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## The 2010 Census is Fast Approaching

(NDG Wire) The countdown to the 2010 Census has begun, and the U.S. Census Bureau is looking to the Dallas Fort Worth communities to help ensure an accurate count. Census Day is April 1, 2010—less than a year away, and the Census Bureau's Dallas Region has commenced

operations to ensure that every person is counted in the 2010 Census.

Dating back to 1790 and our country's first census count, the 2010 Census will have one of the shortest questionnaires in our history with only 10 questions which should take about 10 minutes to com-

plete and will affect the next 10 years of our life.

"It is important that the Dallas Fort Worth step up and take an active role in this vital count," said Gabriel Sanchez, U.S. Census Bureau Dallas Regional Director. "An accurate count affects almost every decision in your

community, from building new schools and hospitals, to improving roads."

The 2010 Census is easy, important and safe. Census data affect the allocation of more than \$400 billion in federal funds to state, local and tribal areas,

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## Former First Lady Laura Bush Announces the Author Line-Up for the 2009 Texas Book Festival

(NDG Wire) Former First Lady Laura Bush announced the authors and revealed the poster art for the 2009 Texas Book Festival, which will take place on October 31 and November 1 at the Texas State Capitol in Austin. Mrs. Bush, the honorary chair and founder

of the Texas Book Festival (TBF), made the announcement at her home during a reception for the organization's supporters. Headlining authors include Buzz Aldrin, Margaret Atwood, Jimmy Santiago Baca, Bryan Burrough, Jeanette Walls, Jonathan Safran

Foer, and Taylor Branch.

The TBF is pleased to honor best selling children's writer and San Antonio resident, Rick Riordan with the Bookend Award for his Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, concluded this year with Volume 5, The Last Olympian.

The Bookend Award is given to a Texas writer for his or her ongoing and outstanding literary achievement. Past recipients include Cormac McCarthy, Sandra Cisneros, and Horton Foote, among others. Others topping the list of

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## History Has Been Made: Seated and Not Defeated

SHIRLEY DEMUS TARPLEY  
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We will celebrate the seating of the first African-American Board Trustee, the Honorable Richard Flemming, on the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD School Board on Sunday, October 4,

2009 from 4-6pm at Carrollton Hebron Branch Library, 4220 North Josey Ln, Carrollton.

Richard Flemming was seated on the C-FB ISD School Board on Thursday, September 24 after a four month court battle. We the people of

Carrollton have been fighting in the courts since the beginning of time for integration within C-FB ISD. Now the fight is finally over. We the citizens of Carrollton want to thank the Board President, Lynn Chaffin, and the Board for following state

district Judge Ken Molberg's decision to seat Mr. Flemming.

The public is invited to attend this honorable celebration sponsored by concerned Taxpayers and Voters lead by Willie Rainwater, Rachel Lewis, and Shirley Demus-Tarpley.

SPOTLIGHT

## TI Opens World's Most Advanced Analog Manufacturing Facility in the U.S.



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COMMENTARY

## What Becomes of the Brokenhearted?

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

(NNPA) This past week, I was doing my Congressional Black Caucus thing, an act I've perfected over the 30 years since I attended my first Congressional Black Caucus legislative weekend as an intern in the Carter Administration's Council of Economic Advisors.

Then, I walked around wide-eyed at the legislators, at the brain trusts, at the energy and the possibilities. Now, instead of sitting in the audience wide-eyed,

I'm featured as a panelist and I am rolling with hardly any time to sit back and inhale Black people. In my mind, I'm talking, rushing, late even when I am on time. It is easy to get so consumed by the swirl that we forget about that which is real.

So praise God for Harold Toussaint, who describes himself as a displaced survivor of Hurricane Katrina. As I tried to rush out of a panel organ-

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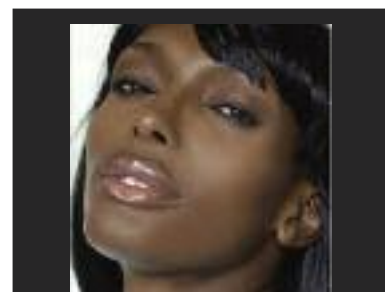
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## Pamela Hart

Pamela Hart is highly regarded as Austin's finest jazz vocalist. Noted by Austin Woman Magazine as "Austin's First Lady of

Jazz," audiences rave about Pamela's excellent pitch, clarity and soothing vocal quality. "Her warm, clear tones and meticulously controlled pitch carry an illusion of effortless-ness"--*Tribeza Magazine*. Her sultry rendition of classic jazz standards and contemporary music wins immediate acceptance by any audience.



Throughout her singing career, Pamela has opened shows for many popular artists including the late David 'Fathead' Newman, Kirk Whalum, Dianne Reeves, Rachelle Ferrell, Patrice Rushen, Teri Lyn Carrington and Miss Nancy Wilson [a dream came true for Pamela acting as opening performance, Nancy Wilson, impromptu, invited Pamela on stage to sing a few duets].

Pamela's appreciation for the great masters of jazz is apparent in her intonation, grace and style. She attributes much of her learning to Billie Holiday,

Sarah Vaughan and Nancy Wilson.

In addition to regular appearances at Austin clubs, restaurants, live music broadcasts and festivals, Pamela and her husband Kevin Hart have produced (and she has performed in) the semi-annual Women in Jazz Concert Series—the greatest events for female jazz musicians in Texas—1994 through 2009. The series also includes a Vocal Performance Workshop.

Pamela is very versatile. She was recently featured in the *Sax, Strings & Scats* Women in Jazz Concert Series in June 2009, in which

she stunned the audience with a west coast flavor of songs covering the likes of Chaka Kahn and Phyllis Hyman.

In January 2009, she was filmed in the KLRU-TV *In Contact* TV show on PBS TV. In 2005-2008, Pamela became a usual IAJE attendee and made waves performing with the IAJE African American Jazz Caucus Band in New York, Long Beach and Toronto. Much earlier in her career, Pamela completed a European jazz festival tour, including the Montreaux, Vienne and Juan des Pins Jazz festivals with the Texas

State University Jazz Band, directed by the legendary Dr. James Polk.

Pamela's debut CD, *May I Come In?* released under the HartBeat Productions label has been reviewed since June 1999 *JAZZIZ Magazine* to date by prominent critics in the industry including *Austin Woman Magazine*, *Enjoy Life Magazine*, Artist First World Radio and more. She is currently recording her next CD to be released in 2009.

You can learn more about Pamela by visiting her web site at [www.PamelaHart.com](http://www.PamelaHart.com).

