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Meshing Memories with Art: 14th Street Gallery Offers Photo Restoration



14th Street Gallery helps clients preserve memories.

BY LAKRISHIA ARMOUR
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Plano's 14th Street Gallery isn't an ordinary showcase of art, and its owner, Gabrielle Pruitt, isn't an ordinary photographer.

Pruitt's journey into photography started with an over-exposed candid shot of her toddler nephew more than 20 years ago. "At that time, the printer would pick

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Lulu Belle Madison White (1907-1957) Houston NAACP Leader

(NDG Wire) Lulu Belle Madison White, civil rights activist in the 1940s and 1950s, devoted most of her adult life to the struggle against Jim Crow in Texas. She campaigned for the right to vote, for equal pay for equal work, and for desegre-

gation of public facilities.

Lulu was one of twelve children born to Henry and Easter Madison in East Texas at the turn of the twentieth century. Her father, Henry Madison, a former Mississippi slave had moved to East Texas and later pur-

chased 120 acres of farmland. When Lulu Madison was born in Elmo, Texas in August 1900, she was born into a community that was thirty-five percent African American and sixty-five



Lulu Belle Madison White

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Seatbelts and School Zones Tops New Laws Passed This Year

BY TESSA HOWINGTON
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According to the Texas State Constitution, bills passed in the year's State Legislative Session, but not signed or vetoed by the Governor, become law on September 1 of the Legislative

year.

As a result, numerous new laws became law at the beginning of this month after this summer's Legislative Session.

The new laws most affecting the general public are transportation laws, and this

year both passengers and drivers should be aware of about thirty new laws.

One of the largest transportation bills, House Bill (HB) 2730, took affect on September 1; some of the new laws under HB 2730 are:

- All persons under 18 who apply for a driver's license must take the driver's exam, and learner's permits expire when a driver reaches 18 years old.

- Drivers under 18 are prohibited from using a

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When you look at areas like Dallas/Fort Worth the numbers are more staggering with memberships increasing 200 percent in just the past year alone.



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Deborah Cohen

(NDG Wire) Deborah Cohen, Urban League of Greater Dallas Director of Marketing and Development received a Certified Meeting Planners (CMP) certification, a distinguished credential which is recognized throughout the meetings, conventions, and exhibitions industry. It demonstrates an individual's comprehensive knowledge of meeting management as well as a commitment to the meeting profession.

"We are delighted to welcome Ms. Cohen and the

latest class of CMPs to our community," said Kimberly Miles, CMP, Senior Vice President, Industry Relations of the American Hotel and Lodging Association and current CMP Board Chair.

"The CMP continues to enjoy a positive reputation in the industry and is another tool for a meeting professional to demonstrate their level of knowledge and professionalism in our industry."

Cohen, a native of Kansas City, KS, has been

employed with the Urban League for over six years. Her duties include developing public relations strategies for local and national print and news media; creating partnerships and strategic alliances with corporate sponsors; and coordinating all fundraising for major events including the Annual Gala and Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Her fundraising efforts have netted over \$1 million for the organization.

She is also President and CEO of DC Global Meetings and Events and oversees all aspects of meeting and event planning includ-

ing program development, marketing and promotion, budgeting, site selections, entertainment, food and travel arrangement, on-site management and post conference follow-up.

Additionally, Cohen, a gifted musician, has played with the Kansas Philharmonic and noted musician Stan Kenton. She has served as Minister of Music for churches throughout the country and musician for the Laymen's and Women's auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., a organization she has been active for over 35 years.

She has received numerous awards including 2009 Rising Star finalist MPI DFW Chapter; the prestigious 2008 Meeting Professional International Spirit Award; 2008 Elite News Woman of Excellence; and Meeting Professional to Watch in '09 which was featured in the Convention South Magazine.

Cohen is a member of the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners, Religious Conference Management Association, Christian Meetings and Conventions Association LLC, National Association of Professional Women, Dallas Fort

Worth Association of Executives, Meeting Professionals International DFW Chapter and Secretary of the Galilee Griggs Memorial District Association of Baptist Churches.



Chris Howell

Chris Howell was born into a heritage of entrepre-



neurial leadership, Howell has followed suit.

He is CEO of C&D Associates, a full service marketing and consulting firm. The company also offers consultation to event planners along with a host of event services.

Howell possesses an enormous amount of business savvy, marketing expertise, and his innate leadership skills have enabled him to help foster the

growth of several businesses.

With 18 years of business experience, and 20 years of marriage, he is able to bring balanced and insightful teachings to help others reach their destiny.

The following are just a few more of the many titles Howell has earned: Talk Show Host/Executive Producer, of Man Talk a talk show designed to evangelize, encourage and empower men. In hosting ManTalk Howell has been able to utilize his unique ability to

come up with some of the most interesting topics concerning men today and has interviewed Bishop T.D. Jakes, First Lady Serita A. Jakes, President/CEO of Williams Fried Chicken, Hiawatha Williams, and Hall of Fame Wide Receiver Michael Irvin.

As a Broadcast Personality, Howell's rich "GOLDEN VOICE" and broadcasting experience has afforded him the opportunity to produce many successful video productions, in addition to this he currently

works with Criswell Communication in Arlington, TX as Mid-Day News Anchor/News Reporter with 90.9 KCBI. In 2007 Howell was recognized by the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters as one of the Best Spot News Reporters in Dallas/Forth.

Howell also serves as a moderator for various panel discussions in and outside of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Author, of his best-selling book "Man Talk - (The Book) The Hard Things Men Never Talk About" re-

leased December 2004 and has made the Dallas Morning News Best Sellers list twice just four months after its release, one of those time as # 1

Howell has been featured in several national Christian Publications such as Gospel Today America's Urban Christian Magazine and New Man Magazine America's #1 Christian Magazine for men.

Howell lives in Arlington, TX with his wife of 20 years Dominique and their three children.

Jesse J. Jackson

(NDG Wire) Tiffany Dale Agency, a full-service public relations and marketing agency, is proud to announce the recent acceptance of Jesse J. Jackson to the Dallas Regional Chamber's coveted and competitive Leadership Dallas Class of 2010. Jackson is one of only fifty five individuals selected from hundreds of applicants interested in being a participant of this prestigious leadership program.

"I am excited about Jesse J. Jackson's acceptance to the program and know that his professional experience, accomplishments, talent and skills will serve as great assets to the Leadership Dallas program," said Tiffany Dale Hunter, president of Tiffany Dale Agency and graduate of the Leadership Dallas Class of 2007.

Founded by the Dallas Regional Chamber, Leadership Dallas is a leadership development program dedicated to providing Dallas with diverse leaders who will actively participate in making positive changes in the community. Throughout the 10-month leadership program, participants address critical issues in the areas of human services, government, politics, economic development, health care, criminal justice, education, art and culture.

Since its inception in 1975, the program has graduated over 1,600 leaders to include US Trade Ambassador and former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, former City Manager Mary Suhm, State Representatives Helen Giddings, Terri Hodge and Rafael Anchia, former U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins, and civic and



business leaders Liz Minyard, Tom Baker and Ken Menges.

