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Tavis Smiley Faces Controversy

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

A lawsuit filed in July by Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan, alleging Wells Fargo & Co., lured African Americans to use subprime loans with high interest rates to purchase their homes, is stirring criticism for Tavis



Tavis Smiley

Smiley and his relationship with the banking group.

The bait to lure African Americans allegedly included a series of *Wealth Building* seminars held around the country featuring Tavis Smiley, popular best-selling author and PBS talk show host. Smiley has acknowledged that

Wells Fargo sponsored his *State of the Black Union (SOBU)* event and his show on Radio Public International, in exchange for him speaking at these seminars. But he also said it was a package deal, and his role in the seminars was

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Texas NAACP Convention Celebrates 100 Years



Congressman
Al Green

(NDG Wire) The Texas NAACP will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the NAACP during its 73rd State Convention in Austin. The celebration will take place Oct. 1 through Oct. 3 at the Austin Airport Hilton Hotel, on the grounds of the new Barbara Jordan Airport at Bergstrom.

The Texas branch of the

NAACP was formed in El Paso in 1915. The first state conference was held in Dallas in 1936.

This year's convention will take a look at "The Role of Religion in the Advancement of Civil Rights." It will offer a family friendly environment, providing a variety of youth activities.

Governor Rick Perry

will address the convention during the kick-off ceremony. Authors Mike Gillette and Patricia Bernstein and NAACP delegates who have lived the history of the organization will share their stories with attendees.

Others speakers will include, National Staff Rev. Charles White: will also be

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COMMENTARY

Put America Back to Work

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX (NNPA) My grandmother used to always say, "an idle mind is the devil's workshop." She believed in work, even made work, and would have you sorting rags by color before she'd allow you just to sit and chill on her watch. Relaxation was not in her playbook. From time to time she'd shout that my siblings and I, all "no good young'uns" needed to be kept busy to be kept out of trouble.

I keep thinking of my grandmother as I watch

the vitriol swirl around the health care proposal.

What might the people who are appearing at tea parties and town hall meetings do if they were not raising hell? Some of them might actually be preparing for work, or spending their weekends taking time off from a rough workweek. Instead, unemployed, they are tripping, raging, acting as if they have too much time on their hands.

I'm not giving these

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Historic Downtown Plano Association presents Taste of Downtown Plano

(NDG Wire) The Historic Downtown Plano Association (HDPA) continues its 2009 Special Events Series on Sunday, October 18 with *Taste of Downtown Plano* from noon - 6 p.m. The area on 15th Street at Avenue K will be bustling

with activity all afternoon. Activities include food samples, wine tastings, demonstrations, vendors, music, drinks and more.

Event goers can taste gourmet food from around the world with food from Italy, Austria, France and

Mexico, as well as American-style pub delicacies and tasty burgers. Homemade ice cream and scrumptious cookies.

The marketplace will feature clothing, jewelry and home decor vendors with unique items and

many of the shops that Historic Downtown Plano is known for will be open. Our entertainment will include local music artists. Rapidly becoming a hot spot for food and night life,

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Retired Major Gen. Mary Saunders

Retired Maj. Gen. Mary Saunders, executive director of the Texas Woman's University Leadership Institute, is one of only 30 women from across the United States selected to be a member of the Leadership America Class of 2009.

"Through this year-long experience, Mary Saunders will be equipped with information on the newest developments in the economy, technology and global trade, which will give her a competitive edge in our rapidly changing world," said

Wanda Brice, CEO of The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future.

Leadership America, one of the longest running national women's leadership programs in the world, was established in 1988 to recognize and bring together accomplished women who have achieved success in their professions, their communities and beyond.

The national women's leadership development program equips leaders with the latest information

and innovations for professional and personal growth.

"I am proud to represent TWU in Leadership America," Maj. Gen. Saunders said. "I expect to leave the class with an enriched knowledge base and even more tools to be a more effective leader at TWU and beyond."

Maj. Gen. Saunders has led the TWU Leadership Institute since it was founded in 2006 to address a nationally recognized need for leadership in civic affairs, volunteer organizations and

corporate and entrepreneurial initiatives. She retired from the Air Force in October 2005 after more than 34 years of service. Among the many leadership positions she held in the military, Maj. Gen. Saunders was the first woman to serve as the director of transportation at the United States Air Force Headquarters.

Maj. Gen. Saunders was named a Distinguished Alumna of TWU in 1998 and a TWU Woman of Distinction in 2000.

Leadership America is the flagship program of The Women's Museum: An In-

stitute for the Future. Its national presenting sponsor is State Farm®, and its international sponsor is Wal-Mart.

The new Leadership America format is a series of three stand-alone sessions (in Chicago, the San Francisco/Silicon Valley and Washington D.C.) that address leadership competencies critical to "agile leadership" in the current economy. The third seminar includes an optional trip to China to

provide the participants a look at the realities of international assignments as well as a global perspective on the economy.

For more information, visit www.leadershipamerica.com.



Lavita Stokes

Author Lavita Stokes has released a new title *A Father's Love: A Story of Reflection*. The anticipated self published memoir marks the beginning of a campaign promoting fatherhood and family values.

"It's time to put the Father back in the family," said Lavita Stokes, an award-winning volunteer and mentor throughout the greater metropolitan Columbus, Ohio area. "More

and more in society we are seeing fatherless children; many causes include abuse, neglect, or just plain abandonment. I was inspired to write my book because I want children that must share this experience to know they are not alone."

A Father's Love is a combination memoir and self-help book, with inspirational poetry collected by men and women who express their feelings towards



fatherhood, or a lack thereof. The book is designed to immerse the reader into Lavita's own personal story,

which many readers will relate to. The stories shared create a painted picture into the life of a woman who has used the lack of a father's presence and the pain it caused in her childhood to mold her adult life, free of the emotional roadblocks that some with a similar past might face. The book also creates a map for mothers and fathers regarding parenthood and the importance of the presence of each parent, focusing on fathers.

The book is intended to

create an open dialogue amongst a demographic most effected by the subject matter. The author's intent is to inspire fathers to love their children and give insight to the effects of a fatherless childhood from a woman's point of view.

The novel is a large part of a campaign that has inspired a documentary regarding the subject matter. The *A Father's Love* campaign will be touring the country promoting the open dialogue between men and women, and facing an issue

that has effected thousands for generations. The project is in full support of the Columbus Urban League's "Father 2 Father" program. This is a program that assists fathers ages 16-35 in Franklin County to become nurturing and supportive men. The fathers entering the program, graduate from parenting classes, are provided with resources and information for fathers on many levels. Ten percent of *A Father's Love* book sales will go towards the "Father 2 Father" program.

Tracey Michae'l Lewis



Author and entrepreneur, Tracey Michae'l Lewis offers those who hear her speak or read her writing an authentic experience; an opportunity to explore identity, faith, and purpose at the deepest level. She serves as an adjunct professor at several universities. Lewis holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication

from the University of Kentucky and an M.B.A. from Montclair State University in New Jersey.

Lewis has published two award-winning poetry collections, *Collapsed* and *Divine Nepotism*, and is the author of three additional books, including the celebrated Christian fiction *Gospel* series. Her newest novel, *Interruption: The Gospel According to Crystal Justine*, is a dynamic and compelling exploration of the role of generational curses in one young woman's pursuit of love and destiny.

Additionally, Lewis' writing has been published in local, regional, and national publications such as *Philadelphia Weekly*, *Legacy Magazine*, *African American Career World*, and

Workplace Diversity. This Louisville, KY native and regular blogger also penned the critically acclaimed stage play, *KHEPERA*, which ran off-Broadway in 2002 and is the publisher of *ANOINTED MAGAZINE ONLINE*.

Lewis has spoken in national venues across the country on a number of important topics and platforms. In 2007, she was the first African American female break-out speaker at the MINISTRYCOM conference in Nashville, TN and her dynamic presentation on Marketing Ministry to a Multi-cultural Audience still garners positive reviews today.

She was also a featured presenter at Texas Southern University's Langston Hughes Symposium. Lewis has spoken in her local community at various schools in the Philadelphia school district

and has provided keynote addresses for organizations such as Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Maximizing her unique mix of creative genius and business savvy, Lewis is the owner and managing consultant for her own Lewis Consulting Group, a Philadelphia-based business and educational consulting firm that provides business writing services, professional development training/seminars, and small business consulting to businesses, non-profit organizations, churches, schools, and individuals.

Her clients include Continental Airlines, Wedge Medical Centers, and the African American Museum in Philadelphia, she has empowered organizations and individuals with both the theoretical and practical tools necessary to accomplish both success and sig-

nificance.

Tracey Michae'l Lewis will no doubt be an inevitable public figure whose

wit and transparency will continue to bless audiences and readers across the country.