## Amanda Annan

British supermodel and actress Amanda Annan began her career at the tender age of 17, when she was head hunted by the world famous Unique Model Management agency. Within two weeks Amanda was shooting her first campaign for Vidal Sassoon. With her beauty and grace in high demand, she is often flying round the world for numerous shoots and runway assignments to Lon-

don, Paris, Milan and New York.

Amanda is the face of many campaigns and the cover of numerous magazines including: Elle Magazine, Women to Women, Photo Magazine and Fashion News. As well as having modeled for Having modeled for such fashion greats as Vidal Sassoon, Vivian Westwood, Alexander McQueen, Calvin Klein, John Paul Gaultier, Empo-

rio Armani, YSL and Galiano.

As well as fronting her own charity Etcetera, Amanda hosted and co produced a documentary in Africa (Jambo Jumbo) with 'Sir Richard Branson' who said "It was one of the best projects I have ever seen." Volunteers, as well as raising money got up at 6:30 am to put their DIY skills to the test by building and decorating separate boys and girls dormitories, shower and toilet blocks, play areas, a kitchen garden, a

solar water pump system and solar powered lights for the school. The project ended with Richard joining over 600 local school children at the opening ceremony at the Sekenani Primary School in the Maasai Mara in Kenya. The documentary (Jambo Jumbo) which is narrated by Sir Richard Branson himself is soon to be released on Television in 2010.

Amanda's modeling background has prompted her to produce the new film 'Model House'. Amanda

will be touring the USA, as well as Switzerland, Greece, UK and Brazil to find the 10 most beautiful girls to star in 'Model House The Movie'. Amanda will be auditioning thousands of models worldwide and as someone who has graced the covers of magazines and catwalks, she knows what makes a model shine and is sure to find some new sizzling starlets.

Watch out for Amanda on the big screen acting in one of Italy's favorites



'Christmas in Beverly Hills' with Christian di Sica at the end of this year.

## Dr. Habte Woldu

(UTD) The cultural divide that has existed between the U.S. and Mexico is slowly diminishing, at least among young, educated professionals, research by a UT Dallas professor has found.

The study, co-authored by School of Management faculty member Dr. Habte Woldu, reveals that the cultural differences between the two nations as a whole have remained unchanged. However, when controlling for age, gender, education and occupation, the research indicates that younger, more educated, professional Mexicans demonstrate more cultural assimilation with the U.S. cultural value system.

These findings could have important implications

for international managers designing human resource and cross-cultural management strategies, Woldu said. The study could also enhance communication and understanding of the two cultures, he said.

Woldu's study, "Is the Mexican Culture Becoming Similar to that of United States in Post-NAFTA Era? Viewing Both Cultures through Four Cultural Dimensions," won a best paper award at a recent International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines conference held in Dallas.

Unlike most cultural research works, which deal mainly with static cross-cultural differences, this paper explores changes within a country. Researchers meas-



ured cultural values based on key cultural dimensions.

To acquire the data, Woldu and co-author Agnieszka Skuza, a professor at the Poznan University of Economics in Poland, surveyed more than 1,100 people from the U.S., Argentina and Mexico. They conducted the surveys in the early '90s – before the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) be-

tween the U.S., Mexico and Canada was established – and again in 2008.

Researchers found that young, educated, career-focused individuals from both sides of the border have grown more similar culturally. "When we looked at it even closer, we compared not only a manager, but a manager who was young living in Mexico with a young manager in the U.S., and we saw no significant differences between the two of them," Woldu said.

A professor of international management studies in the School of Management, Woldu specializes in the dynamics of cultural change in emerging economies. He has conducted similar research in Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

"The story to tell from this work is that nations keep their own cultural

identity at large, but a specific group of people are changing as the global economy influences other

nations through education and technology, and that

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# Feeding The Hungry Should be a SNAP

BY JOYCE PAYNE

(NNPA) AARP believes that no one – of any age – should go hungry. Yet many older people must make the devastating choice to either pay for their medications or their groceries.

The struggling economy has resulted in an increasing number of families left to wonder where their next meal will come from. One result is a dramatic rise in the number of individuals and families visiting food banks each week—and the associated stress on food banks to meet the new demand.

There are an estimated 3.6 million people aged 65+ who live in poverty in the United States, according to a 2007 Census Bureau report, and millions of others who may qualify for Federal assistance programs like SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program), which can

alleviate much of the worry and anxiety associated with how to pay for groceries each month.

For older adults with limited incomes, especially those who live alone; food assistance programs can help improve overall health. The healthier people are, the more likely they will be able to take care of their daily needs and live independently.

Unfortunately, only 34 percent of eligible older Americans receive food assistance—leaving millions of dollars untouched. The most common reason people do not receive SNAP benefits is that they don't realize they may be eligible.

The old routine of standing in the grocery store line while people watch recipients tear food stamp coupons from a book is no more. Once a person's application is approved, benefits auto-

matically get loaded on a debit-style card which is accepted at most grocery stores and there are no hidden fees. The average monthly benefit for older Americans is \$72 for individuals and \$90 per household.

In addition to supporting healthier food options, SNAP also contributes economically to communities. The USDA says that every \$5 in new SNAP benefits generates nearly twice as much (\$9.20) in total community spending.

SNAP can be a life changing value for individuals, families and communities, but only if the millions of qualified individuals apply for the benefit. Currently, only 9 percent of SNAP recipients are age 60+, however, a much larger number of the elderly population is potentially eligible.

And though SNAP is the federal name for the pro-

gram, state programs may use SNAP or another program name to refer to this food assistance benefit. Individuals can find more information about how to apply for SNAP and receive information about other public benefits via AARP's Benefits QuickLINK Web site at [www.aarp.org/snap](http://www.aarp.org/snap).

AARP remains committed to connecting those in need with information and access to programs, which offer real relief and assistance in navigating their basic life needs. We encourage all older Americans and those who care for them to learn more about SNAP and apply if they're eligible.

*N. Joyce Payne, Ed.D., of Washington, DC, is a member of the AARP Board of Directors, and is chair of the board of the AARP Foundation.*

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ized by Dr. Ron Daniels, the brother thrust a book in my hand and focused his eyes into mine. He was forceful, and importantly, he reminded me of our nation's unfinished business with Katrina survivors, our displaced brothers and sisters who are still carrying the legacy of our nation's racism and indifference in their lives.

Brother Toussaint handed me a book called *Overcoming Katrina*, which breaks the aftermath of the hurricane down in ways I had not ever imagined. I have been there, done that, I thought, in New Orleans, filming the summer of 2006, walking through the lower 9th a year after the hurricane. This book reflects the reality yet another year after, with a publication date of 2008. Things are still not right in New Orleans! Not right!