Very competitive, each year only fifty five individuals from hundreds of applicants are selected to participate in Leadership Dallas and must have a well-respected sponsoring company or organization to be considered for acceptance in the program. Tiffany Dale Agency is the proud sponsoring company for Jackson.

"I am extremely honored to be part of an organization that is comprised of so many

influential and positive leaders," said Jesse J. Jackson, Leadership Dallas Class of 2010. "I believe this will be a great opportunity to enhance my leadership skills, while providing a platform to better serve my community."

Throughout his 16 years in the financial services industry, Jesse J. Jackson has served with his head, his hands and his heart. As a senior member sales officer at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB), he has had an avenue to grow small businesses, help facilitate home ownership and aid families in achieving the American dream.

In his role, he works with the bank's capital markets and member sales group managing a large portfolio of financial institutions in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Prior to his role with the FHLB, Jackson held marketing and consultative sales

positions with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Wells Fargo, Inc. and Bank One Corporation.

Also, Jackson has held executive committee and chairperson positions with

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President Obama's Socialist Message of Personal Responsibility to American Students

BY RUTH FERGUSON
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Over the last week a controversy erupted over the desire of the President of the United States to encourage students across the country to stay in school and give their best effort. Many right wing conservatives were quick to throw out words like indoctrination and label it a socialist message.

How disappointing to see those seeking to win political battles, were unwilling to consider American school-rooms a war-free zone – dragging students, parents and administrators into their pettiness.

Former First Lady Laura Bush said it best when she told CNN: "I think there is a place for the president of the

United States to talk to school children and encourage school children."

Below is a transcript released by the White House of President Barack Obama's prepared remarks to students on September 8, 2009:

"Hello everyone - how's everybody doing today? I'm here with students at Wakefield High School in Arlington, Virginia. And we've got students tuning in from all across America, kindergarten through twelfth grade. I'm glad you all could join us today.

I know that for many of you, today is the first day of school. And for those of you in kindergarten, or starting middle or high school, it's your first day in a new school, so it's understandable

if you're a little nervous. I imagine there are some seniors out there who are feeling pretty good right now, with just one more year to go. And no matter what grade you're in, some of you are probably wishing it were still Summer, and you could've stayed in bed just a little longer this morning.

I know that feeling. When I was young, my family lived in Indonesia for a few years, and my mother didn't have the money to send me where all the American kids went to school. So she decided to teach me extra lessons herself, Monday through Friday - at 4:30 in the morning.

Now I wasn't too happy about getting up that early. A lot of times, I'd fall asleep

right there at the kitchen table. But whenever I'd complain, my mother would just give me one of those looks and say, "This is no picnic for me either, buster."

So I know some of you are still adjusting to being back at school. But I'm here today because I have something important to discuss with you. I'm here because I want to talk with you about your education and what's expected of all of you in this new school year.

Now I've given a lot of speeches about education. And I've talked a lot about responsibility.

I've talked about your teachers' responsibility for inspiring you, and pushing you

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(65) percent white. It was also a community where cotton and Jim Crow was "King." Segregation and 'separate but equal' were enshrined in the state's constitution. Furthermore, the white citizenry enforced this oppression by lynching and threats of lynching. In 1908, East Texas had the dubious distinction of leading the state with twenty-four recorded lynchings [6].

The Jim Crow regime denied African Americans basic human rights to health care, jobs, education, and criminal justice. Black males were expected to tip their hats in the presence of whites. The poll tax, whites-only primary, and voter declaration regime suppressed African Americans' right to vote. But Henry and Easter Madison ensured that their children escaped much of the day-to-day indignities of Jim Crow. When most African American children had to leave elementary school to assist their share cropping parents; Lulu remained in school when the crops were harvested. Even so, some indignities remained. At Old Terrell Colored High School, the library books were those previously

used by the white high school students [3-9].

It was at Prairie View A&M University that Lulu honed her leadership skills. Recognizing that the college had the responsibility of developing a cadre of college-educated African American leaders, Prairie View College emphasized the development of intellectual skill, rigor, and discipline in debate through the L & D society, the excelsior Literary Society, and the Aristo Club. Lulu learned these lessons well and emerged as a leader while graduating magna cum laude from the college in June 1928.

Shortly after graduation, Lulu married Julius White, a successful business owner who financed some of the race discrimination lawsuits in Houston. Despite her superior grades at Prairie View, Lulu was denied a teaching position in Houston. She commuted to her teaching position in Lufkin, Texas for two years before becoming involved in the struggle against Jim Crow [13-16].

Lulu began as an organizer to help support the Grovey lawsuit. She organized women groups such as

the YWCA, Metropolitan Council of Negro Women, The Eastern Star and Grand Court of Calan.

Lulu's hard work earned her a new job as Executive Secretary of the Houston Branch of the NAACP. Her job was created to free up the president from some of the day-to-day tasks so the he could work on fulfilling the objectives of the NAACP. As executive Secretary, Lulu became involved in the following causes: protests against discrimination in the Houston shipyard; protests against discrimination in Atlas Dress Manufacturing Industry; protests against discrimination in Beaumont, Texas that lead to 2,000 whites rioting and destroying an African American section of Beaumont; protests for the establishment of Reserve Officer Training corps Units in African American schools; protests that lead to African Americans being able to attend the Houston Music Hall and be seated alongside whites; protests against the Texas white Democratic primary; protests to change or modify the city manager system of government; protests opposing candidates running

for city offices that were against African American interest; efforts to get the vote out on election day; protests against Houston's City Council to end protest police brutality; protest which increased the number of African American police officers from six to thirteen; protests by letter which attacked President Johnson for allowing the Anti-Poll Tax Bill to die on the floor of the Senate; protest efforts to raise teacher pay; protests against setting up an Office of Price Administration. Lulu was involved in these causes and many others that are too numerous to mention. She continued her efforts as she was selected by the National NAACP to be Director of Branches for the Southwest Region. While continuing in both positions, Lulu continued to oppose discrimination, unfair treatment of African Americans, and Jim Crow. She was at case with the local leaders of the NAACP as with Thurgood Marshall and the leaders of the national NAACP. She was unafraid working with labor groups to enable African American

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Healthy Living Expo 2009: Health and Environment Come Together

(NDG Wire) Learn how to improve your personal health and the health of the environment all in one event: Healthy Living Expo 2009 Healthy You, Healthy Earth: Rx for a Better World."

The City of Garland, Garland ISD, Baylor Medical Center at Garland and the Garland Chamber of Commerce will join forces on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the GISD Special Events Center, to look at how caring for both ourselves and the earth creates a healthy lifestyle, and has a positive impact on the world around us. The Expo will offer exhibitor booths, free services, demonstrations and entertainment, all focused on helping citizens make positive changes to their daily lives.

Healthy You will provide health screenings and immunizations, plus information on prevention services, stress reduction methods, fitness activities, and much more. Five hundred free cholesterol screenings will be available, on a first come first served basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Seasonal flu shots will be administered by the Garland Health Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. only. The cost of flu shots for children

6 months to 18 years old will be \$10; 19 years and older \$20. Medicaid and Medicare Part B participants should bring current paperwork.