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Black Folks Must Wake Up and Smell the Collard Greens

BY A. PETER BAILEY

(NNPA) It is time for Black people to wake up and smell the collard greens. It has become increasingly and ominously clear that significant numbers of Whites in this country consider the presence of Barack and Michelle Obama in the White House as an abomination, an unnatural state of affairs, a betrayal of all they have been taught about the proper place for Black people to occupy in the scheme of things.

The malcontents include many, if not most, of Rush Limbaugh's Limb-Addicts, Sean Hannity's Haters, Ann Coulter's Coulterats, Glen Beck's Beckaholics, Bill O'Reilly's Factorcides and Laura Ingraham's Ingramsians.

Absolutely nothing Obama does will satisfy such people. Most of them wouldn't want to even see a Black conservative such as

Clarence Thomas, Star Parker, Thomas Sowell and Michael Steele etc., in the White House as president.

A commentator in the *Washington Post* recently wrote: "... If Clarence Thomas were president, the crowd probably would have stayed home watching Fox News' laudatory coverage of the Thomas administration...."

I don't think so. That position, they believe, should always be held by a White man or maybe a White woman, but never by a Black man or Black Woman no matter how accommodating or subservient.

Of course, none of this surprises those of us whose national and international perspectives, especially on the subject of race relations, are greatly influenced by the great visionary and master teacher, Malcolm X. It also shouldn't surprise those who have read Martin

Luther King Jr's last book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?*

We were aware from the very beginning that all the campaign rhetoric about a "post-racial" America was at best, naïve and at worst, a deliberate hoax. We also never forget what too many Blacks, in their euphoria about Obama's elections, tend to ignore - - which is that nearly 60 percent of Whites voted against Obama in 2008.

Black folks must now wake up and smell the collard greens. For personal political reasons, President Obama may insist that race is not a factor in the ongoing attacks, but those of us who have to function in the real world know better.

As a first step, Black organizations and civic associations on every level must begin to identify the organizations, groups and their

leaders who now feel free to openly denigrate us so as not to be caught by surprise.

The Black newspapers should regularly run brief bio sketches on such organizations and their leaders so they will be imbedded in their readers' consciousness. Businesses, local and national, who support the purveyors of hate and lies should also be identified and denied our patronage if they continue to do so.

Acquiring such information and knowledge is critical if we are to be in a position to promote and defend our economic and political interests in a menacing environment.

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Why Obama is Right on Health Care

BY MARC MORIAL

(NNPA) On September 9, before a joint session of Congress, President Barack Obama made his most detailed and impassioned case to date in support of legislation to fix our broken health care system and at long last make health insurance affordable and accessible to every American.

In summary, the President's plan will provide more security and stability to those who have health insurance. It will provide insurance to those who don't. And it will lower the cost of health care for families, businesses and our government.

If you have health insurance, the President's plan will prevent insurance companies from denying you coverage due to a pre-existing condition. It will also put a cap on out of pocket expenses so people don't go broke when they get sick. It

will ensure that all Americans have access to free preventive services like mammograms, flu shots and diabetes tests to improve health and save money. And it protects Medicare and closes the so-called prescription drug "donut hole" which has resulted in an average of \$4,080 in out of pocket costs for beneficiaries who reach a coverage limit and who lack another source of insurance.

If you are one of the tens of millions of Americans who don't have health insurance, half of whom are people of color, the President's plan creates a new insurance marketplace - the Exchange - that allows people without health insurance and small businesses to compare plans and buy insurance at competitive prices. It provides new tax credits to help individuals buy insurance and to help small businesses cover

their employees. It offers new low-cost coverage through a national "high-risk" pool to protect people with pre-existing conditions from financial ruin until the new Exchange is created. And it offers a public health insurance option to provide the uninsured who can't afford coverage with a real choice.

The President also sought to dispel a number of myths, lies and distortions that have fueled so much misinformation and confusion about his plan. The National Urban League shares his outrage at the deliberate attempts to defeat reform through the spreading of outright falsehoods.

That is why on the morning of the President's speech, I joined members of the Congressional Black Caucus and NAACP president, Ben Jealous in a Capitol Hill press conference to help set

the record straight. We made it clear, as the President did later in the evening, that the plan would not create so-called "death panels" with the power to kill off senior citizens; coverage will not be extended to illegal immigrants; and no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions.

Finally the public option, which we strongly support, is not a "government takeover" as some have irresponsibly claimed. It would be an essential option to hold down costs. It simply increases competition. That is the very essence of capitalism.

America stands alone among industrialized nations in not affording its citizens comprehensive health insurance. We have been fighting this battle for over a century. Now is the time to get the job done.

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Swine Flu Update: One Dose of Vaccine can Protect You



Clenching his fists and boldly watching, 8-year-old Jovonte Whithers of Richmond, Va., gets an injection of swine flu vaccine from nurse Kate Gartland at VCU Medical Center. From left, Ahlaysia Barrett, 4, looks on as she waits her turn for a shot, while Jovonte's sister, To'nia Whithers, 4, keeps her eyes closed. Photo Courtesy of Sandra Sellars/Richmond Free Press

(NNPA) - Good news in the world's flu fight: One dose of the new swine flu vaccine looks strong enough to protect adults and can spark protection within 10 days of the shot, researchers have found. U.S. data show up to 96 percent of people who received shots in clinical trials were protected with one shot and the protection started within eight to 10 days, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health.

"This is quite good news," he said. It means supplies of H1N1 vaccine can go further. U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebe-

lius, this week promised Congress that enough doses would be available for every American who wants one.

Sebelius said she expects the first doses of swine flu vaccine to be available during the first week of October for health workers and to begin shipping more widely by mid-October.

The one-shot results are for adults; studies are still under way for children.

The finding came from studies in America, Australia and China. Those studies showed that a standard 15-microgram dose was enough to generate pro-

tection.

About 45 percent of recipients had mild reactions such as headaches, sore arms or redness at the shot sites, all of which cleared quickly, the studies noted.

Despite all the headlines about swine flu, the main influenza strain now circulating in the world, Sebelius also warned that people cannot afford to ignore seasonal flu — the kind that every year kills 36,000 Americans and hospitalizes 200,000.

"Take some individual responsibility to stay healthy during the flu season, by getting both a seasonal flu shot" as well as an

H1N1 flu shot, she said. Regular flu vaccine is already available.

She said busy doctors want to complete regular vaccinations so they can be ready to deal with H1N1 shots. Regular flu shots also are available at pharmacies and through some local governments.

No one knows how many flu outbreaks there will be. Virginia and several other Southeast states already have had outbreaks of H1N1 at some schools and colleges. A typical school student who catches swine flu will spread it to two to three classmates, a new and/or estimate finds.

Healthy Living Expo 2009: This Weekend

(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 on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the GISD Special Events Center.

Along with booths and activities focused on green living, the event will offer a wide range of Healthy You services, including health screenings and immuniza-

tions, 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. Other screenings will include blood sugar, bone density, vision, body fat, blood pressure, lung function and spinal evaluations, along with numerous booths featuring nutritional and other medical information. Attendees will also

have the opportunity to donate blood and sign up for the National Bone Marrow Registry.

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 six months to 18 years old 's \$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.

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

Hamilton Park Baptist Church Hosting Health & Wellness Fair

(NDG Wire) Hamilton Park United Methodist is hosting their annual health and wellness fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24. The fair will be held at the church located at 11881 Schroeder Road in Dallas. The event is free and open to the public.

During the fair, the

public will have an opportunity to visit with up to 25 health professionals providing screenings, information and educational services. The event will also include immunizations for children, flu shots and more.

For more information about the event or for directions, call 972-235-4633 ext. 7.

Rabid Bat Confirmed in Garland

On September 23, 2009, the Garland Health Department received notification of a laboratory confirmed case of rabies in a bat captured near the 800 block of Curtis, on September 13, 2009. No reports of human exposure to the bat have been received. This is the

first laboratory confirmed case of rabies in an animal in Garland in 2009.

The rabies virus is relatively rare in North America and is occasionally found in wild or domesticated animals including, but not limited to dogs, coyotes, skunks, foxes, raccoons, and bats. Infection

of humans can occur if virus-laden saliva from a rabid animal is introduced through a bite, scratch, or mucus membrane (such as the nose). Without treatment, infection is almost invariably fatal.

To reduce the community's risk to rabies, citizens should regularly vaccinate

their pets and should report any pet or wild animal exhibiting erratic or abnormal behavior to Garland Animal Services. Citizens can contact the Garland Health Department at 972-205-3460 if they have questions, or need to report a potential exposure to the rabid bat.