Reading *Overcoming Katrina: African American Voices from the Crescent city and Beyond*, by Dan Penner and Keith Ferdinand is like experiencing a body blow. It hurts to read of the racism, of

the differential treatment, of the people who waded past bodies, who were scattered from their families and friends, who will never be made whole.

I keep juxtaposing these monologues with the promise that former President George W. Bush made to Mississippi Senator Trent Lott that this house would be rebuilt. And what about the homes of the voices in *Overcoming Katrina*, folks like Addon Cotton, Senta Easton, Le Ella Lee, Aline St. Julien and the other voices of the New Orleans displaced. *Overcoming Katrina* begs a question – what becomes of the brokenhearted?

Will the Katrina displaced ever be made whole? There is no telling what will happen as a result of the CBC Legislative weekend. Issues swirl and people grab at them, and this time around,

with a new Black president, there is guardedness in the air, folk who do not want to be but so critical because they want to give "Brother" Obama a chance. But the

brother from another further has more on his plate than race and he isn't going to push race if we don't.

Fools can stand in front of him with parodying bones in their noses and he would say it is a nasal adjustment. Black folk have to say enough!

One of the ways we do that is to connect the plight of New Orleans to issues of climate change. The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies has convened a group of folk to talk about climate change, including the esteemed environmentalist Dr. Robert Bullock (Clark Atlanta University) and Dr. Beverly Wright (Dillard University). I am not sure why am stomping in this high cotton as a fellow commissioner but I know that I learn from my brother and sister environmentalists.

From Joint Center polling, African-Americans are underrepresented in the climate debate but fully aware of issues related to climate change and environmental responsibility.

African-Americans are recyclers, self-reed energy savers, and energy efficient. We struggle with climates that are too hot, with poor environments, and with conditions that may reflect our environment. Minorities of us buy energy efficient light bulbs or appliances, organic feed or hybrid cars. We are aware of environmental issues, bit from the Joint Center surveys, they don't top our list.

Our awareness about climate change and our environmental footprint are as important as the ways we navigate civil rights issues. Our embrace of environmental issues helps us understand the slow repopulation of New Orleans.

Our embrace of our environment reminds us that when people are displaced they lose heat, health, energy and heart. What becomes of the brokenhearted? Ask New Orleans displaced survivors.

*Julianne Malveaux is President of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, North Carolina.*

# Researchers Launch Infant Screening Initiative

## Program Evaluates a Child's Abilities, Could Identify Developmental Delays

(UT Dallas) Two UT Dallas researchers — Emily Touchstone and Suzanne Bonifert — have launched a pilot program to identify screening measures that could be conducted quickly and used together to provide a thorough picture of an infant's development.

The result of their efforts, the Infant Development Program (IDP), which is part of the Center for Children and Families and the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, was created to research, identify and prevent developmental

disorders during the earliest stages of life.

Clinicians in the program conducted the first infant screening on Sept. 14 at the Callier Center for Communication Disorders.

"We are very pleased to offer developmental screenings to parents in North Texas," said Touchstone, a clinical assistant professor in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences and head of the program. "Our screenings will provide information to parents who are curious about their babies' development, or par-

ents who suspect there might be a problem."

The comprehensive screenings evaluate children's abilities in the following areas:

- Cognition — thinking, problem solving and categorizing.

- Gross motor skills — sitting, crawling, standing and walking.

- Fine motor skills — reaching, transferring, pointing and scribbling.

- Receptive language — language that the child understands.

- Expressive language

— language that the child uses to communicate with others.

- Social-emotional skills — behavior regulation and social connectedness.

"By using a combination of traditional screening measures, we are able to provide information to parents about all areas of their babies' development and identify a problem if one exists," said Bonifert, head of speech-language pathology at the Callier Center. "When necessary, parents will be referred to an appropriate service provider for

further assistance."

The IDP screenings are for infants and toddlers up to 30 months of age. Parents can register for the screenings by contacting the IDP. All screenings take place at the Callier Center.

Unique to the program is the inclusion of current and future research collaborations at UT Dallas. Dr. Melanie Spence, also a professor in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, is the program's research coordinator.

"When families visit the Callier Center for screen-

ings, they will also have the opportunity to participate in other research programs that are available at the time of their visit," added Touchstone.

The Center for Children and Families is funded by a grant from the Meadows Foundation. The center offers an array of clinical and community outreach activities, organized around three initiatives: parenting healthy families, strengthening interpersonal relationships and enhancing thinking and learning.

## Local School Awarded State-of-the-Art Interactive Physical Fitness Systems

(NDG Wire) Dairy MAX, the Dallas Cowboys and HOPSports Systems are encouraging area students to "get active and play" for 60 minutes daily and to "fuel up" with critical nutrient-rich foods missing from their diets — like low-fat and fat-free dairy foods, fruits, vegetables and whole grains with a new program called Fuel Up to Play 60. The program is designed to combat childhood obesity and help youth develop life-long healthy eating and daily physical activity habits.

In Dallas/Fort Worth FUTP 60 is provided by Dairy Max and the Dallas Cowboys. It is part of a national initiative to promote healthy eating and physical activity by the NFL and National Dairy Council. This initiative was just embraced yesterday by the USDA as a partnership with USDA for a National Nutrition and Fitness campaign.

Recently Dairy MAX huddled up with the Dallas Cowboys, August 27th, at the Silver and Blue Debut Grand Opening at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium to launch the program. The five-hour event proved to be a success bringing together a 50 foot interactive display for consumers and children to learn about

eating healthy and getting 60 minutes of active play every day.

The students of Bill Arnold Middle School received mini training system with a demo given by the Dallas Cowboy's mascot Rowdy and the HOPSports staff.

These multimedia physical education programs present sport-specific training modules that develop basic skills of various sports including baseball, basketball,



football, golf, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. In addition, HOPSports has a wide array of cardiovascular and strength training modules that include jumping rope, kick-boxing, yoga, Pilates, and more.

Each module engages students in at least a 30-minute workout delivered by a variety of exciting hosts or the HOPSports virtual trainer.

## God's Guidance in a Time of Tragedy

(NDG Wire) When Tracie and Steve Patterson are given the news that they are going to be parents for the first time, they are overjoyed. But when the heartbeat of their unborn son, Braden, begins to slow during labor, their world comes to a standstill.

*Thirteen Months With an Angel* (published by iUniverse) by Steve Paterson, follows the journey of two parents, the trials they face as parents of a severely brain damaged and how their unwavering faith helped see them through.

Braden spends 17 minutes without breathing or a heartbeat, but somehow he survived. After the miracle of their baby's survival, Tracie and Steve were left to cope with having a severely brain-damaged baby prone to seizures and in need of regular check-ups and 24 hour supervision. There in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) with monitors, tubes and wires connected to Braden, Steve held his sons tiny hand and sang a special medley of his favorite children's songs.