A limited supply of the pneumococcal vaccine is available for \$40. This vaccine is usually given to adults 65 years and older and is covered by Medicare Part B or those individuals younger than 65 with chronic health conditions. A limited supply of the tetanus booster, Tdap, for adolescents and adults 11 years and older will be available. The cost is \$10 for children age 11-18 and \$20 for adults 19-64 years old.

Learn about Healthy Earth topics, such as recycling, conservation, energy efficiency, gardening and alternative fuels. The first 1,000 attendees will receive a microfiber, reusable shopping bag containing a variety of goodies and information (one per family, please). Radio Disney will rock the Expo with music, prizes and eco-friendly" competitions for kids and parents.

Showerhead Exchange The City of Garland Water Utilities Department will have 1,000 low-flow showerheads available. Bring your old showerhead to exchange, along with a

City of Garland utility bill and identification verifying that you are the utility subscriber. (Limit one showerhead per household, please.) The City will make sure the old devices are disposed of in an environmentally-appropriate way!

Electronic Recycling by the Environmental Co-op You can drive up and drop off a wide range of electronic equipment such as computers, telephones, circuit boards, DVD/CD players, copiers, printers, video equipment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until their trucks are full. A fee is associated with properly disposing of these items: \$5 per computer monitor and \$10 - \$30 per television, based on screen size. You can also drop off microwaves, air conditioners, batteries, and small household appliances, as well as eyeglasses that will be donated to the Lions Club.

The Expo will also feature a document shredding service for outdated or sensitive records, provided by Greenstar Northamerica, LLC. The shred truck will be onsite from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the truck is full.

For more information, visit www.GarlandGoesGreen.org or www.GarlandChamber.com.

Pulitzer Prize Nominee Yvonne Thornton to Serve as Keynote Dpeaker at TWU's *The Power of a Healthy Woman Symposium* Sept. 19

(NDG Wire) Dr. Yvonne Thornton, the first African-American woman in the U.S. to be board certified in high-

risk obstetrics and a Pulitzer Prize nominee for her family's biography *The Ditchdigger's Daughters* will serve as the keynote speaker during Texas Woman's University's annual *The Power of a Healthy Woman Symposium* Sept. 19.

Adult women are encouraged to attend the half-day event that shines the spotlight on women's health. The symposium will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in

the auditorium of the Multipurpose Classroom and Laboratory Building. For a map of the Denton campus, visit www.twu.edu/maps.asp. Registration is \$15 before Sept. 10, and \$20 on site. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register early.

From the tenements of East Harlem to the footlights of the Apollo Theatre to the halls of an Ivy League medical school, Dr. Thornton's family story is that of a modern Horatio Alger saga. In 1995 she authored her fam-

ily's biography *The Ditchdigger's Daughters*, which became a national bestseller. The book was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize; was made into an award-winning cable television movie; was condensed in *The Readers Digest*; and was featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Dr. Thornton will speak about how her father, Donald Thornton, overcame incredible obstacles to give his daughters a better life.

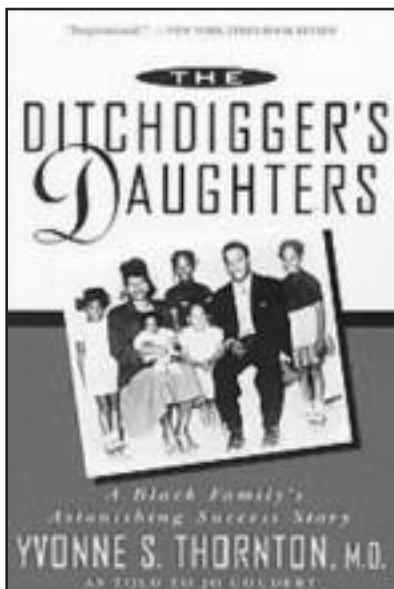
Dr. Thornton is a double-board certified specialist in obstetrics, gynecology and

maternal-fetal medicine and is a former professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at Cornell University Medical College. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. She received her medical degree and executive master's of public health degree from Columbia University.

Featured speakers for *The Power of a Healthy Woman Symposium* also include Dr. Nancy Granovsky,

regent's fellow, professor and family economics specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Dr. Abigail Tilton, TWU assistant social work professor and social work program director; Dr. Carol S. Ireton-Jones, executive vice president of the Professional Nutrition Therapists organization; and Dr. Wasim A. Haque, a private practice physician in Lewisville.

For a complete schedule of speakers and topics, visit www.twu.edu/ce and click on *The Power of a Healthy Woman Symposium*.



Richardson Flu Shot Clinic for Seniors

(NDG Wire) The Richardson Senior Center and Maxim Health Care will provide a flu shot clinic on the following dates:

Oct. 13 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 14 Noon to 5 p.m.

Oct. 15 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Maxim will bill Medicare for participants with insurance coverage through Medicare Part B and some other medical insurances (to

be known later) and NOT enrolled in an HMO. Medicare Part A participants and participants who belong to an HMO will be charged \$25 for their shots.

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wireless device while driving.

- Drivers under 18 can only have one person less than 21 years of age in the car that is a non-family member.

- Driving is prohibited from midnight to 5 a.m. for drivers under 18 except when going to school, work, or for an emergency.

- Persons new to the state now have 90 days to change their address and get a Texas driver's license instead of 30 days.

- All persons wanting to gain a Texas driver's license must prove residency, PO boxes are no longer a proof of residency, and there are new requirements for driver's licenses being delivered to PO boxes.

- Anyone arrested of a DWI with a child in the vehicle will have their license automatically suspended.

- If a CDL Class license driver is caught harboring or transporting an illegal alien, the driver can lose their CDL rating for life.

HB 55 also became a law on the first of the month prohibiting the use of all cell phone and wireless devices in school zones except when used with a head set or for emergency (911) calls.

Highland Park was the first city to pass the ordinance in the beginning of the

year, and the State Legislature quickly adopted it to make a state wide law. The law also states school zones must to have this policy clearly marked by signs placed under school zone signs; however, some cities have not been able to install those signs by September 1. Cities that do not have the signs posted will not be enforcing or writing tickets for violators until the signs are in place.

HB 537 now mandates all passengers in a vehicle, no matter if they are front or back seat passengers, must wear a seat belt and children less than five years old can only ride in the side car of a motorcycle.

Also, according to Senate Bill (SB) 61, all children under eight years old or four feet nine inches in height must be restrained in a proper safety seat.

After the first, SB 328 now allows DPS officers to suspend a minor's driver's license if they fail a blood alcohol test when operating a boat, jet ski, or other water craft. Additionally, the fee for reinstating a suspended license was raised from \$50 to \$100.

Minors can also be charged and arrested with public intoxication under the new law from HB 558.

Bills defining or updating

criminal offenses also took affect this month. For example, stealing a driver's license or any person's identification is now a Class B misdemeanor according to HB 1282.