Gospel Music Concerts to Benefit Local Children's Charities

(NDG Wire) On Sunday, September 27, 2009, and October 18, 2009, respectively, AVE NuStudio (www.avenustudio.com), a Gospel event producer, will host two special Gospel music concerts,

of which a portion of the ticket sales proceeds will be donated to local youth organizations (the Out Of The Box youth program and the Children's Medical Center Dallas).

The concerts will be held at the Holiday Inn Select (Sept. 27 at 1655 N. Central Expressway in Richardson, starting at 6:00 p.m.) and the Plaza Arts Center (Oct. 18 at 1115 Fourth Avenue on the

square in Old Downtown Carrollton, starting at 5:00 p.m.).

The Out Of The Box program is Generational Trans-

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McKinney Residents Enjoy Outdoor Fun at Family Fall Festival

(NDG Wire) – McKinney Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces celebrates another beautiful Texas fall season with fun activities, music and food at the 11th Annual Family Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The event lasts from 4

p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Towne Lake Softball Complex. Activities this year include an outdoor movie, petting zoo, an outdoor game theater, train rides, inflatables, music, food and games.

“The Family Fall Festival provides the commu-

nity wholesome entertainment through music, games, animals, face painters and other outdoor activities.

The event is geared towards kids of all ages, including older kids and teens. It’s a true family

event to keep everyone entertained,” said Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Lemuel Randolph.

Back by popular demand this year is the Euro bungee. Games 2U will provide a Mobile Game Theater, an outdoor laser

tag and, new to the event, the Hamster Ball.

Families that stay for the film *Hotels for Dogs* starting at 7 p.m. are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to better enjoy the late evening movie. Concessions will be

available for additional fees.

Admission for the whole family is \$10. Pay at the gate with cash or check.

Visit www.mckinney-texas.org or call 972-547-2690 for more information.

3rd Annual Economic Smart Fair

(NDG Wire) On Saturday, September 26, the Metroplex Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will host an Economic Smart Fair where participants can explore three tracks of economic empowerment to help recession proof their lives.

Tracks will include: fi-

nancial planning, wealth building and an entrepreneurial track. Each track will consist of two to three workshops on topics including - saving and budgeting, taxes, estate planning, investing, home buying, employment opportunities, foreclosure prevention, starting a small business, resume writing, se-

curing money for college, economic recovery and others.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend two sessions in the track of their choice.

All citizens of the Greater Dallas /Fort Worth Metroplex are invited to attend. Sessions will be pro-

vided for adults, college students, teens and youth ages 3 – 18.

In this time of financial crisis it is realized that it is not only important for us as adults to become economic savvy but we must also train our youth and empower them with the skills needed to make sound financial deci-

sions. For more information, including session topics and details, visit: www.EconomicSmartFair.info or email questions to ESF@EconomicSmartFair.info.

Featured keynote speaker for the event is Mr. C. Don Babers, deputy director with Housing and Urban Development.

The Fair will feature workshops, general sessions and lunch. It will be held at the Richland College – Fannin Building, Performance Hall located at 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas on Saturday, September 26, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Jury Finds Cortez Mosley Guilty of Murder, Sentenced to Life in Prison

(NDG Wire) In the case of the *State vs. Cortez Mosley*, tried in the 195th Judicial District Court, Judge Fred Tinsley presiding, a jury found the defen-

dant, Cortez Mosley, guilty of murder. Mosley was sentenced by a jury to life imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and ordered to pay a

\$10,000 fine. The lead prosecutor on the case from the Dallas County District Attorney's Office was Stephanie Fargo, assisted by assistant district attorney

Messina Madson.

The jury's verdict was handed down on September 21, 2009.

On November 23, 2007, victim Bobby Washington

was helping a friend by working the doors at a party at 1700 Commerce Place building in downtown Dallas when he was shot in the neck by Mosley. The victim

died at the scene. Mosley fled to Tulsa, Oklahoma, on the bus and was later captured by U.S. Marshal Service in Wichita, Kansas.

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about financial literacy and wealth building.

The *Wealth Building* seminars were held in minority communities in eight cities across the country in 2005, including Dallas. During his appearances, Smiley discussed the importance of building assets and wealth. Citing the situation in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, Smiley reportedly said those who had means were able to leave New Orleans, while those with nothing had to stay behind.

The Illinois lawsuit also states, "According to a former Wells Fargo Home Mortgage employee, one of these *Wealth Building* seminars held in Maryland was planned for an audience that would be virtually all African America."

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage employees avoided the use of the term "subprime" mortgages; instead the loans were referred to as "alternative

lending."

White employees were not allowed to speak at the seminars, according to the lawsuit, and only Black employees made presentations. The seminars were reportedly well attended, with some drawing standing room only crowds.

A June 6, 2009, article in the *New York Times* reported, "in a recent analysis of mortgage lending in New York City, it was found that black households making more than \$68,000 a year were nearly five times as likely to hold high-interest subprime mortgages as whites of similar or even lower incomes. (The disparity was greater for Wells Fargo borrowers, as 2 percent of whites in that income group hold subprime loans compared to 16.1 percent of blacks.)"

In the lawsuit on this matter filed by the City of Baltimore, affidavits from a loan officer stated employees referred to blacks as

"mud people" and to subprime lending as "ghetto loans."

The Washington Independent - a web-only project of the Center for Independent Media - has reported extensively on Smiley's relationship with Wells Fargo.

As their story began to pick up traction in the Black Blogosphere, Richard Prince reported September 18 in his Maynard Institute's *Journal-isms* column that Smiley had declared that "he has severed all ties with Wells Fargo & Co., owner of Wells Fargo Bank and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc., until charges that the company unfairly steered African-American borrowers into costly subprime mortgages are resolved."

A recent posting on Smiley's website TavisTalks.com, states that he severed his relationship with Wells Fargo when the charges first surfaced at the

beginning of this year, and suggestions it was done only recently are false.

Mary Kane, who has covered the mortgage industry for years, confirmed by phone on Wednesday evening that Smiley was offered an opportunity to respond to her reports for *The Washington Independent* but did not respond on either occasion.

Whether right or wrong, these latest allegations will likely add additional strain to Smiley's relationship with the African-American community, many of who felt Smiley unfairly criticized then candidate Barack Obama for not attending the SOBU in 2008.

Smiley's current book, *Accountable: Making America as Good as Its Promise* features a montage photo of President Obama.

Note: On Friday, September 25, Wells Fargo is planning to present a check for \$100,000 to the Builders of Hope CDC. The Builders

of Hope plan to use the contribution to restore foreclosed homes, create jobs and revitalize West Dallas neighborhoods. The organization is the only Dallas recipient of the annual Prior-

ity Markets program. The program is described as a nationwide Wells Fargo effort to help communities address the needs of local affordable housing.

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Irving ISD Breaks District AP Scholar Record

(NDG Wire) The College Board has recognized 110 Irving ISD students with the designation of Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar in recognition of exceptional achievement on college level AP exams taken in May 2009.

About 18 percent of more than 1.6 million high school students who took AP exams performed at a high enough level to merit

recognition at AP Scholars. IISD has seen an average increase in the number of AP Scholars in recent years. In 2006, 98 students in IISD were named AP Scholars, followed by 93 in 2007, 107 in 2008, and 110 in 2009.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams. AP exams are graded on a scale of one to

five, with five being the highest grade. To qualify as AP Scholar, students must complete three or more AP exams with grades of three or higher. To qualify as AP Scholar with Honor, students must earn an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. To qualify as AP Scholar with Distinction, students must

earn an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and grades of three or higher on five or more of these exams. To qualify as National AP Scholar, students must earn an average grade of four or higher on all AP exams taken and grades of four or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Through 37 different college-level courses and

exams, AP provides students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement, and to stand out in the college application process. With each exam being developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, students are ensured they receive exams aligned with the same standards expected in college courses. Research consis-

tently shows that AP students who score a three or higher on AP exams, typically experience greater academic success in college, as well as higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in Advanced Placement.

For a complete list of Irving ISD AP Scholars, www.irvingisd.net/articles/AP2009.htm.

Urban League Edge Program Orientation Scheduled

(NDG Wire) High School Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend the Urban League EDGE 100 Fellows Program Orientation on Saturday, October 3, 2009, at Mountain View College, 4849 W. Illinois Avenue, Dallas, TX 75211.

The EDGE 100 Fellows Program has a dynamic curriculum that prepares students for success beyond high school. EDGE is about providing students with exposure to people and places they may not otherwise have access to. It is about

helping them "see it," so that they can "be it." This includes college and corporate tours, seminars and hands on workshops that prepare students for college and the world of work.

For more information call 214-915-4634.