Steve would come to sing those songs routinely to Braden. It was during these special times Steve felt God was smiling down at him and Tracie as He watched His story of love unfolding for others to see and hear.

Tracie kept a handwritten journal during her time with Braden. Notes from this journal provide the book with the strong presence of a mothers hurting, loving and compassion for her sick child. Tracie's

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# Frisco RoughRiders Partner with Acute Kids Urgent Care

*The RoughRiders and Acute Kids Urgent Care team up for the 2010 season*

(NDG Wire) The Frisco RoughRiders are proud to announce a new partnership with Acute Kids Urgent Care for the 2010 season.

Acute Kids Urgent Care was founded in 2003 by Drs. Kerry Johnson and Gary Gerlach. Acute Kids specializes in urgent care for

children, and is open week-day evenings from 4:30 pm to 11:00 pm, and on week-ends from noon to 8:00 pm. Children are always seen by a pediatrician, and the average visit takes about 30 minutes from check-in to discharge.

"We are excited and

honored to partner with such a worthwhile organization," Frisco RoughRiders President and General Manager Scott Sonju said. "The RoughRiders share similar values with Acute Kids Care and are proud to be associated with such an important healthcare option in the

North Dallas community."

Acute Kids is one of the largest networks of pediatric urgent care centers in the United States and in 2009 will see about 50,000 children in the North Dallas area. In addition to common illnesses and injuries, Acute Kids is able to take care of

lacerations, broken bones, and dehydration. A summary of the visit is faxed to the private pediatrician and the prescription is faxed to the pharmacy of your choice. Every exam room features a satellite television and child friendly mural.

"The Frisco RoughRid-

ers provide one of the great family experiences in the North Dallas area," Acute Kids Urgent Care CEO Gary Gerlach said. "We are excited to establish a presence in the ballpark, and partner with such a dynamic organization in the community."

## Introducing Dallas' Premiere New Fitness Center: Tower Athletic Club & Spa

(NDG Wire) The renovation of Dallas' landmark high rise, Cityplace, has opened the door for nationally renowned fitness center expert, Ed Scannapieco, to transform 40,000 square feet of 7-Eleven's former cafeteria space into a unique athletic destination. In a city where economic turnover is as common as rush hour traffic, the Tower Athletic Club & Spa is built to last with essential luxuries of a European-styled fitness center but with a wallet-friendly price.

The Tower Athletic Club & Spa features two fully equipped group exercise studios, 30 treadmills, 25 elliptical machines and other cardio equipment complete with personal tel-

visions and iPod configuration. Other exceptional amenities include a full-sized basketball court, "Full Swing" golf performance analysis, free group fitness classes in two studios, a soothing tranquility day spa and relaxation room with flat screen TVs, and a co-ed grotto with Tempur-Pedic lounge chairs.

"Our team is excited to bring such a high-quality athletic club and spa to Dallas," says owner and operator Ed Scannapieco. "We did thorough research and you won't find a more upscale workout facility in the



heart of this city at this price. Dallas is a place that loves its beauty time, relaxation time and, especially a good time. Tower Athletic Club & Spa is a unique destination that will not dis-

appoint those looking for luxury at an affordable price."

While other popular fitness club chains are charging upwards of \$150 for a trendy, yet congested "Hollywood" workout experience, Tower Athletic Club & Spa is providing luxury and pampering for less at \$59 a month. As an added bonus, members will re-

ceive three personal training sessions as well as three complimentary spa sessions – a \$650 value.

Tower Athletic Club & Spa is located on the third floor of Cityplace Tower, off of North Central Expressway and Haskell near Uptown and West Village. It is a contemporary, full-service fitness club and day spa, open Monday through Friday 5 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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## Plano Community Forum this Weekend

(NDG Wire) The Plano Community Forum is hosting its 28th Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Southfork Hotel beginning at 7 p.m. The funds raised are utilized to provide scholarships to gradu-

ating seniors in the Plano Independent School District.

This year's theme is Men Making a Difference with Don McKnight and Julius Chambers are chairing this event. We will

honor three men who have made a significant and positive impact in our community: Mayor Phil Dyer, Mayor Pro Tem Harry LaRosiliere and Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe.

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# NFPA Announces Free Online Game to Help Children Learn Important Fire Facts

(NDG Wire) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recently launched a new Sparky the Fire Dog® game to help children learn about the importance of fire safety. The game, "Crack the Code", is now available free online at <http://www.sparky.org>. It stresses the importance of fire safety by asking children to identify fire facts that could help save lives.

"We set out to create a

game that keeps kids engaged and challenged but also gives them fire safety information they can use," said Amy LeBeau, NFPA's communications manager of public education. "We wanted to help kids feel like they were part of something big -- Sparky's Secret Safety Society. It gives the kids ownership and we hope, will keep them interested in fire safety once they leave the Web site."

Players of Sparky's "Crack the Code" game visit three different fun and interactive scenes as they are tasked with helping Sparky decipher hidden messages. During their search for clues, players must avoid the robots, identify fire facts, and use Sparky's decoder ring to decode the secret message before heading on to the next round. After "cracking the code", children are able to

download a printable fire safety checklist. To make the connection from what they are learning in the game to "real life", kids are challenged to print out and complete the checklist with their families. This encourages parent-child interac-

tion and also gets the entire family involved in fire safety.

Players can also send in a request for their very own official secret decoder ring, available while supplies last.

Sparky's "Crack the

Code" game provides a fun and safe learning experience for kids and there is no advertising on the site. The game is geared towards first through fourth graders but can be enjoyed by non-readers with a grown-up's help.

## Did You Know...

As of August 31, enrollment in Irving ISD totaled 33,409 – the highest recorded in IISD history – and is 66 students above the projected peak enrollment for 2009-2010. Peak enrollment is usually met in mid-September.

Elementary school enrollment, totaling 17,208, is 157 students more than on day seven a year ago; middle school enrollment, at 7,022, is 45 students more; and high school enrollment, at 9,094, is 403 students more than the day-seven

total a year ago. According to Interim Superintendent Dr. Neil Dugger, enrollment each school will continue to be monitored with administrators taking a proactive role in ensuring classes are balanced and teachers are transferred as needed.

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# Jamie Foxx Gets Texas Hometown 'Love'



Oscar Winner Jamie Foxx and Texas Governor Rick Perry share a laugh after Foxx is presented with a proclamation from the governor. Photo by Lott Photography.