SB 554 now makes it illegal to own dog fighting equipment. In addition, if equipment is found or evidence of dog fighting is found on your property, the state can seize your property and the contraband. The new law also stipulates dog fighting is a type of organized crime which carries harsher penalties if convicted.

According to HB 1813, it is now a third degree felony to tamper with evidence.

Under SB 689, registered sex offenders who used the internet to find or abuse their victims now have restricted access to the internet and have to provide all of their digital information, including their email address(es), when they register as a sex offender.

And finally, to be more current with federal laws, SB 1188 allows Texans to buy firearms, accessories, and ammunition in all states, not just those neighboring Texas.

For a complete list of laws effective September 1, see <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>

Plano Parks and Recreation Department Introduces the Academy of Creative Arts

(NDG Wire) The City of Plano's Parks and Recreation Department introduces the Academy of Creative Arts, a program designed to offer specialized art classes for practical application by "the average person."

The first class offered on Sept. 12 is "Making Home Movies that Look Great." For a full list of courses offered this fall in the Academy of Creative Arts or any other recreation program, visit www.planoparks.org and select "Leisure Courses."

The Academy's purpose is to give professional, creative assistance for everyday pursuits such as videotaping a child's soccer game or designing a flyer. Other opportunities include a writing workshop by a State Poet Laureate and an engaging art lecture with a guided field trip to a local museum.

These classes offer a stimulating cultural experience led by formally-trained art professionals without the commitment of a semester-long course at an academic institution.

Also offered are drama classes for adults and children and piano lessons for homeschoolers. Instructors are award-winning art professionals and individuals with degrees in fine arts or the performing arts fields.

Residents and non-residents can register online at www.planoparks.org or by calling any recreation center. All classes meet at the Cox Building, first floor, on 1517 H Avenue in downtown Plano. For more information, call (972) 941-7740.

Pooch Pool Party

(NDG Wire) The annual Pooch Pool Party will take place Saturday, September 12 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rosemeade Rainforest Aquatic Complex (1334 E. Rosemeade Parkway).

There will be scheduled activities and friendly competitions for Best Swimsuit, Best Dog 'N Owner Look-alike and Pool Toy Retrieval.

Admission is \$3 per dog; there is no charge for humans. Owners must show proof of their dog's current rabies vaccinations. For information, call Carrollton Athletics at 972-466-9833.

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The Trinity Trust Helps Girls Incorporated Members Get SMART

(NDG Wire) Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas held a four-week Camp SMART summer program for more than 100 girls entering the 5th and 6th grades. One of their activities was an interactive visit to The Trinity Trust.

Camp SMART is a comprehensive camp that focuses on specific topic areas and complements the Girls Inc., Operation SMART® (science, math and relevant technology) curriculum, which is designed to get girls interested

in science, math and technology. It includes hands-on projects, experiments, technology driven activities and field trips. Girls learn about careers in science, math and technology, and they explore, ask questions and increase scientific literacy and numeric skills.

Dr. Gail Thomas, president of The Trinity Trust, said, "We are excited to open the doors to these young girls to learn about the magnitude of The Trinity project. When they saw the large-scale model of The Trinity project, ob-

served images of the Calatrava-designed Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, and listened to what their future would look like, they were really excited. We hope they were inspired to look at careers as engineers, architects and designers, to help us build Dallas."

Alexis Andrews, a Girls Inc. participant, said, "I liked learning about how big The Trinity project is, and that we are now building a bridge and a park that will be there for my generation. It makes me excited to learn about all the different

careers involved in building it."

A \$2 billion public works project, The Trinity project is one of the largest urban developments in the nation, stretching 20 miles in Dallas proper and encompassing 10,000 acres. Plans include a meandering river, downtown lakes, an island, wetlands, hike and bike trails, a whitewater course, riding paths and nature walks through the Great Trinity Forest. The Trinity River Audubon Center is already completed.



West Dallas Center visited The Trinity Trust as part of the Girls SMART program. Pictured on the left is Dr. Gail Thomas, president of The Trinity Trust, and on the far right is Tierney Kaufman, The Trinity Trust outreach coordinator.

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to learn.

I've talked about your parents' responsibility for making sure you stay on track, and get your homework done, and don't spend every waking hour in front of the TV or with that Xbox.

I've talked a lot about your government's responsibility for setting high standards, supporting teachers and princi-

pals, and turning around schools that aren't working where students aren't getting the opportunities they deserve.

But at the end of the day, we can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, and the best schools in the world - and none of it will matter unless all of you fulfill your responsibilities. Unless you show up

to those schools; pay attention to those teachers; listen to your parents, grandparents and other adults; and put in the hard work it takes to succeed.

And that's what I want to focus on today: the responsibility each of you has for your education. I want to start with the responsibility you have to yourself."

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the Dallas Urban Financial Services Coalition, serves on the executive board of the W & V Payne Foundation, a Texas nonprofit organization serving low to moderate income families and serves in an advisory capacity on the board of the Kappa Alpha Psi Federal Credit Union, a Texas chartered financial institution. He holds a master of business administration degree in corporate finance from the University of Dallas' Graduate School of Management, a bachelor of science in business marketing from Grambling State University and is a graduate of the Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business School of Bank Management.

As a proven community leader and volunteer, Jesse J. Jackson understands the significant challenges facing the Greater Dallas area and is specifically concerned with

the impact of the current economic conditions and the issue of financial literacy. Through education obtained through the Leadership Dallas program and his profes-

sional experience, he plans to continue developing awareness of financial responsibility among youth and improve financial education within the overall community.

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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.

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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.

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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>.

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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

September 4 - December 4 Adriatic First Fridays Art Walk 6-9 p.m. Adriatica Merchants Association presents First Fridays at Adriatica (McKinney). Art walk, live music, sidewalk sales, free food samplings. Admission is FREE. Every 1st Friday on Virginia Pkwy between Ridge and Stonebridge Dr. 972-540-2739

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

"Princeton Review: Getting In" is set for 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano.

DFW International Diner with keynote speaker Mayor Tom Leppert of Dallas at Temple Emanu-El, 8500 Hillcrest Road at 6 p.m. and will include a banquet featuring 17 courses from around the world with flags from 54 countries in the Parade of Nations. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased online or by phone. Info: www.dfwinternational.org

September 11

Annual 9-11 Memorial - The McKinney Fire Department & the McKinney Police Department invite you to the Annual 9-1-1 Memorial Honoring those who died on September 11, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. Veterans

Park, Craig Ranch, 6053 Weiskoph Avenue, McKinney

September 12

NAACP Garland Branch 19th Annual Freedom Fund & Silent Auction Celebration at the GISD Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. at George Bush Turnpike, Garland. The Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m. and the brunch will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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.bridal-showsinc.com

September 14

Garland ISD Middle School Meet the Teacher Night

September 16

The Irving International Women's Consortium at 6 p.m. at the office of TXU Energy, 6555 Sierra Drive, Irving. Bring an ethnic or cultural dish that reflects your background for an evening of food and networking. The event is free, but registration is requested. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, September 10, 2009. To register for this event and to provide dish you will bring, please contact either Diane Orfanos 469-831-9133 dorfanos@deccd.edu or Monica Ellington 972-831-8866 monica@iivc.net

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

Jethro Pugh UNCF Scholarship Invitational Golf Tournament at Tour 18, for sponsorship and golfer information call (972) 234-1007.