Fall 2009 College Entrance Exam Prep Course

(NDG Wire) State Representative Barbara Malory Caraway announces dates for her fall college entrance exam prep course. The course begins on Saturday, October 10 and will be held every Saturday through November 14. This free course is designed to help prepare high school students to take college entrance exams such as the SAT and ACT. "I am pleased that Pyeper Wilkins and El Centro College are once again collaborating with me in making sure that all students who are focused on doing well on these tests will have the opportunity to do so," Rep. Caraway said.

The 2009 Fall Career Futures Initiative College Entrance Exam Prep Course will be held at the Bill J. Priest Institute in Dallas.

High school sophomores to seniors are encouraged to take advantage of the program. Participants in the 2009 spring course saw an increase in their college entrance exam scores, but learned test-taking tips

and received free tutorials in lower-performing areas.

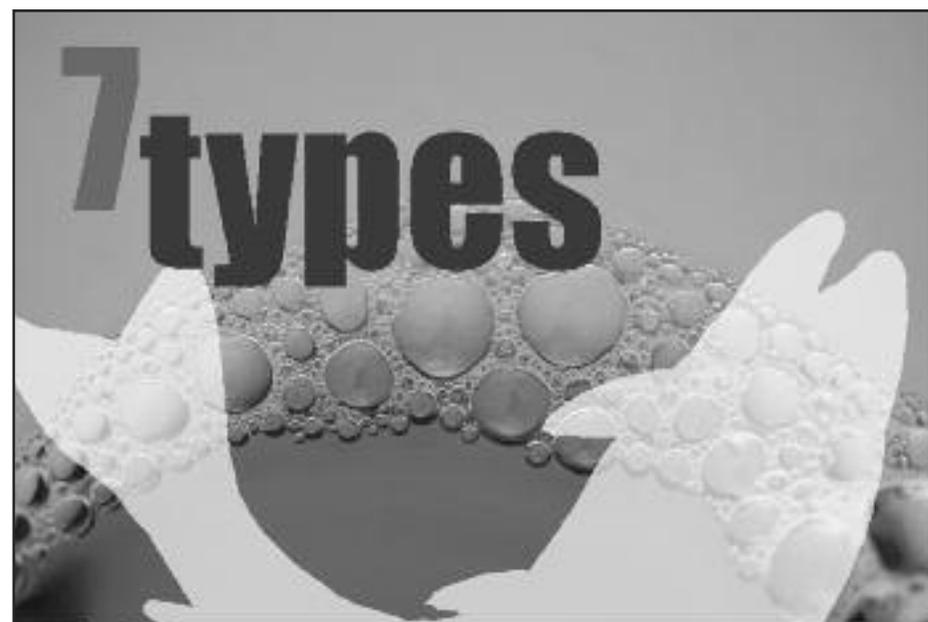
The exam prep course is an extension of the "Career Futures Initiative" started by Rep. Caraway in 2008 with a job fair to provide paid summer internships for high school students. The Career Futures Initiative is a public/private partnership designed to give students 16 years and

older first-hand knowledge and practical experience in math, science, technology and social networking.

Enrollment space is limited. For more information contact Shana Johnson in Rep. Caraway's office at 214-941-4619. The Bill J. Priest Institute is located at 1402 Corinth in Dallas.

Deadline for registration is October 7, 2009.

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Business Expo Planned in Plano

(NDG Wire) The Annual Celebration of Enterprise Business Expo will be held September 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a VIP reception at 10:30 a.m.

This is Collin County's largest business expo. It features an awards luncheon celebrating the entrepreneurial spirit of businesses in Collin County.

The luncheon will be attended by, amongst oth-

ers, business owners and executives from Collin County, Richardson and North Dallas. A walk of fame of past finalists and winners will be on display during the expo.

The expo is also an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products and generate interest and leads for their businesses. Business EXPO booths are \$350,

with premium locations for \$450.

Luncheon tickets are \$65, or \$600 for a table of ten. Admission to the Business Expo is free and open to the general public.

For more information, a nomination form, exhibit space or luncheon ticket, contact Collin County Business Press at 972-612-2425 or visit celebrationofenterprise.com.

El Chico's Friday Lunch Benefiting Kidd's Kids

(NDG Wire) Kidd Kraddick host of the nationally syndicated show *Kidd Kraddick in the Morning*, is raising funds to send 60 terminally and chronically ill or physically challenged children and their families to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

On Friday, September 25, 2009 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at five locations

across Dallas - Fort Worth, all proceeds will be donated to the Kidd's Kids organization. During the two-hour lunch fundraiser, a cast member from the *Kidd Kraddick In The Morning Show* will be making guest appearances at each of the locations.

If you cannot make it in for lunch, place your order starting Wednesday, September 23 and pick up your

order between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday, September 25 and charity will be credited, if you indicate your to-go order is for the Kidd's Kids Promotion.

The locations are: *Arlington*, 1315 N. Collins St., *Richland Hills*, 7621 Baker Blvd., *Irving*, 2305 W. Airport Fwy., *Dallas/Richardson*, 13937 N. Central Expy. and *Garland*, 1902 Eastgate Dr.

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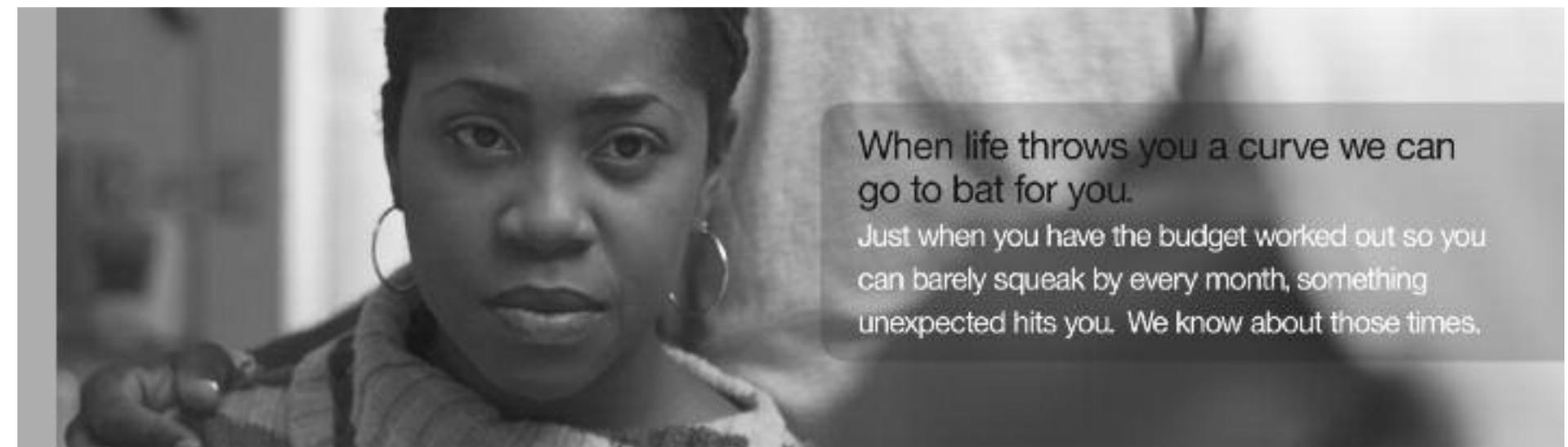
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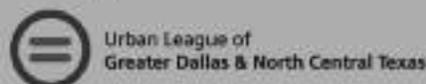
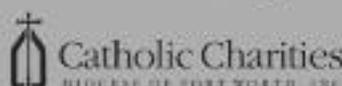
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Ongoing

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.

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

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn - Every thurd Thursday \$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 1 pm in 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://nbweng.ning.com>.

North Dallas Texas Democratic Women Regular Meetings 4th Thursday, 6:45 PM Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Rd (between Forest & Royal Lanes)

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

Thru 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. 972-540-2739

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.

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**

3rd Annual AKA Economic Smart Fair Richland College - Fannin Building, Performance Hall, 12800 Abrams Road, Dallas 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., free and open to the public.

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 28

Getting Started Workshop by PLAN Fund 2801 Swiss Ave, Dallas, Free Register at www.planfund.org or 214-942-6698

September 30

Annual Celebration of Enterprise Business Expo Awards Luncheon at Plano Center at 11:30am-1pm, Business Expo 10 am-3:00pm, VIP Reception 10:30-11:30 a.m. Luncheon tickets are \$65 and a table of 10 is \$600. Admission 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 of 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).

CIO on the Tightrope: Balancing Growth and Costs 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Hyatt Regency North Dallas - Richardson, 701 E. Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75081

October 3

Southwest Airlines State Fair Classic at Cotton Bowl, Dallas

Urban League EDGE 100 Fellows Program Orientation at Mountain View College, 4849 W. Illinois Avenue, Dallas, TX 75211. Info: (214) 915-4634.