Oscar Winner Jamie Foxx broadcast his radio show "Foxxhole" live prior to his concert in Grand Prairie. He is pictured here with comedian Nanette Lee. Photo by Lott Photography.

(AP) Oscar-winning actor and singer Jamie Foxx received a key to Terrell, his hometown where the community threw him a welcome home party. The entertainer grew up as Eric Bishop in Terrell, located about 30 miles east of Dallas.

Gov. Rick Perry extended a Texas greeting to the star Saturday, saying, "Jamie Foxx is the real deal, and Texas is proud to claim

you as our son. Welcome home, Jamie!"

Foxx says his hometown roots keep him grounded in a business that doesn't always allow for that.

He says without Terrell, he wouldn't be who he is.

Foxx did a live broadcast of his radioshow *Foxxhole* and performed at the Nokia Theater while in the Metroplex Saturday.

## 19th Annual Freedom Fund and Silent Auction Celebration for the NAACP Garland, Texas Branch

Saturday, September 12 the NAACP Garland Branch hosted their 19th annual Freedom Fund celebration. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Wright Lassiter, Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District.

The theme of the celebration was "NAACP: 100 Years of Bold Dreams & Big Victories."



Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., the Chancellor of the seven-college Dallas County Community College District with his wife Bessie



North Dallas Gazette: Garland Mayor Ron Jones and wife Peggy. Photos provided by Evelyn Allen Flashback Photography

## Norma Adams Wade Honored

(NDG Wire) The Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Black Journalists paid tribute to Norma Adams Wade, a *Dallas Morning News* columnist and a founding member of the National Association of Black Journalists on September 15, 2009 at the African American Museum.

During this event, area

journalists highlighted her groundbreaking career milestones and award her for her trend-setting accomplishments as the second African American woman to work at *The News*. For many years, Wade has reported on news in the local African American community as a metro columnist and reporter at *The News*.



Norma Adams Wade and Dr. Harry Robinson of the African American Museum of Natural History and Art. Photo courtesy of Presence Communications.



Norma Adams Wade and Joyce Strickland, author/activist. Photo courtesy of Presence Communications.

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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](mailto: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 third 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 [meetup.com/378](http://meetup.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](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or 972-898-5882.

**The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series:** 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. See <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

**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](http://www.aamdallas.org)

**Thru December 4**

**Adriatic First Fridays Art Walk** 6-9 p.m. Adriatic 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

**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

**Keith Sweat Concert** at the Palladium Ballroom, Dallas

**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](mailto: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 13 - 18**

**There Is One In Every Family** 8 p.m. nightly - A Soul Stirring Inspirational Stage Play starring Shirley Murdock, Luther Barnes & Curtis Von at Majestic Theater, 1925 Elm Street Dallas, Tickets 800-745-3000

**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](mailto:stephanie@stephaniestips.com) for paypal link and e-ticket.

**October 16 - 18**

**Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show** at Plano Centre - Free Friday Admission with postcard invitation. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for kids 12 & under. Info: 903-217-8081 or [www.heartoftexas-show.com](http://www.heartoftexas-show.com).

**October 17 - 18**

**A Taste Of Plano** Sat., noon - 8:00 pm. Sun., Noon - 6 p.m. Activities include food samples for purchase, wine 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](http://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](mailto: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.humanitarianhands-foundation.com](http://www.humanitarianhands-foundation.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.metroplextbc.org/Events/Brown-Bag-Luncheon.aspx](http://www.metroplextbc.org/Events/Brown-Bag-Luncheon.aspx)

**Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County 30th Anniversary Bash Luncheon** from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$40 per person. Info: 972-941-7335 or [www.gwccc.org](http://www.gwccc.org).

**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 p.m. \$90 for a single ticket, \$150 for two and \$720 for a table for eight. Info: [www.cchchamber.org](http://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](http://EBONYJET.com) or (800) 530-9636.

**National Finals Rodeo** - Doors Open at 6:30 p.m., Rodeo at 8 p.m. at the Mesquite Championship

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**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

**October 30-31**

**Woman to Woman Conference** - 3000 Women in Pink at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, 1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine. \$139.00 includes hotel room, breakfast, lunch, workshops and conference materials. Register at: [www.woman2womanctcc.com](http://www.woman2womanctcc.com)

**November 14**

**Jazz Series** at Bishop Arts Theater Center featuring by Jeff Lorber

Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation presents the **Yellow & Black Tie Gala** benefitting Methodist Richardson Cancer Center at the Marriott at Legacy Town Center Plano. Info: [www.yellowandblacktiegala.com](http://www.yellowandblacktiegala.com) or 972-498-7678.

**November 27**

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

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# Texas Instruments Opens World's Most Advanced Analog Manufacturing Facility in the U.S.

*Facility will increase volume of energy-efficient chips for customers and create new jobs in North Texas*

(NDG Wire) Texas Instruments Incorporated (TI) announced today the opening of its manufacturing facility in Richardson, Texas. The company expects to begin moving equipment into the facility in October.

Known as RFAB, ("R" for Richardson, "FAB" for fabrication), the fab will be the world's only production facility to use 300-millimeter (12-inch) silicon wafers to manufacture analog chips, which are essential components in virtually all electronics. The facility will give TI a strategic advantage in high-volume production because thousands of analog chips can be etched onto each of these wafers, more than double the number on the more commonly used and smaller 200-millimeter wafers.

"The time is right for this investment," said Rich Templeton, TI's chairman, president and CEO. "Customer demand for analog chips is growing, and there's tremendous desire to save energy and protect the



*TI's analog manufacturing facility in Richardson, Texas is the industry's first 300-mm analog wafer fabrication.*

environment. The chips produced here will help our customers make thousands of electronic products that are more energy-efficient. It is significant that these devices will be made here, in North Texas, in one of the industry's most environmentally responsible fabs."

The facility will produce analog integrated circuits based on TI's proprietary process. Customers will use these chips in electronics ranging from smart-

phones and netbooks, to telecom and computing systems.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony with local and state officials, Templeton said TI plans to ship the first chips from this facility by the end of 2010. When the first phase of equipment is ramped and producing at full capacity, the facility will be capable of shipping more than \$1 billion worth of analog chips per year.

Hiring will begin immediately

for 250 jobs in RFAB. "These are high-quality, well-paying engineering, manufacturing and administrative jobs for our North Texas region. The infrastructure that a facility like this requires will create other indirect jobs with suppliers and support services," said Templeton.

"We want to thank our great partners in Richardson, Dallas, Plano and Austin who helped us make this happen," Templeton said, referring to the City of Richardson, Collin County, the Plano Independent School District and the Collin County Community College District.