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@stephanieestips.com for paypal link and e-ticket.

25th Annual Partnership Golf Tournament at Firewheel Golf Park, Garland. Tee off at 9 a.m. Contact Jami Manners at jami.manners@garlandchamber.com for more information of to register for this tournament.

September 19

Arnez J & Earthquake at Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m.

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.mariagebootcamp.com

September 24

AARP Driver Safety Classes 6-10 p.m. Fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Reservations may be made

by calling 972-744-7800.

UNCF's Annual DFW Campaign Kick Off Reception RSVP by September 17th at (972) 234-1007

September 25-26

One Diva and Twenty-One Dudes Visual Arts Extravaganza at TBAAL at 650 S. Griffin St. Dallas, info: Nora Wilson 214 743-2506

September 25

Jamie Foxx at Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m.

8th Annual Fiesta-on-the-Square, Hispanic Heritage Celebration in 6:00-10:00 p.m., Info: Denton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, djurbina@textstar.us, 940-565-1919.

September 26

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

A Gospel Musical Concert at 5:00 p.m. hosted by Granny's Place, Inc. a non profit residential home for girls in and aging out of foster care at the Free Will Baptist Church, 1415 Wheatland Road in Duncanville.

September 27

Recognizing Dedication: The 2009 Dance Council Honors at 3:00 p.m. at Dallas Black Dance Theatre, 2700 Flora Street, Dallas. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for DC members, and \$20 for students. Silent auction and ticket proceeds will benefit the Dance Council Scholarship Fund. Info: www.thedancecouncil.org, 214-219-2290, or at the door. Seating is limited.

September 30

Annual Celebration of Enterprise Business Expo Awards 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.celebrationofenterprise.com

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

October 2

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

Jazz Series at Bishop Arts Theater Center hosted by Camron Smith featuring Phil Perry with Kim Waters

Richardsons NETWORK Community Ministries hosts annual tournament beginning with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Four-person teams will play a Florida Scramble at Sherrill Park Pavilion.

Dallas Alumni Chapter of Prairie View A&M University are hosting **14th Annual Athletic Scholarship Gala** at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin City Center Hotel-Downtown Dallas (650 North Pearl Street).

October 3

Southwest Airlines State Fair Classic at Cotton Bowl, Dallas

October 6

Susan G. Komen for the Cure Golf Tournament at the Eldorado Country Club in McKinney. Tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Oct. 6. Tournament fee is \$90, deadline for registration is Sept. 28. Entry forms/info 972-473-5961.

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Former Dallas Cowboys Football Player Eugene Lockhart and Eight Others Charged in Mortgage Fraud Scheme

Federal Indictment Charges Conspiracy, Bank Fraud, and Wire Fraud

(AP) A federal grand jury has indicted Eugene Lockhart, Jr., 48, a former player with the Dallas Cowboys, and eight others on various charges related to a mortgage fraud scheme he

and the others allegedly ran in the Dallas area from 2001 through 2005, announced U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks of the Northern District of Texas. Lockhart, of Carrollton, Texas, and co-defendant Lendell Beacham, 50, of DeSoto, Texas, were arrested this morning by FBI agents, and will appear this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeff Kaplan for their initial appearance.

All nine defendants are charged in the indictment, returned by a federal grand

jury earlier this week and unsealed this morning, with various offenses related to the scheme, including conspiracy, bank fraud, and wire fraud.

In addition to Lockhart and Beacham, the following defendants are named in the indictment: William Randolph Tisdale, Jr., 45, formerly of Dallas, but currently serving a federal sentence on unrelated charges; Hubert Jones, III, 39, of Garland, Texas; Patricia Ortega Suarez, 55, of Dallas; Suzette Switzer Hinds, 45, of Dallas; Michael Anthony Caldwell, 49, of Arlington, Texas; Donna Lois Kneeland, 45, of Grand Prairie, Texas; and Bryan J. Moorman, 67, of Mesquite, Texas. These defendants,

with the exception of Tisdale, are expected to surrender to the FBI tomorrow morning, September 4, 2009.

All nine defendants are charged with one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and wire fraud. In addition, Lockhart, Beacham and Moorman are each charged with one count of wire fraud; Tisdale is also charged with two counts of bank fraud; Jones is also charged with two counts of bank fraud and one count of wire fraud; Suarez is also charged with one count each of bank fraud and wire fraud; and Hinds is also charged with one count of bank fraud.

According to the indictment, Lockhart was in-

volved with several real estate entities, including America's Team Mortgage; America's Team Realty; America's Team Funding Group; Ace Mortgage; Cowboys Realty; Cowboys Mortgage and KLT Properties. Tisdale was involved with Pinnacle Development and Realty Corporation; Atilla Capital Corporation; and KLT Properties. Jones was the President of Pinnacle Development and Realty Corporation and Director of Atilla Capital Corporation. Beacham was the owner of Cowboys Mortgage and was involved with Ace Mortgage.

Defendants Suarez, Hinds and Kneeland were escrow officers at various title companies. Caldwell was the general manager at New Land National Title and Moorman was an appraiser.

The indictment alleges that the defendants ran a scheme in which they located single-family residences for sale in the Dallas area, including distressed and pre-foreclosure properties, and negotiated a sales price with the seller. They created surplus loan proceeds by inflating the sales price to an arbitrary amount substantially more than the fair market value of the residence.

They recruited individuals to act as nominee or "straw purchasers" or "straw borrowers," promising to pay them a bonus or commission of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 for their participation in a particular real estate transaction.

The conspirators caused the loan applications for each straw borrower to include false financial infor-



Eugene Lockhart

mation, often including inflated false income figures to conceal the borrower's true financial condition so that the lender would more likely approve the loan.

The conspirators concealed from the lenders the true status, financial condition and intentions of the named borrowers, knowing that loans would not likely be approved if the lender knew the true role, credit worthiness, and risk of each straw borrower.

The conspirators falsely represented in loan documents that the straw purchaser intended to use the property as their primary residence, intentionally concealing from lender that each straw borrower, viewed himself as an "investor," who never intended to occupy the home.

The indictment also alleges that the conspirators caused bogus and fraudulent "marketing fees" to be listed on loan closing documents to provide a means for the conspirators to re-

ceive surplus/excess loan proceeds.

The scope of the conspiracy involved approximately 54 fraudulent residential property loan closings resulting in the funding of approximately \$20.5 million in fraudulent loans.

An indictment is an accusation by a federal grand jury and a defendant is entitled to the presumption of innocence unless proven guilty. If convicted however, the conspiracy and each bank fraud counts carries a maximum statutory sentence of 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine and restitution.

Each of the wire fraud counts, upon conviction, carries a maximum statutory sentence of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and restitution. In addition, the indictment includes a forfeiture allegation which would require the defendants, upon conviction, to forfeit various sums of money, totaling up to \$20.4 million.