Mosaic Multicultural Festival of Art, Dance and Music from noon to 5 p.m. in the Plaza Theatre, 520 W. State Street, in historic Downtown Garland. Info: 214-228-0199 or martha@lawyer.com.

October 6

Susan G. Komen for the Cure Golf Tournament at the Eldorado Country Club in McKinney. Tournament begins 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.

October 6-8

J. Suzette Sample Sale at Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. Spring

Creek & Jupiter Roads. Everything \$5, \$10 or \$20, Free admission, info: 972-359-0001

October 8

Eastfield College Back to School, Back to Work Job Fair 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at The Pit on the Eastfield College campus. Contact Career Services at 972-860-8310.

October 10

Appreciation Luncheon for Sister Shirley Demus Tarpley at Crowne Plaza Dallas in Addison.

October 13

National Night Out the theme is "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party."

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 17-18

A Taste Of Plano Sat., noon - 8:00 pm. Sun., Noon - 6 p.m. Activities include food samples for purchase, qine tastings, demos, music and more. 15th Street at Avenue K. Admission is \$5 for ages 12 and up. Ages under 12 get in free. Info: www.visitdowntownplano.com.

October 17

Free Workshop-Marketing 101 for Congregations 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. To RSVP, contact Suzy Yowell at syowell@sacredplaces.org by Friday, October 9, 2009.

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.

October 22

Humanitarian Hands Foundation will host its fund-raising gala entitled *Life Is* at 7 p.m., Renaissance Dallas Hotel at 2222 Stemmons Freeway. Info: www.humanitarianhandsfoundation.com or Mary Christopher 972.331.6098.

Metroplex Technology Business Council hosting **Brown Bag Lunch** Topic: Making the Web Work for You 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 411 Belle Grove Drive, Richardson. Fee: \$5.00, bring your lunch, beverages provided www.metroplexbc.org/Events/Brown-Bag-Luncheon.aspx

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 pmm \$90 for a single ticket, \$150 for two and \$720 for a table for eight. Info: www.cchchamber.org or 972-548-2608.

Sisterspeak Luncheon at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas. Noon - 3 p.m. Register for this FREE event: EBONYJET.com or (800) 530-9636.

Hamilton Park Baptist Church Health & Wellness Fair 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas

October 27

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

November 14

Jazz Series at Bishop Arts Theater Center featuring by Jeff Lorber

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Sister Tarpley: A Celebration of Over 40 years to God, School and Community

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Sister Shirley Tarpley will be honored next month for over 40 years of service to God, school and the community. At a banquet October 10, she will receive proclamations and certificates from Texas Governor, Rick Perry; Texas Senator Royce West; Texas Representative Rafael Anchia; Carrollton's mayor, Ronald Branson; Farmers Branch's mayor, Timothy O'Hare; and Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Superintendent, Dr. Bobby Burns.

She recently sat down for a one on one interview with *North Dallas Gazette* contributor Rick A. Elina, and provided a glimpse into her amazing life.

When did you realize that God was going to be such a great part of your life? Was it a burning bush moment or a gradual realization over time?

It was gradual. My ancestors were faithful to God and very big on education. Believing and trusting in God was handed down through five generations. We were always taught to give service to God by serving the church and the community. However, as children, we really didn't see the point. We did as we were told. At that time, children didn't question adults.

But in college God became a reality to me. I developed a personal relationship with him, and I relied on Him to get me through college. And especially after having my son and daughter, I knew how blessed I was. I thanked God for them, and I wanted to show God how grateful I was by teaching Jarrell & Minister Sheila to love God as I was taught.

So, it was during your college years, how old were you at the time?

I was 18, at Prairie View A & M College - on my own for the first time and was able to do just as I pleased. But because of my early training, I didn't stray too far from my family values and basic belief in God. Plus, I really thought that my parents would know when I was doing wrong. How naive I was.

Did you always want to be a teacher?

No, I wanted to be a sec-

retary, because a business office and the various machines that were in them always fascinated me. The secretary seemed to be the key to making everything in an office work as a well-oiled machine.

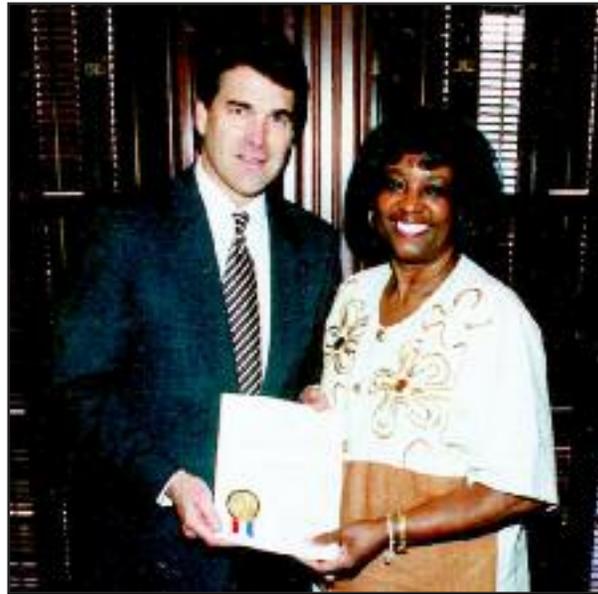
What made you decide to switch from secretary to teacher?

One evening after graduating from high school, I visited my favorite teacher and mentor, the late Mrs. Jewel Price McKenzie. She asked me what I going to do; I said that I was going to work, save money, then go to college. She immediately, at 10 p.m., called Dr. J. L. Brown, the student affairs director, told him that I was coming to Prairie View during freshmen orientation in the fall, that I needed a job to help pay my way through college and to have one ready for me when I got there.

She asked me what I wanted to major in, and I told her business administration and why it was important to me. She said that was a good choice, but 'strongly suggested' I major in business education, so I could work in a business office or teach, if I wanted a career to fall back on.

That was the best advice I received, and I didn't think I had another choice but to do what she 'strongly' suggested.

All kinds of people listened and took the advice of Mrs. McKenzie - from the principal of Booker T. Washington to her co-workers. She



Governor Rick Perry and Sister Shirley Demus Tarpley.

was a mighty sharp lady, in every sense of the word - well respected and admired. After all, she was an executive secretary at the Pentagon for over 15 years. She only returned to Texas to care for her ailing and aged parents.

Were there any teachers in your life that made an impact?

Yes. Because faith in God and education was stressed in my family history, there were plenty of teachers, preachers, deacons, missionaries and community leaders in my family that were role models to me. And of course, there was Mrs. McKenzie. She was the first one, and a few others followed her, even in college.

How has education changed since you were involved?

Education - which is basically reading, writing, arithmetic, teaching and instructing - hasn't changed. But the way students learn, the various methods used, the level of respect that parents and students have for school authorities and even their peers, has changed. Even the courts have stepped in and created problems with how students are disciplined and how they are taught.

I was a student and a teacher during the years we had prayer in schools, and I was a teacher after the courts

took prayer out of the schools. Believe me, there has been a steady decline in our school system ever since. Please keep in mind that not all students were praying anyway, but they did have a moment to reflect while others were praying in school.

No doubt the courts have been an intrusive presence in public schools over the last few decades. Some decisions were better than others, for example, desegregation. You mentioned "level of respect" for others. Common courtesy has been on the decline not only in schools but also in politics. What happened to respect for others?

We have forgotten the basic Ten Commandments of God, which is taught in some form or fashion in every faith or religion.

You were the first African-American woman elected to the Carrollton City Council - correct?

Yes - and the first African-American Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Carrollton. And I was the first to integrate the all-white neighborhoods.

What drew you into politics?

A group of Carrollton's community leaders approached me and asked me to consider running for city council. Prior to me being

elected, there were other African Americans that had attempted to be elected to city council but were unsuccessful. It was believed that I would be successful in being elected to the city council because I was such a strong community leader, a successful teacher who had integrated both R. L. Turner and Newman Smith high schools (the only two high schools at the time), and I had successfully integrated a number of Carrollton's boards and commissions including the popular Park & Recreation Board.

Looking back, what was your most memorable achievement while on the city council?

Helping Carrollton be a more diversified city, and being sensitive to all citizens in Carrollton regardless of race, creed or color.

You currently write the religion column for the North Dallas Gazette, where your inspirational messages have been a staple for North Texas readers. What would be your inspirational message for the world?

Thank you for your kind words about my religious column. With our economy in a state of disarray, people losing their jobs and homes, and people being stressed out on every hand, my message is to find an inner peace that surpasses all understanding; whether you believe in my God or not, surely an individual must believe that there is a higher supreme ruler that

is keeping this world together. Tap into your belief and ask for faith to withstand what this world brings to you in the way of trials, tribulations and everyday problems on your job, in your neighborhood, in school or in the various stores where you shop. And remember, everyone you meet is going through something, so give a friendly smile to people you meet walking down the street or in the malls.