"Texas Instruments' decision to again invest in Texas is yet another example of how, even during these economic times, the Lone Star State remains the top choice for companies looking to expand," Gov. Rick Perry said.

"Our combination of a predictable regulatory climate, low taxation and a world-class workforce that is well prepared to fill the hundreds of new high-technology jobs TI will be bringing to the area."

*Recent expansions*

The opening of RFAB is the most recent in a series of manufacturing expansions by TI. Earlier this year, TI opened Clark, an assembly and test facility in the Philippines. TI also has been installing new test equipment at several other locations, and is in the



process of installing newly acquired 200-mm manufacturing equipment for analog chip production at sites around the world, including Dallas.

*Local education benefits*

Local education has benefitted from TI's decision to build the fab in Richardson. As part of the original agreement between community and state partners, the nearby University of Texas at Dallas will receive a total of \$300 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas General Land Office, the UT System, and private donors for improvement of its engineering and research pro-

grams.

"Texas Instruments has been a remarkable partner with education at all levels," said Dr. David E. Daniel, president of UT Dallas. "The impact of the RFAB's creation on UT Dallas has been dramatic in terms of recognition and research activity. This project's high profile played a direct role in our most recent efforts to reach for what many call Tier One status—our aspiration to become a nationally recognized research university. We look forward to partnering with Texas Instruments and the rest of our community as we grow toward this stature in service to the Dallas area and the region."

*Green model*

RFAB has been an important model of green construction. It was the first semiconductor facility to

achieve Gold certification with the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. TI has applied knowledge from the RFAB designs to other facilities all over the world.

Texas Instruments helps customers solve problems and develop new electronics that make the world smarter, healthier, safer, greener and more fun. A global semiconductor company, TI innovates through design, sales and manufacturing operations in more than 30 countries. For more information, go to [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com).



*TI's analog manufacturing facility covers 1.1 million square feet of building space (aerial view)*



# Garland Civic Theatre to Offer Audition Workshop for Youth

(NDG Wire) Garland Civic Theatre will offer a special audition workshop for youth actors, ages 8 to 18 at the theatre's facilities at 108 North Sixth Street in downtown Garland. The session will be on Saturday October 17, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fee for the session is \$50 which must be paid to reserve a place in the workshop.

Morgana Shaw will be

teacher for this workshop. She will give the students an in-depth look at how to prepare for an audition.

Morgana is an award winning and critically acclaimed Actor, Director, Choreographer, and Performance Artist. Morgana is a native Texan who has worked professionally on stage and screen in Texas, Oklahoma, Los Angeles, South Carolina, Connecticut,

and New York. She has extensive broadcast, commercial, film and stage experience. Her directing credits include *The Bridge to Terabithia*, *Jungle Book*, *The Sleeping Beauty*; *Picnic*; *Charlotte's Web*; *The Lion*, *The Witch and The Wardrobe*; *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*; *The Nutcracker*, and *The Nursery Rhyme Review*.

Morgana recently com-

pleted filming a starring role in the local Indie film *Carried Away*. Upcoming feature films (2009 releases) include *I Love You Phillip Morris* with Jim Carrey and Ewan McGregor. and Indie feature films *Shroud* and *Skateland*. 2008 film credits include *Mad Money* as "Molly Johnson" with Diane Keaton, Queen Latifah and Katie Holmes; *Missionary Man* as "Tiger" with Dolph Lundgren, and Indie Films *The Name of God* and *The Significant Other*.

One of Morgana's most critically acclaimed television roles was a supporting role in CBS' made-for-TV movie (now showing on Lifetime) *A Promise To Carolyn*, for which she was recognized in Variety magazine as giving a "chilling" performance.

Other film and TV credits include guest starring and supporting roles in Fox series *Prison Break* (Episode - "Wash"); Lifetime Movie Network Web series - *Inspector Mom* starring Danika McKellar; *Jericho*; *American Outlaws*; *Home Fries*; and *Walker Texas Ranger*.

You can also catch her on DVD/Video (supporting role) in *Secondhand Lions* with Robert Duvall, Michael Caine and Haley Joel Osment. Check her out on IMDB.COM for a full listing of film and television credits.

Morgana recently returned with standing ovations and rave reviews from The Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC with her Award-Winning portrayal of the legendary "Bette Davis" in the Broadway-Bound one-woman hit production of *All About Bette*; *An Evening With Bette Davis* by Camilla Carr. A "bring-back" role which earned Ms Shaw a Best Actress of the Year Award at Theatre Three in Dallas, Texas. Other winning theatre roles include Gladys - *Pajama Game* (Lyric Stage); Abbie - *Desire Under The Elms* (WaterTower Theatre); and Louise - *Gypsy* (Lyric Stage);

Also an accomplished choreographer, nominated three times for Outstanding Choreography by The Dallas Theatre League and taking home The Column Award for Outstanding Choreography

for *CATS* (GCT), as well as The Chita Rivera Dance Award for her portrayal of Gladys in *Pajama Game*.

Ms. Shaw was last seen on stage as Julie Cavendish in *The Royal Family* at Theatre Three. Other favorite stage roles include Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd* (Garland Civic Theatre); Lola in *Damn Yankees* (Garland Summer Musicals); Amalia the human torso in *Freakshow* (Core Performance Manufacturing Co.); Chick in *Crimes Of The Heart* (Theatre Three); Sylvia Fowler in *The Women* (Contemporary Theatre of Dallas); Gladys in *Baptized To The Bone/World Premiere* (WaterTower); Pan/Bud/Daisy/Ruth in *Batboy, The Musical* (Theatre Three); Warden/Madame Zoroni in *Holes* (Dallas Children's Theatre); Laura in *The Unexpected Guest* (Theatre Three); Mrs. Kendall in *Elephant Man* (Wickerplane); and Inez in *No Exit* (Theatre Too). Morgana is represented by The Horne Agency.

Call Garland Civic Theatre at 972-485-8884 to register for the workshop.

## Thriller: A Tribute to the King of Pop

(NDG Wire) Thickums, Inc and Ground Floor Productionz undertakes its most ambitious production yet with a journey through the life of the most inspiring pop music artist of all time, Michael Jackson. In the production, *Thriller: A Tribute to the King of Pop* young actors and performers from the DFW area will showcase their talents through song, dance, and theatrical performances to pay homage to and celebrate the life of Michael Jackson. These talented youth will get hands on training in every aspect of a

professional production ranging from film to sound while exploring their gifts in acting, dance, and singing. The collaboration between Thickums, Inc and Ground Floor Productionz is able to offer this opportunity to students who would otherwise not be able to participate at no cost.

All attendees are encouraged to come dressed in your best Michael Jackson outfit or costume and enter for a chance to win "Best Costume". This is one Halloween event you don't want to miss. Trick or Treat while you get to wit-

ness some of the hottest talent DFW has to offer.