Eugene Lockhart

Harvey Comes to Garland Civic Theatre

(NDG Wire) Garland Civic Theatre will continue its 2009-2010 *Diamonds Are Forever* season with a production of *Harvey* by Mary Chase. Performances are scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, October 1 to October 24, 2009 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 North 5th Street in downtown Garland.

This classic American gem tells the story of one Elwood P. Dowd and his imaginary friend, a 6 ft tall rabbit. No one other than Elwood sees or hears the

rabbit, Harvey. When Elwood starts to introduce Harvey to guests at a society party, his sister, Veta, has seen as much of eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle Mae, and their family from future embarrassment.

Problems arise, however, when Veta herself is mistakenly assumed to be on the verge of lunacy when she explains to doctors that years of living with

Elwood's hallucination have caused her to see Harvey also! The doctors commit Veta instead of Elwood, but when the truth comes out, the search is on for Elwood and his invisible companion. When he shows up at the sanitarium looking for his lost friend Harvey, it seems that the mild-mannered Elwood's delusion has had a strange influence on more than one of the doctors. Only at the end does Veta realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all. This is a hilarious

romp with an endless array of comic characters. A "must see" for the entire family.

Call the Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 for tickets. Tickets are \$20 on Friday and Saturday evenings and \$18 on Thursday evenings and Saturday or Sunday matinees. There are discounts available for those who are over 59 and under 19. Students over 19, KERA members, and DART riders also can get a discount. There is a service charge added to each ticket.



Jon Morehouse as Dr. William Chumley, Reg Platt as Elwood P. Dowd, and Susan McMath Platt as Veta Louise Simmons. All photos are by Celeste Rogers

Chargers LB says He Did Not Harm Reality TV Star

(AP) San Diego Chargers star outside linebacker Shawne Merriman said he did not harm reality TV star Tila Tequila at his home early Sunday and added he was concerned for her safety because she appeared to be intoxicated.

Merriman was arrested and accused of choking and throwing Tequila to the ground as she tried to leave his home in suburban Poway. Tequila signed a citizen's arrest warrant charging Merriman with battery and false imprisonment. Both are felonies.

Merriman spent about 2 1/2 hours in the downtown jail before posting bail.

Merriman practiced Monday, then said he's convinced he'll be cleared. It will ultimately be up to the District Attorney's office to decide if he'll be charged.

"I think when it all surfaces, it will be a different situation. Period," said Merriman, who described Tequila as an acquaintance.

Tequila, whose real name is Tila Nguyen, is best known for "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila," which ran for two seasons on MTV. The bisexual dating show featured men and women vying for Tequila's affections. She has also modeled for Playboy and other men's magazines.

Merriman said he was limited in what he could

say. He kept referring to a statement issued through his attorney Sunday night.

"At the time, I was concerned about her welfare given the intoxicated state she appeared to be in and I encouraged her to stay until safe transportation could be provided," Merriman said in the statement. "We would all do our best to help a friend if we considered their actions to be detrimental to their personal safety."

"I in no way caused any harm to Ms. Nguyen, however, paramedics were called and she was examined but no injuries were reported," the statement continued.

"It's kind of a tough situation where you think you're doing the right thing," Merriman said Monday. "I'm glad that everyone was safe at the end of the day. I don't think I will regret that part."

Asked if he threw Tequila to the ground, the 6-foot-4, 265-pound Merriman said: "No. I can't talk about any of that stuff."

Scott E. Leemon, an attorney for Tequila, didn't respond to an e-mail asking for comment on Merriman's statement.

Also Monday, the owner of a downtown club where Merriman and Tequila attended a party

Saturday night said his staff told him Tequila had been drinking and it appeared Merriman had ordered only bottled water.

"I feel sorry for the guy and I think the truth needs to be told," said James Brennan, who owns Stingaree, one of the city's top hangouts for celebrities.

Brennan said he normally wouldn't comment, but felt he should after seeing Tequila's tweet in which

she said she's allergic to alcohol.

"It sounds like she's allergic to the truth," Brennan told The Associated Press.

Brennan said he was not at the club Saturday night, but had spoken with every employee who dealt with Tequila and Merriman. Brennan said he was told she had shots of tequila and drank from a bottle of vodka. Brennan said Tequila requested that his

brother, Shane, a manager at Stingaree, have a shot of tequila with her.

"She wasn't like falling down or anything of that nature, but she was visibly intoxicated," Brennan said.

In a tweet Sunday, Tequila said: "I am allergic to alcohol. It has been publicly known for years. That is how I got the name Tila 'Tequila' cuz the irony. I cant drink."



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Pace Scholarship Fundraiser



The Professional Achievers for Community Excellence (PACE) is hosting a scholarship fundraiser on Saturday, September 12, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 1808 Random Road in Carrollton.

PACE will have a yard sale as well as a bake sale to raise monies for scholarships.

For more information about the fundraiser event, call (214) 995-5972.

Social Media Workshop

(NDG Wire) Social networking sites are more than online vehicles for casual communication between family and friends. They have also become valuable resources for advancement in the business and professional world.

Social media expert J.R. Atkins of Something Different Co., can help you become more familiar with

Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other social networks during a training workshop sponsored by ManeLock Communications.

The workshop will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at The Total Wellness Center, 1700 Commerce Street (corner of Ervay) in

downtown Dallas.

The workshop is open

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to anyone, but media and business professionals will find the information particularly useful. Atkins will cover how to set up networking accounts, advertise, and incorporate video applications.

The workshop fee is \$15. Seating limited. You can pay on arrival but you must RSVP by calling (214-803-3920).

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and choose what photos they developed, and if they didn't think it was a good photo they wouldn't develop it," said Pruitt.

She was looking for that particular print, and she noticed it never got developed. Going back through the negatives, she saw that although it was over exposed, it was a great photo, and also realized she didn't want anyone else choosing her memories.

"After that, I learned how to develop my own film because I wanted to be able to control which photos got developed," Pruitt said. "I didn't want someone else picking my photos for me. Everyone shoots a decent picture."

Pruitt honed her skills in digital photography at Collin County Community College and is partially self-taught. She started her career taking

photos of fine art for reprints.

"Taking a photo for a reprint gives the piece another life. When you sell a piece of art, that's the end of its life. But with reprints, it's like you have children of the original piece, and its life continues in another medium," she said.

Her love for art and photography inspired her to open 14th Street Gallery as a way for herself and other artistic photographers to showcase their work. It is also a studio space for shoots. Sunny and bright with plenty of windows, the 14th Street Gallery is a hidden jewel that boasts more than pretty artwork and occasional events.

The gallery also functions as a business space where Pruitt offers her customers a chance to turn ragged, well-loved photo-

graphs into showpieces through photo restoration and decorative framing.

"I had a man come in with a wallet-sized photo of himself as a kid, and he wanted to show his girlfriend that he was cute when he was a kid, so I was able to restore it for him," she laughed. "People also come in with old family pictures that have faded and want them restored."

Pruitt is passionate about helping people restore photos, believing that photos are memories.

"People have sentimental pieces they're attached to," she said. "What we think of as only snapshots are really moments in history."