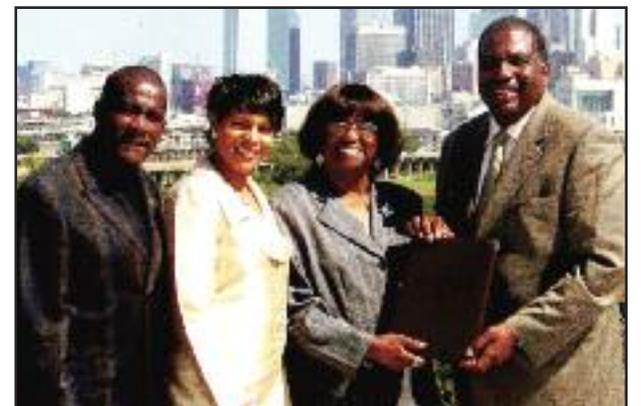
Every generation faces new changes and new challenges. What advice do you have for young people today?

Learn to serve God and others. The Ten Commandments, found in Exodus 20 (KJV), I believe, is a good place to start and to live by.

How do you want people to remember Sister Shirley Demus Tarpley?

An individual that remembered the values and morals that were passed down to her by her ancestors; that she loved God, was kind to people, gave back more that she received and that she treated everybody with respect.

The banquet honoring Sister Shirley Demus Tarpley will be held on October 10, 2009, at The Crowne Plaza Dallas Near The Galleria on Midway Road in Addison, Texas. Tickets can be purchased by calling the church secretary, Sis. Reese at 469-789-6899, or Word of LifeChurch at 972-416-5300.



Pastor Gregory and First Lady Tangelyn Voss, Sister Shirley Demus Tarpley and the Honorable Royce West, Texas State Senator.

Ang Lee Film Festival This Weekend

(NDG Wire) Ang Lee has been called one of today's greatest contemporary filmmakers.

But before the Academy Award winning director brought us such films as *Taking Woodstock*, *Hulk* and *Brokeback Mountain*, he introduced film audiences to several aspects of Asian culture - much of which is deeply rooted in China's earliest history.

Now, The University of Texas at Dallas, Southern Methodist University and the Crow Collection of Asian Art are proud to present the *Ang Lee Film Festival*. The festival will showcase the director's first three feature films, which explore themes of aging, homosexuality and family roles in a changing

modern society.

Pushing Hands, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Jonsson Performance Hall at UT-Dallas; *Wedding Banquet* will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 in the Collins Executive Education Center at SMU; and *Eat Drink Man Woman*, will be screened at noon, Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Crow Collection of Asian Art.

The screenings are free, and there will be a special program following each film.

Pushing Hands, which was Ang Lee's first feature film, is a story about an elderly Chinese tai chi chuan teacher and grandfather from Beijing who comes to the United States to live with his son and American daughter-in-law and their son. The film

highlights the contrast between traditional Chinese and modern American ideas of family relationships. The elderly grandfather must learn to start a new life in a new country. A tai chi chuan demonstration will be held before the screening, and a discussion about the ancient practice will be held after the film at UT-Dallas. For more information see ah.utdallas.edu/events.

The Wedding Banquet was released in 1993 and was nominated as the Best Foreign Language Film at the Golden Globe and the Academy Awards. This film is about a gay Taiwanese immigrant who marries a woman from mainland China to placate his parents. However the plan backfires when his par-

ents arrive in the United States to meet the new bride and to arrange a traditional wedding banquet for the newlyweds. This film repeats Ang Lee's theme of East meets West and the ensuing struggles to merge traditional Chinese values in a modern American society. A reception will be held before the screening, and a panel discussion will follow the film at SMU. For more information visit smu.edu.

Eat Drink Man Woman which was released in 1994, explores one family's struggles to maintain family traditional roles in a modern world. Food is the focal point of any major Chinese celebration and it is no different in this film. The relationship between a widowed master

chef and his three daughters are played out at the dinner table, where the father expresses his love in the only way he knows how -- cooking. But family tensions prevent anyone from enjoying meal time and even the aging chef fears that he may be losing his ability to taste. After the screening, Teresa Cheng, executive food designer of this film will discuss what it

was like behind the scenes during the making of *Eat Drink Man Woman*. For more information visit crowcollection.org.

The *Ang Lee Film Festival* is sponsored by the Government Information Office of the Republic of China, SMU, UT-Dallas and the Crow Collection.

For more information call 214-979-6430.

Atlanta Rhythm Section Plays Plano

(NDG Wire) Plano's Concerts in the Park series will head musically south when the Atlanta Rhythm Section hits town on Saturday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m.

This music series is being presented in Plano's Amphitheater at Oak Point

Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway, just east of Jupiter Road. Tickets are available at <http://planostages.tix.com>.

Along with their contemporaries Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Atlanta Rhythm Section were considered legitimate successors to the

Allman Brothers as "kings of regional rock" in the 70s and 80s. Skillful musicianship and strong songwriting has always been great strengths of this band.

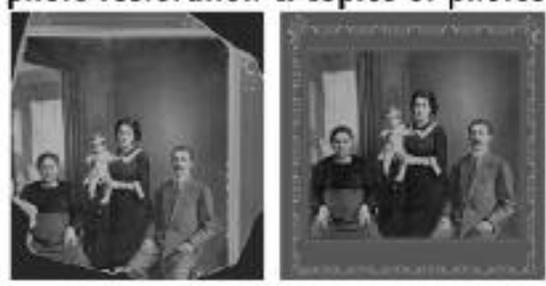
With 1978s *Champagne Jam*, the band reached its commercial zenith. Top 20 hits over the

years include *So Into You*, *Imaginary Lover*, *Outside Woman Blues*, *Spooky*, *Homesick* and *I'm Not Gonna Let It Bother Me*, among others. To sample their music, visit www.myspace.com/arsatlantarhythmsection.



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The vast majority of Americans get a tax refund from the IRS each spring. But what do you do if you are one of those who received a tax bill? Here are eight tips for taxpayers who owe money to the IRS.

1. *If you get a bill this summer for late taxes, you are expected to promptly pay the tax owed, including any additional penalties and interest.* If you are unable to pay the amount due, it is often in your best interest to get a loan to pay the bill in full rather than to make installment payments to the IRS.

2. *You can also pay the*

bill with your credit card. To pay by credit card, contact either Official Payments Corporation at 800-2PAYTAX (also www.officialpayments.com) or Link2Gov at 888-PAY-1040 (also www.pay1040.com).

3. *The interest rate on a credit card or bank loan may be lower than the combination of interest and penalties imposed by the Internal Revenue Code.*

4. *You can also pay the balance owed by electronic funds transfer, check, money order, cashier's check or cash.* To pay using electronic funds transfer you can take advantage of the

Electronic Federal Tax Payment System by calling 800-555-4477 or 800-945-8400 or online at www.eftps.gov.

5. *An installment agreement may be requested if you cannot pay the liability in full.* This is an agreement between you and the IRS for the collection of the amount due in monthly installment payments. To be eligible for an installment agreement, you must first file all returns that are required and be current with estimated tax payments.

6. *If you owe \$25,000 or less in combined tax, penalties and interest, you can re-*

quest an installment agreement using the web-based application called Online Payment Agreement found at IRS.gov.

7. *You can also complete and mail an IRS Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request, along with your bill in the envelope that you have received from the IRS.* The IRS will inform you usually within 30 days whether your request is approved, denied, or if additional information is needed. If the amount you owe is \$25,000 or less, provide the monthly amount you wish to pay with your request. At a minimum, the

monthly amount you will be allowed to pay without completing a Collection Information Statement, Form 433, is an amount that will pay the total balance owed within 60 months.

You may still qualify for an installment agreement if you owe more than \$25,000, but a Form 433F, Collection Information Statement, is required to be completed before an installment agreement can be considered. If your balance is over \$25,000, consider your financial situation and propose the highest amount possible, as that is how the IRS will arrive at your pay-

ment amount, based upon your financial information.

8. *If an agreement is approved, a one-time user fee will be charged.* The user fee for a new agreement is \$105 or \$52 for agreements where payments are deducted directly from your bank account. For eligible individuals with incomes at or below certain levels, a reduced fee of \$43 will be charged, and is automatically figured based on your income.

For more information about installment agreements and other payment options, visit the IRS Web site at IRS.gov.

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folks a pass. Some of them are both certifiably insane and unapologetically racist. I can't even begin to list the ugly and awful slurs that I've seen, the signs that have things like bones in noses, and the constant reference to apes. Those are the extremists. There are others who are there because they are dissatisfied with our economy.