Thriller: A Tribute to the King of Pop premieres at the Plaza of Americas Hawaii Ballroom (300 E. Ledbetter) on Friday, October 30 at 7:00pm and Saturday, October 31 at 2:00pm. The Tribute will end on that Sunday with a cast party from 6:00 pm - 9:00pm. Tickets are \$5 for seniors and kids and \$10 for adults. Tickets are available by calling 214-854-9291 or through cast members.

For info call 214-854-9291 or visit [www.groundfloorproductionz.com](http://www.groundfloorproductionz.com)

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## Nine State Agencies Signed Memorandum of Understanding with African American Chambers of Commerce

(NDG Wire) A memorandum of understanding about purchasing opportunities was signed Friday, Sept. 25 among The University of Texas at Austin and the Texas African American Chambers of Commerce (TAACC) and eight other Texas state agencies.

The memorandum is an expression of each agency's commitment to increasing

the participation of Texas-based African American-owned businesses in the bidding process and to increase annually the fraction of each agency's total expenditures awarded to these businesses.

The memorandum sets forth "Good Faith Effort" principles to which each signing agency ascribes. They are summarized as follows:

- Publicly disseminate information about purchasing opportunities.
- Improve purchasing procedures that make it easier to do business with Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs).
- Work to increase the number of Texas businesses that are HUB certified.
- Assist in providing HUB chamber member

training.

- Document good faith efforts toward meeting the goals of this memorandum.
- Increase the percent of awards made to African American-owned businesses.

The original Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement with the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce was signed on Feb. 2, 1999,

under the sponsorship of Texas Sen. Royce West. Agencies that were among the original signers of the memorandum were the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and The University of Texas at Austin.

The nine state agencies that signed the memorandum

include Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M System, Texas Controller of Public Accounts, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Tech University, The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Austin.

## New Virus Targets Facebook, MySpace and Twitter Users

(NDG Wire) Facebook is not just a place to hook up with ex-girlfriends from high school anymore. Companies large and small are now using it for networking and legitimate business tasks. Unfortunately, it can also be a place to hook your company's network up with some nasty viruses.

The latest one, a worm called Koobface, has hit all the social networks, including Facebook, MySpace, hi5, Bebo and Twitter, and can riddle your network with malware, spyware and can steal sensitive data right from your workstations' hard drives. Like past generations of computer bugs, Koobface wants to not only infect your computer, but then use you as a jumping off point to infect others. But unlike past viruses, Koobface and similar new malware programs are leveraging your com-

pany's social network account to reach out and infect your online friends and business associates.

"Somewhere in the world there are some guys sitting around and dreaming up things that will make you click on a link," said Chip Reaves, global director of Computer Troubleshooters.

"Koobface's most effective way to spread is to send links to your friends with text like 'I can't believe it's you in this video - were you sober? LOL!' Koobface combines state-of-the-art software which can infect your computer in multiple ways with these creative lures designed to make you want to click on the infected links. It's pretty insidious."

Reaves suggests these tips to protect your office network:

- *Anti-virus, Anti-spyware*
- First and foremost every

computer user on the Internet needs professional, up-to-date protection software. This should at a minimum include both anti-virus and anti-spyware support (some free packages do not include anti-spyware), and ideally should also include a link scanner component to minimize the risk of visiting websites which are known to be infected.

*Claim your name,*

If you are using social networking sites such as Twitter or Facebook, do periodic searches for yourself. This is especially helpful with small businesses to see what people are saying about you, but if you're infected you may find updates from yourself - which you never sent.

*Use a 3rd party Twitter ap-*

*plication or your phone*

Third party applications such as Tweekdeck or Twhirl can help block certain exploits that would otherwise infect you from the Twitter website. Using your cell phone for updates is also safer than using the Twitter or Facebook websites directly.

*Secure Your Browser*

Make sure your web browser is the most up-to-date version, since many vulnerabilities in older browsers (even ones from just a few months ago) are often used by malware creators to infect your computer. Chrome and Firefox are generally considered safer than Internet Explorer, but any browser with its security setting set to "High" and with the most recent updates should be fine.

For the highest level of security consider using Firefox plus Noscript.net to block most potential points of vulnerability.

*Include protection in your IT Management Plan*

Many small businesses and home users today are outsourcing all their computer management to a local computer service provider through what's called a Managed Services plan. Ask your local Computer Troubleshooter or other service provider to include social media protection in your computer management plan.

"If your IT department or outsourced support doesn't take all those elements into

account, it's not a matter of if you'll experience downtime - it's a matter of when and for how long," Reaves said. "Uptime is not a luxury - it's a necessity for any home or business. Make certain that your IT company guarantees it. If they don't, look for another firm."

*Reaves, a native Georgian, in 1992 started his own computer services business in Atlanta. In 1999 he bought the right to operate Australia-based Computer Troubleshooters in the US which has led to over 230 CTS locations in North America. Chip Reaves' website can be found at [www.comptroub.com](http://www.comptroub.com).*

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population will continue to grow," Woldu said.

Woldu believes this study was needed because of Mexico's emerging status as an international player and its proximity to the United States. International relations between the U.S. and its southern neighbor will be more important in the next 10 to 15 years when the U.S. is likely to rely more heavily on Latin American employees as the flow of manpower from China and India loses pace, he said.

"Those nations in the next 15 years will be economic leaders and be preoccupied with their own economic expansion, so will need more manpower to sustain their economic growth," Woldu said. "China is a 2 plus 1 - two parents and one child - demographic model, and with an aging population and few working-age Chinese, that model plus the anticipated economic growth will demand that China and India retain their working populations."

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children's authors are Jon Scieszka, Rosemary Wells, Libba Bray, and Judy Schachner. The poster image for the Festival is a photograph, White Owl 2004, by the internationally known, award-winning art-ist Keith Carter. The full list of Festival authors and poster art is available on [www.texas-bookfestival.org](http://www.texas-bookfestival.org).

The Texas Book Festival is an organization that has made more than \$2.3 million in grants to public libraries since the organization was formed in 1995. In addition, more than 30,000 children in low-income

schools have benefited from its literary program, Reading Rock Stars. The two-day Festival is entirely open and free to the public.

"The Texas Book Festival" is a Texas treasure and one of the premier literary events in the country," said Heidi Marquez Smith, executive director of the Texas Book Festival.

This year's list of 210 participating writers reflects the best books in categories ranging from literary fiction to lifestyle titles such as travel and cookbooks. There will be panel conversations mixing the industry's top

writers with audience question and answer sessions during every event.