She said she wants to help people get their photos out of the box, onto paper and into frames for display in the

home. She said the everyday person can afford to take a snapshot and have it cropped and color balanced into a work of art, and feel good about their work.

Pruitt said she can bring photos back to life by erasing fold lines, enlarging wallet sizes and adding color.

"There is so much detail that gets lost in an old or small photo," she said. "And sometimes you don't see it. I had a lady come in with tubs of photos that were wet and stuck together. We were able to restore some of them, which meant a lot to her."

Because preserving memories is important to the gallery staff, all of who are photographers, another service offered is helping family-tree enthusiasts self-publish an anthology of their family history and other information

into genealogy books for family distribution.

Another way Pruitt preserves memories is by taking artistic shots of flowers, as they remind her of her mother and of growing up in Chickasha, OK. "My mother would always give us flowers when we accomplished something like graduation," she said with a smile. "So my favorite things to shoot are flowers because I never want them to die."

The 14th Street Gallery also has a satellite store in the heart of downtown Plano, called 14th on 15th. It is a mini gallery and gift shop that sells jewelry, frames, pottery and art cards, and is

located at 15th Street and K Avenue inside the Art Centre of Plano building.

Pruitt specializes in large format printing, photo reprinting and restoration, fine art reproductions, framing, matting, portrait sittings, product photography, event photography, website design, dry-mounting, scanning and photo archival. Pruitt said she is also available for event photography and family portraits.

For more information on meshing memories with the arts, visit the 14th Street Gallery at 1412 14th Street in Plano, call Gabrielle Pruitt at 972-633-3822, or visit www.14thstreetgallery.com/.



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The King of Infidelity

How Web Mogul Noel Biderman Cashed In With Online Adultery

NATALIE ROBERTSON

Meet Jennifer, a 36 year-old loving wife and mother of two who lived in the perfect little house, in the perfect little neighborhood. On the outside, it appeared that Jennifer was living the American dream but in reality she was dying inside. Jennifer, like 20 million other Americans was trapped in a sexless marriage.

As a stay-at-home mom, Jennifer had a lot of free time, and she started spending it on AshleyMadison.com, a website specifically for married people looking to cheat. How did she end up here? It started a few months earlier and according to her "completely by accident." One January morning, Jennifer was running some errands in her husband's car and the radio was tuned to his favorite radio station. She was about to switch the channel until she realized they had a special guest on that day. And it wasn't just any guest, it was Noel Biderman, creator of the most controversial website on the internet - AshleyMadison.com

Biderman was invited to appear on the popular station that Ashley Madison advertised on much to the chagrin of even the hosts themselves. As Jennifer listened intently Biderman calmly fielded calls from listeners explaining to them why millions of Americans turn to his service. Up to this point, Jennifer had never heard of AshleyMadison.com or even knew a site existed that catered to people like her. From that moment she knew her life was never going to be the same.

Before Biderman's interview, Jennifer had already been getting restless. She was feeling sexual in a way that she hadn't since college. She was in the

best shape of her life, and she'd been playing around with cyber-sex, exchanging pictures with a few lucky friends. But in the annals of horny housewives fooling around on their spouses, Ashley Madison was a different order of magnitude. "It was more

nessman and nothing more.

A former sports agent, Biderman, didn't start Ashley Madison to subvert the institution of marriage (he's happily married with two children). In 2001, he read an article that said Internet dating sites were the only content sector thriving



Biderman appears on CNN.

exciting to do it with people I don't know," she says. "It's not something I'm proud of, just something I was interested in."

Within a few days, one of the guys she had been chatting with asked her out for coffee. She thought his pictures were cute. Their chats had been hot. How would it hurt her to say yes? The chemistry was even better in person. Conversation turned into gentle caressing. Gentle caressing turned into playful fondling. Playful fondling turned into oral sex in the back of her minivan. Jennifer was now having an affair, and it was easier than she had ever imagined. "I never thought I'd cheat on my husband," she says "But there I was."

With more than 4.5 million members, and tens of millions spent on advertising, the 7-year-old Ashley Madison is the first, biggest and most profitable infidelity site on the internet. Noel Biderman, the site's 38-year-old founder, describes himself as a busi-

nessman and nothing more. after the dot-com bust. "The article went on to suggest that as many as 30% of the people on these dating services were attached," he says. "They were using the anonymity of the Internet to cloak their true intentions. I thought, I'm gonna offer up a service to these folks."

On February 14, 2002, AshleyMadison.com was officially born - taking its moniker from the previous year's two most popular girl's names. "The reality was that people who were going to cheat were going to cheat anyway, and people who weren't going to cheat were going to ignore Ashley Madison, just like they would any service," says Biderman. "But since people will cheat, it's a recession-proof business."

As word got out, membership grew "exponentially" according to Biderman and by the start of 2008 Ashley Madison had over 2 million members and Biderman had made tens of millions in profits. To the general public, Ash-

ley Madison's meteoric rise was a shock but Biderman wasn't surprised. "20 million Americans are in sexless marriages," he says, citing a recent report from ABC News. "Some can accept this fact and live the rest of their lives celibate, but most of us can't."

His detractors offer up divorce as the solution, but as Biderman explains, "That would mean that marriage is only about sex when, in fact, that's only one component. There are many reasons why divorce simply isn't an option: family, finances, religion even love. Most of our members deeply love their spouse but they didn't sign up to be celibate for the rest of their adult lives. So they turn to AshleyMadison.com where they can satisfy their sexual needs while keeping their marriages intact."

Biderman adds, "It seems like every week we hear of another celebrity, athlete or politician caught



Biderman interviewed on the Tyra Banks Show.

in an affair and although the media is quick to judge more often than not their partner stands by them." That being said, Biderman is quick to point out that the best way not to get caught is to use a discreet service like his.

So why do people turn to AshleyMadison.com to have an Affair? According to Biderman, it's because they can meet other married people in the exact

same situation as them which is much safer in his opinion. "The men and women on Ashley Madison, understand what you're going through and will respect your discretion because they're in the same position as you."

As of September 2009, AshleyMadison.com has over 4.5 million members with someone new joining the service every 15 seconds. And when you look at areas like Dallas / Fort Worth the numbers are even more staggering with memberships increasing 200% in just the past year alone!

The rapid rise of his controversial site has not gone unnoticed by the National Media. In just the past year alone, Biderman has appeared on Larry King, Nightline, Good Morning America, Fox News and The View - defending the right for his service to exist. "Ashley Madison didn't invent infidelity." He explains "It's

site is 100% secure, completely anonymous and free to join."

The types of men and women on the site vary as much as the real world. The only common denominator is that they're willing to cheat. "Steven", 39-year-old accountant from Dallas, has discovered this.

Though he has met lovers in more conventional ways, he says he likes Ashley Madison because, for the most part, it gets rid of guess-work. "You don't have to worry about whether or not someone wants to have an affair," he says. "It's why everyone's there."

"Sara," 27, says that when she signed on, she had no plans to get into a relationship and was looking for something with "no strings attached." She met a guy who was able to fill her sexual needs and because he was in the exact same situation as her wasn't looking for anything more.