They are the folks who aren't working.

The most recent unemployment rate data is sobering. The official unemployment rate is 9.7 percent. When discouraged workers, those working part time instead of full time, and a whole slew of others are counted, we're looking at something closer to 17 percent. That means that one in six Americans does not have a job. In the African American community the number may get close to 30 percent when we count all of the people who might work if they thought they could find employment. Even those working feel a profound sense of insecurity. When layoffs ravage a company, what does that do to the morale of those left behind?

Many of these folks care about health care, and they care about their economic survival even more. They



Julianne Malveaux

want to work, and the jobs aren't there because companies aren't hiring, because people aren't buying, because banks aren't lending, because the economy is stagnant. I read the same reports that others do about the recession bottoming out. The unemployment rate is a lagging indicator, which means the job markets will be the last to recover. Still, people aren't going to feel good until they are working, health care notwithstanding.

I admire the Obama administration's drive and focus to fix the economy, and I agree with them that fixing health care is one way to fix the economy. We spend one in seven of our GDP dollars on health care, so it makes sense that health care is at the top of the President Barack Obama agenda.

At the same time, with so many people lacking jobs,

the public malaise is connected to a number of things, including joblessness.

President Obama may have his hands tied by the deficit. There is only so much he can do. But I would suggest considering job training programs and being more aggressive about job creation might quiet the fears of people who have not worked in awhile (one-third of the unemployed have not worked in half a year or more!) and put some money in their pockets.

I sat on a plane next to a

woman who told me she earned six figures in 2007, but is now having trouble paying her mortgage.

Clients who flocked to her two years ago now say they don't need the marketing and public relations services she brings to the table. She was tentative, but eventually shared that she worried more about employment than health care.

I talked to another man who had 20 people helping in his landscaping business 18 months ago. Most of his clients are now mowing their

own lawns or letting the yard work go because of money. I had been referred to the brother because I was told he might make a contribution to Bennett College for Women (yes, I have a one track mind). He told me that he was tapping into his 401-k to make ends meet, and that he now has two employees, not 20. Everybody has a story, but the American story is that people need work!

I would not presume to suggest that President Obama step back from his forceful advocacy for health care reform. However, if he also makes steps to put our nation back to work, he is likely to put some idle minds back to work and generate some support.

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Back to School, Back to Work Job Fair Oct. 8

(NDG Wire) - The annual Eastfield College Back to School, Back to Work Job Fair is Thursday, October 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at The Pit on the Eastfield College campus.

More than 30 employers with job openings to fill will speak with students and other job seekers regarding employment opportunities with their organizations. Job seekers

should come prepared with plenty of updated resumes and dressed to interview.

For more information contact Career Services at 972-860-8310 in room

C215. To see a list of participating employers, go to <http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/SSI/EFCjob-fair.htm>. The list will be updated as more employers register.

The Back to Work, Back to School Job fair is sponsored by Annexus Personnel & Business Services, the Federal Aviation Administration, Volt Workforce Solutions and

State Rep Robert Miklos. Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

National Employ Older Workers Week September 20-26

(NDG Wire) Texas joins the nation in recognizing National Employ Older Workers Week from September 20 through 26. Designated by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), National Employ Older Workers Week serves as a reminder of the valuable skills that workers aged 55 and older provide employers.

Older workers now live longer, are healthier and lead more productive lives, and greatly contribute to the state's experienced workforce. The most recent

Texas State Data Center statistics suggest that the number of Texans aged 55 and older is projected to triple between 2000 and 2040 to more than 10.4 million citizens.

"Employers understand the value that older workers bring to a business because of their strong work ethic and valuable experience," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Older workers benefit from the opportunity to learn newer skills that are needed to meet the demands of a constantly

changing workforce."

TWC uses U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) funds to administer the state's portion of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) which provides paid, on-the-job training and employment services for older workers who have limited financial resources.

DOL has allocated more than \$36 million for SCSEP in Texas for Program Year 2009-2010. That amount includes more than \$5 million in stimulus funds from the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which will help serve a larger number of SCSEP participants than the previous program year in which more than 6,400 Texans were served.

While SCSEP participants are being trained, they provide valuable commu-

nity services for public entities and nonprofit organizations such as libraries, workforce centers, museums, hospitals, recreation centers, social service agencies, school districts and public housing agencies as they prepare to transition into full- or part-time em-

ployment. Federal grants are issued to states and to a broad network of organizations that operate this "earn while you learn" program nationwide. TWC's Web site, www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/scsep/scsepcontact.html, has a search tool for SCSEP contacts by county.

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the HDPA invites its neighbors in North Texas to get a taste of what Downtown Plano is all about in what promises to be an amazing day of food, entertainment, family fun, and shopping. 2009 has been a successful year with *KidsFest* in April bringing over 5,000 attendees to the area for an afternoon of family fun.

Taste of Downtown Plano is presented by the Historic Downtown Plano Association and proudly supported by The City of Plano, Channel 5 KXAS TV, 97.5 KLAK Radio, DART, Ben E. Keith, NTTA, Eastside Village, briefing (an edition of the *Dallas Morning News*.) The Plano Chamber of Com-

merce and the Plano Convention and Visitors Bureau. Tickets for food and beverage items will be available for purchase during the event. Admission is \$5 for ages 12 and up. Ages under 12, get in free. Additional information is available on www.visitdowntownplano.com.

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available attorney Victor Goode and political director Kirk Clay from Baltimore, Maryland; the honorable Joe Leonard, graduate of Huston-Tillotson College in Austin - who is the new deputy secretary of agriculture for civil rights in the Obama administration; Congressman Al Green, Congressman Lloyd Doggett and Mr. Bill Lucy with AFL-CIO in Washington, D.C. (invited).

Two panel discussions, on vital subjects that affect the African American community, will be held during the convention. The Role of

Religion in the Advancement of Civil Rights and the Direction Religion Should Take in the Future will include delegates and ministers who have been prominent in the fight for civil rights. The second, held between members of the African American and the Hispanic communities, will discuss building coalitions (NAACP Members from Texas, Mississippi and North Carolina will join with Members of LULAC and MALDEF).

A Torchbearer Awards Ceremony will include presentations by candidates for Governor and the Senate.

Candidates will also participate in a question and answer segment by a panel of Texas Publishers Association and Texas NAACP members.

There will also be workshops on Predatory and Pay Day Lending, as well as hearings to gather information on discrimination in schools and employment, and misconduct by police.

The convention will conclude with a Texas Hero Awards Banquet.

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American Airlines Recognized for Workforce Programs by Leading Diversity Publication

American Airlines has been recognized by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* for demonstrating excellence in diversity innovations. The publication recognizes corporations, organizations and institutions that have developed innovative solutions that offer measurable outcomes in the area of workforce diversity and inclusion.

Profiles in Diversity Journal defines innovation as effecting a change in the established order or creating something new. Innovations in diversity can be in the form of new ideas, methods, services, or processes that improve the quality of life or enhance productivity within an organization.

The magazine highlighted American's innovative approach to diversity over the past two years, highlighting its efforts to influence and improve diversity in management and recruitment as well as the company's proactive approach toward workplace equality.

"American has worked hard over the years to be an inclusive employer, and we are truly honored to see our efforts recognized," said Denise Lynn, American's vice president – Diversity and Leadership Strategies. "Promoting diversity and inclusion is good for our workforce and our customers, smart for our business – and, most important, it is the right thing to do as a good corporate citizen."

This honor is the latest recognition of American's ongoing efforts to encourage diversity and inclusion across all aspects of its business. Earlier this year, American was named one of the "Top 50 Employers in Diversity" by *Diversity MBA Magazine*. American was the only airline included in the list of "50 Out Front for Diversity Leadership: Best Places for Diverse Managers

to Work."

American was also recently honored as one of the nation's Top 50 Employers by readers of *Equal Opportunity* magazine in that publication's 16th annual survey. In addition, for eight consecutive years, American has received the highest possible score from the Human Rights Campaign, an organization dedicated to promoting and ensuring understanding of gay and lesbian issues through innovative education and communication strategies.

American Airlines promotes diversity and inclusion by creating a workplace environment where all differences are valued and by fostering good corporate citizenship in the community. Among American's national and local community initiatives are the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and the C. R. P. Future Pilots Flight School, an organization named for legendary Tuskegee Airman Claude R. Platte that teaches at-risk students the basics of flying.

American has a long history of encouraging equal opportunities for minority employees. In 1964, the airline hired the first African-American pilot to fly for a U.S. commercial airline, as well as the first African-American flight attendant. American hired the first female pilot in 1973. Today, approximately 32 percent of American Airlines and American Eagle domestic U.S. employees are minorities, and about 40 percent of the two airlines' employees are female.

