had in your closet; He will ask how many of those clothes you gave away to the needy. He won't ask what social class you were in; He will ask what kind of "class" you displayed during your trials and tribulations.

God will not ask how many material possessions you had; He will ask whether those material possessions dictated your life. **He will not ask** what your highest salary was; He will ask if you trampled over any one to obtain that salary. **He will not ask** how much overtime you worked; He will ask you if you worked overtime for

Things to Ponder

your family. **He will not ask** how many promotions you received; He will ask what you did to promote others.

God will not ask what your job title was; He will ask did you perform your job to the best of your ability. **He will not ask** how many promotions you took to chase a dollar bill; He will ask how many promotions you refused to advance your family's quality of life. **He will not ask** how many times you didn't run around on your spouse; He will ask how many times you did.

God will not ask how many academic degrees you had; He will ask how many people you thanked for helping you to get those degrees. **He will not ask** what your parents did to help you; He will ask what you did to help your parents. **He will not ask** what you did to help yourself; He will ask what you did to help others. **He will not ask** how many friends you had; He will ask how many people you were a friend to.

God will not ask what you did to protect your rights; He will ask what you did to protect the rights of others. **He will not ask** what neighborhood you lived in; He will ask what

other neighborhoods you visited. **He will not ask** how many times you told the truth; He will ask how many times you told a lie.

God will not ask about the color of your skin; He will ask about the color of your heart. **He will not ask** how many times your deeds matched your words; He will ask how many times they didn't. (Revised)

--Author Unknown
Good things to think about: God is a good God and His ways are perfect. We can eliminate much needless pain and misery from our lives just by following His ways. Even if you were the last person on earth, Jesus Christ still would have died just for you. Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance but taking hold of God's willingness. The task ahead of you is not as great as the power behind you.

A man may go to Heaven without good health, wealth or fame; a great name, learning a lot of things, a big salary, man's "defined" culture, beauty, and his so called friends; without ten thousand other things you can think about; But a man can never to go Heaven without Christ! **"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and**

the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6 (KJV)

Worship is giving your love, thanks and praise to God; and proving these

things by instant, joyful and whole obedience. Do not wait for God to change your circumstances; make yourself available for Him to change you. Worry is like a

rocking chair - it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere.

God does not use waste-baskets!

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Morning Worship-11:00 a.m.

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providing information and referrals in a timely and cost-effective manner for both the caller and community service organization.

The Alliance database system is managed and maintained through Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD).

CCGD has committed two full-time employees to research, update and maintain the database. The resource database system, Alliance allows the call specialist to effectively provide referrals that deliver the appropriate solution for the callers' problems and/or needs.

"CCGD works with nine other community agencies within one or more of 2-1-1 Texas AIC coverage

areas to ensure they have the most up-to-date information available," said Thornton.

What this means for a caller is timesaving. A Texas resident can call from anywhere in the state to get

the service they need without being transferred to another 2-1-1 Texas call center. Each call center can ac-

cess a state-wide database, eliminating time and hassle.

2-1-1 Texas follows AIRS Inclusion Standards when considering adding to the 130 existing social service agencies that are a part of their database of refer-

als. An organization such as a church, nursing home or educational facility would have to meet the quality indicator requirements (i.e. diversity, financial practices, etc) and professional standards to register with 2-1-1 Texas AIC, which follows the state and AIRS national standards.

According to a 2004 University of Texas cost-benefit study of eleven call centers nationwide, the net value of a national 2-1-1 system would approach \$160 million in the first year and \$1.1 billion over 10 years. Savings would come in such areas as re-

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A service of both cost and time best sums up the

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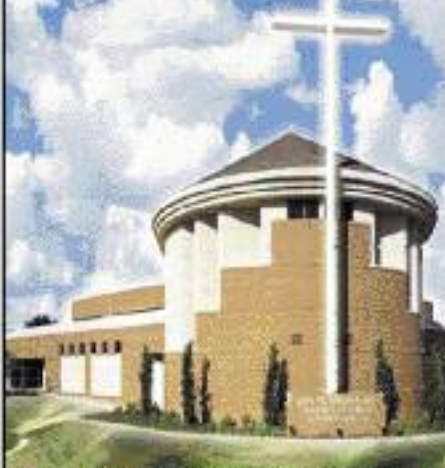


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