"It was by far the most satisfying experience I've ever had," she say, and it also changed her perception of infidelity: "It's wrong for somebody to go years without sex because their spouse doesn't want to."

For every piece of negative press Biderman receives, he claims to have gotten ten times as many "Thank You" letters from members who swear that he's saved their marriages. Thanks to Ashley Madison, they've stopped resenting their spouses and have become better partners themselves.

As if the site wasn't controversial enough, Biderman has introduced an Affair Guarantee. If you don't have an Affair using his service he'll personally give you your money back. No questions asked.

To date, he hasn't had to yet.

Change Has Indeed Come to America

BY REV. AL SHARPTON

(NNPA) It was 1957 and the nation was in the midst of the largest sweeping cultural change since the abolishment of slavery. Integration was taking root in every facet of life, Blacks were beginning to see a sliver opportunity that had been afforded their White counterparts and Washington was busy implementing laws that would create cohesive regulations for everyone to abide by. One of these drastic, groundbreaking maneuvers was the establishment of a unit that would oversee incidents of biased practices, violations of individual and group's civil liberties and the enforcement of anti-discriminatory laws. It was a bold and necessary endeavor known as the Civil Rights Division, and today I can proudly say that it is returning to its original foundation.

Last week, Attorney General Eric Holder announced his commitment and continued dedication to revamping the United State's Civil Rights Division in an effort to return its focus toward ending bigoted practices against minorities. Targeting traditionally unequal areas such as housing, hiring and more, the division will once again work to protect people of color and women from redlining, mortgage scams, unfair firings, lack of employer diversity, improper promotions, disproportionate pay raises and other blatant inequities.

As a civil rights advocate and one who has dedicated his life to ensuring the advancement of all, I welcome this highly needed

shift in policy. After eight years of scandal, political interests before public interests and an overall regression of civil liberties, the Obama administration is once again delivering on its

promise of change. Hiring at least 50 additional lawyers, and adding about \$22 million for next year's budget, the administration is working diligently to level the playing field, and create

a society based on justice and equanimity.

Although there has been tremendous progress made in the advancement of people of color and women, unfortunately incidents arise

daily around the country that require our government's attention. It is refreshing and comforting to know that we have a President that not only recognizes the need for restoring

a historic institution like the Civil Rights Division to its roots, but also one that puts forth the necessary changes to move us away from some of the negatives implored on the unit.

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September 19, 6 pm
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Using Your Unique Talent Correctly

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Sunday I was trying desperately to get my camera to work so that I could take pictures of babies being christened and toddlers baptized by Senior Pastor, Elder Gregory Voss, Word of Life COGIC in Carrollton, Texas. Joy, a young Christian in church saw my dilemma and asked if I needed help. I refused her help and continued to tinker with my camera. Finally, I was tired of the camera, made it up in my mind to return it to the store

the next day and have it replaced. Surely, it couldn't be used by anyone!

Joy must have continued to watch me and when she saw that I had finally given up, she approached me a second time and asked if I needed help. This time, I gave her the camera and said it will not work. Joy took the camera and she fixed the problem. Joy not only took pictures of the ceremony, but she made a video and did other neat things that the camera had been designed to do. I was so fascinated by what Joy had done so easily that I asked her to take my camera each time we have a program, ceremony or an event to make certain that I got the pictures that I wanted.

Then I asked myself why I had not accepted Joy's help the first time that she offered

it. I thought about the pictures that I had missed while trying to fix a problem that I couldn't but Joy did with ease. How often do we try to fix a problem and fail before we give it to God who can solve it so easily?

Later at home, I thought about the Spiritual application of that incident. God created each of us with a unique talent for the purpose He has for our life. And to be happy and successful in life, we need to define our uniqueness and promote it with integrity to the Glory of God. Like Joy when she waited for me to give up on the camera before she offered her help once more, God patiently waits for us to realize that we need His help to work out our problems.

Jesus never saw the mundane activities as ordinary.

Whether He healed the sick or sat around the fire with the disciples, He did not see one activity as spiritual and the other non-spiritual. Jesus' life was lived as a Holy service to God. When our unique talent is developed and used for God's glory, our purpose is made clearer to us. We began to understand and accept each path that God leads us down. We began to see the ordinary things in life as extraordinary. We began to see why certain things are easy for us to do yet they are hard for others and why things are hard for us to do but others do with such ease. God created each of us with a certain talent to complete our purpose.

Just as our body has many parts, each branch has a different purpose, but all of the parts work together to

allow the body to function as a whole.

In church, one person's talent might be an usher, another might be singing, and please don't forget the talents of a prayer warriors. The pastor's role is to bring the Word of God. Another member might be to bring comforting words to some that are hurting. Another may be to play an instrument. But, one activity is certainly not

more blessed than the other. Many are guilty of working to give money to a ministry yet they fail to recognize the work that they do many times is a ministry and God gets the glory from that.

Recognize what you do so easily and what you love to do is your unique talent designed for your purpose, but you must use it to Glorify God to be successful.

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NAACP, continued from Page 3

workers, even at the risk of being called a communist

But Lulu White possessed the ideal background for NAACP activism. As the daughter of a middle class farmer, the wife of a middle class businessman, and a college educated professional, Lulu White believed in and fought for African American first class citizenship for persons who possessed this level of professional skills and background.

She did not disappoint the NAACP national headquarters. In six short years, she raised membership in the Houston branch from 2,000

to 10,000 -- the second highest in the nation.

Lulu left an indelible mark on the civil rights movement in Texas, especially Houston during the 1940's through the 1960's. Although she was involved in many court cases and protests to gain the equal rights for African American, Lulu's greatest achievement was her contribution to the Sweatt v. Painter case, which desegregated the University of Texas.

Lulu, in fact, found and convinced Herman Sweatt to register for law school at the University of Texas. She

knew that even though Sweatt was qualified that he would not be permitted to attend UT's law program without a fight. With Lulu and other help, the Sweatt case was taken all the way to the Supreme Court. Based on the Supreme Court's decision, this case led to the desegregation of the University of Texas.

The Sweatt case was also used as a precedent for *Brown v. Board of Education* [9, 47]. The Supreme Court in *Brown* declared the doctrine of "separate but equal" null and void. This decision not only dismantled dis-

crimination in education in Texas, but also limited discrimination in education all across the United States. Additionally, the decision also led the decline in Jim Crow laws.

White's friendships with Walter White, Daisy Lampkin, Thurgood Marshall, and Roy Wilkins enabled her to exert influence on the NAACP nationally. She was a field worker in the national NAACP office between 1949 and 1951. Afterward, Lulu White returned to Houston and devoted full time to her position as director of state branches Lulu White died on

July 6, 1957 and was buried in Houston, Texas. The week before her death, the National NAACP established the Lulu White Freedom Fund in her honor.


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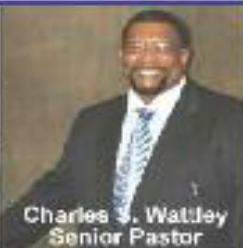
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