Diversity efforts at American are guided in part by a Diversity Advisory Council, which includes representatives from the com-

pany's 16 Employee Resource Groups. Now in its 15th year, the Council helps ensure that American is a good place to work for all employees.

To learn more about American's diversity and inclusion efforts, go to AA.com's "About Us" section and select "Diversity & Inclusion," or AA.com/newsroom.

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Dallas Welcomes Keith Pringle LIVE! CD Recording

NDG Wire) Grammy, Dove and Stellar award artist and all time gospel favorite, Minister Keith Pringle returns to gospel for the long awaited LIVE CD recording in Dallas, Texas, Saturday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the beautiful edifice of Fellowship Dallas Church!

For decades, Pringle has delivered music that remains as great gospel hits. He began his music career with the gospel music pioneer, Rev. James Cleveland as a featured artist on the gospel classic *No Ways Tired* released in 1978. He sang music that momma used to sing and then songs that were quickly learned and taught by church choirs

to bring the house down on Sunday mornings! It was those chart topping classics like *(If You Confess the Lord) Call Him Up, No Greater Love* and *Perfect Peace* that garnered him notoriety in the 80s and 90's with Malacco Records.

Through his upcoming music release, Pringle will share many life lessons he gained over the years. "With much prayer and confirmation, I [know] that now is the time to present to God as well as His people what has been bestowed upon me during my time away."

Womack, the music label president, says the songs on this album promise to inspire listeners and

steer them through their own obscure times. "It's just time for people to be encouraged and to come to a place of peace in their lives. This project will do just that," said Womack.

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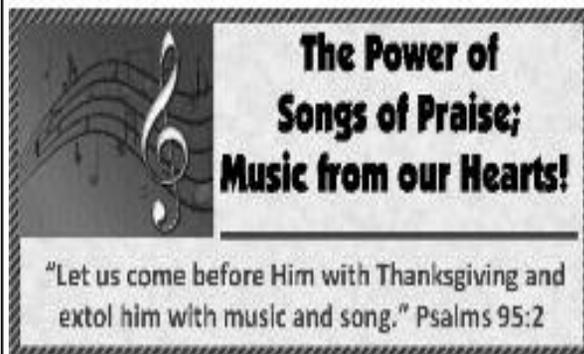
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I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability—to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip to Italy. You buy guidebooks, and make wonderful vacation plans to see the Colosseum, Michelangelo's David and the gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later the plane lands and the flight attendant say, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland? You say!"

What do you mean Holland? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy! All of my life I've dreamed of going to Italy." However, because of unforeseen circumstances, the plane landed in Holland, and there you must stay.

The most important thing to think about is that you are not in a horrible, disgusting, filthy place that is full of pestilence, famine, and disease. It's just a different place. So you must get new guidebooks; you must learn a new language. You will meet new people that you probably would not have met.

It's just a different place; but after you've been there for a while, you catch your breath, think about where you are, you look around and you begin to notice wonderful things. Holland has windmills. Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

Everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy; they brag about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say, "Yes, that's where I was going. That's what I had planned. But God had different plans for me. He knew that He could trust me with a special project. He

knew what was best for me."

The pain will never completely go away; the loss of that dream is a significant loss to you. However, if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland. —By Emily Perl Kingsley

This story can be applied to any situation or change in your life; moving to a new city and/or state, going to a new school or into the workforce. You can be changing a job or a career path; even going through a divorce or ending a relationship with someone. The point of the above story is to Trust God.

THE SECRET OF THE BENDED KNEE: Have you ever watched a bird sleeping on its perch and never falling off? How does it manage to do this?

I read that the secret is the tendons in the bird's legs. They are so constructed that when the leg is bent at the knee, the claws contract and grip like a steel trap. The claws refuse to let go until the knees are unbent again. The bended knee gives the bird the ability to hold on to his perch so tightly.

Isn't this also the secret of the holding power of the Christian? Daniel found this to be true. Surrounded by a pagan environment, tempted to compromise with evil, urged to weaken his grip on God, he refused to let go. He held firm when others faltered because he was a man of prayer. He knew, 'The power of the bended knee'.

From sleeping birds we can learn the secret of holding things that are most precious to us. That secret is the knee bent in prayer, seeking to get a firmer grip on those values that make life worth living. When we



Sister Tarpley and Mrs. Myrna Porter, Church Mother at Word of Life COGIC in Carrollton, Texas, Elder Greg Voss, Senior Pastor.

hold firmly to God in prayer, we can be assured He will hold tightly to us. Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. 1 Peter 5:6 (KJV)

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fer Church's regular 4th Sunday youth program that directs youth on living positive lifestyles while elevating their self-esteem through presenting the musical, arts, and literary talents of youth artists to the general public.

Additionally, the Children's Medical Center Dallas is one of the largest not for profit pediatric healthcare providers in the United States, and is the only academic healthcare facility in North Texas dedicated exclusively to the comprehensive care of children from

birth to age 18.

Through these musical concerts, AVE NuStudio presents engaging recording artists to the audience. Kenny Love, Director of Marketing for AVE NuStudio says, "An evening of great musical entertainment is always wonderful and assured. But, as our themes also strongly focus on community self-sufficiency, we feel these concerts will serve as even greater catalysts in generating much needed public awareness and specific attention to our youth in

social, health, and other vital areas of their lives while enriching us all. As such, we graciously request everyone come out on these special evenings to support these worthwhile charitable causes."

Tickets for the Sept. 27 Out Of The Box youth concert may be purchased by calling 469-463-3817. Tickets for the Oct. 18 concert may be purchased in Old Downtown Carrollton. For more concert details, visit the AVE NuStudio Website at www.avenustudio.com.



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(NDG Wire) Garland Goes Green by bringing classes, exhibitors and products to the *Healthy Living Expo: Healthy You, Healthy Earth, Rx for a Better World* on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at the Garland ISD Special Events Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Here are a few examples of Healthy Earth activities:

Compost Classes

Visit the Expo and learn how to create healthy soil. City of Garland Environmental Waste Services will host two free compost classes for Garland residents. The first class runs from 9 a.m. to

11:30 a.m., and the second class runs from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 972-205-3500 to see if space is still available. Training will include benefits of building healthy soil with compost, ingredients in the compost pile and hands-on demonstration to build and maintain a healthy compost pile. Class attendees will be eligible for door prize drawings for eight (8) compost bins.

Electronics Recycling

The Environmental Co-op will provide a drop off collection service for electronic equipment from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Nominal fees will apply to the following items: computer monitors - \$5 each, TVs \$10 - \$30.

Other items collected at no charge include computers, keyboards, laptops, scanners, printers, copiers, fax machines, cell phones, corded phones, ink jet and laser cartridges, stereos, microwaves, air conditioners, and other small household appliances.

Eyeglasses Recycling

Most families have at least one old pair of eyeglasses no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another persons life. The Environmental Co-

op will accept eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Club for distribution to people around the world in need of the gift of sight.

Paper Shredding

Need to dispose of old personal papers but don't want to simply throw them in the recycle bin? Then the Expo is the place for you. Greenstar Northamerica will be on site from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to receive personal documents for shredding. Volunteers will assist residents with unloading boxes. Acceptable materials include paper, file folders, plastic window envelopes and junk mail.

Eco Shopping Game

Learn how to be an environmentally astute shopper and play the Eco Shopping Game. The purpose of this family friendly, interactive game is to select products that create less environmental impact.

Vermicomposting

Worms are nature's ulti-

mate recyclers. They take food scraps, newspaper and cardboard and turn them into rich compost which can be added to potted plants, lawns or gardens.

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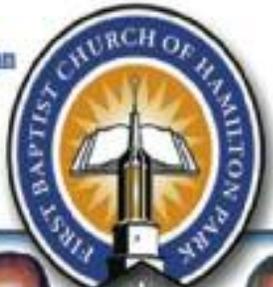
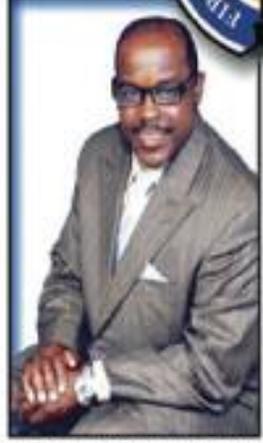
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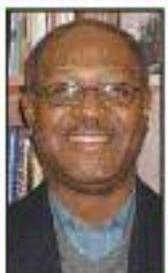




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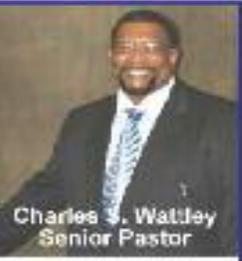
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