In addition, Festival attendees can get their books signed by authors, feast on food from a wide-range of top local eateries, inspire their children with educational author events and activities as well as enjoy live musical entertainment.

Incredible writers such as Sandra Brown, Oscar Casares, Kurt Eichenwald, Blake Bailey, Colson Whitehead, David Wroblewski, and Amanda Eyre Ward will appear at this year's Festival.

Other prominent authors

attending are Luis Alberto Urrea, Jane Smiley, Harold Evans, Kati Marton, Julia Glass, Gail Collins, and Harold Kushner.

News and political junkies will enjoy Douglas Brinkley, Howard Campbell, Bryan Carlile, and Dave Cullen. Cooking enthusiasts will be inspired by authors Rebecca Rather, Lidia Bastianich, Ellie Krieger, and Guiliano Hazan, who will be demonstrating their skills and talking about their new cookbooks. Lovers of all things Texan will be drawn to Jane Clements Monday, Gary Clark, Wyatt McSpadden, and Michael Marvins. Dr. Cara Natterson and Po Bronson dispense current views on child-rearing, while Katherine Brooks helps those looking to map their career. Hollywood enthusiasts can hear from three Texans who made it big working in the City of An-

## Texas Book Festival Facts

- has surpassed the \$2.3 million mark in total grant awards to Texas public libraries since its inception through its Library Grant program
- has reached more than 30,000 children in economically disadvantaged Central and South Texas Schools, providing for many the first book they've ever owned through its Reading Rock Stars program
- with the University Interscholastic League sponsors a Middle and High School Fiction writing contest
- entertains and informs approximately 35,000 festival attendees, adults and children alike, free of cost, with engaging author events, local foods and music

## Image is Everything



Talissa Lavarry

*Dear Talisa, I am a 36 year old single mother and I have been working for years to lose my belly fat. I know that you are not a fitness trainer*

*but I was hoping that you could tell me what type of clothing would compliment my body type. Any advice?*

*Sincerely, Monique*

Dear Monique,

Thanks for submitting your question. I've been asked about this quite a bit lately. You didn't mention if you had larger bust or smaller bust neither did you mention the size of your hips. What I will do is share a bit about the six basic body shapes so that you as well all of the readers can discover the answer to your question.

• Triangle-This body shape has smaller shoulders and larger hips. Add Fabric and lighter colors to the top where you lack in body weight and choose darker colors for your bottom in order to create a more balanced look.

• Inverted Triangle-Broad shoulders are associated with this body top as well as larger bust and smaller hips. Wear darker colors on top with less detail and fabric and lighter colors on bottom with more fabric and flair.

• Rectangle-Bust and hips are approximately the same width here as well as a lack of curves. Create the illusion that you have larger hips than your waist and larger breasts than you actually do. This can be done by the cut and the color

of the dress items that you choose. A wide belt worn over your dresses and tops can fix this most every time.

• Hour Glass-This shape is considered to be the most ideal body shape, both upper and lower halves are in line with each other, it also consists of a smaller waist. If you've got this shape flaunt it! Choose clothing that further compliments your already proportionate body.

• Diamond Shape-Most of the weight in this shape is distributed through the midriff and waist area, small bust and back and narrow shoulders and large thighs. Accentuate your shoulders and face with lace, wide collars and fashionable and or naturally pretty make-up.

• Rounded Shape-This is typically the plus size woman. They are broader through the middle and upper torso and lack waist indentation. They also often times have full bust and sloping shoulders. Minimize your stomach area by trying to define your waist as much as possible through the use of body cinchers and large belts, also focus on elongating your overall body length. Use accessories to your advantage.

I hope that this information was helpful and if you would like a more detailed description about body shapes as well as more details about clothing that compliments them please contact me at [tlavarry@talisalavarry.com](mailto:tlavarry@talisalavarry.com) or 214-886-0696

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

gels: Robert Hinkle, Billy Taylor, and Gary Kent.

Approximately 1500 books were considered, and those chosen are the preeminent titles of 2009.

"This is a very literary year in publishing," said Clay Smith, literary director of the Texas Book Festival. "For example, four authors

have amazing literary biographies and we are thrilled to have all of them in one panel at the Festival."

Book lovers travel from across the country year after year to witness and participate in the extraordinary discussions that are borne from the collaboration of these brilliant authors.

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## TMI Executive Resources Advises Job Seekers on How to Prepare for a Job Search

(NDG Wire) Many executives who have been laid off or who are trying to affect a career change after a number of years are ill-prepared for the job search. More often than not, these job seekers will simply update their resume and begin their search.

Nowadays, the job search involves so much more. Job seekers need to effectively market themselves.

TMI Executive Resources advises job seekers

of the steps they need to take prior to launching themselves upon the marketplace:

Perform a thorough, and honest, evaluation of your marketability. Ultimately, this step will save you time and effort because you won't seek positions that are not right for you.

Evaluate and, if necessary, update your skills. Enroll in a course. Attend seminars that are specific to the industry. Read up on the latest strategies/tech-

niques in the industry.

Assess your income potential. Do your research, know your worth and be prepared to talk salary.

Focus your job search and figure out the direction that you will take. If you are not getting results over the course of your job search; know that you may have to re-focus your search and head in a new direction.

Hone your interview techniques. Ask a trusted advisor or friend to role-

play an interview and then critique your technique.

Develop effective negotiating strategies.

Update your resume.

John Hackett, the company's executive vice president explained, "Most people seriously over estimate their knowledge of job changing. It's imperative that job seekers take the appropriate steps prior to investing their time and energy in seeking a new career."

## Plano Career Fair

(NDG Wire) On October 15 meet face to face with the hiring decision makers at the free Plano Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will be held at the Plano Centre. Dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes, interviews will

be held on site.

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**October 12-14, 7 pm  
Nightly**

Come to our Fall Revival with Rev. Dr. Johnnie Green, Jr., Evangelist from Mt. Neboh Baptist Church in New York, NY.

**Rev. Albert Haynes, Sr.  
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**October 2009**

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**October 11, 10:30 am**

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**October 11, 2009**

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**October 17, 3 pm-6 pm**

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**October 11, 3:30 pm**

Join us for our Pre-Church Anniversary Hour with guest, the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

**October 18, 3:30 pm**

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**October 8, 7:30 pm**

Watch for Sister Tarpley on the Leslie Taylor Hair Show with gospel recording artist, Tommye Young-West on October 8 @ 7:30 pm Central Time on the Digital Network 34.1 Channel or view the show online @ [www.access34.tv](http://www.access34.tv)

**October 10, 6 pm**

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son. Call 469-789-6899 for tickets or details.

**October 17, 7 pm**

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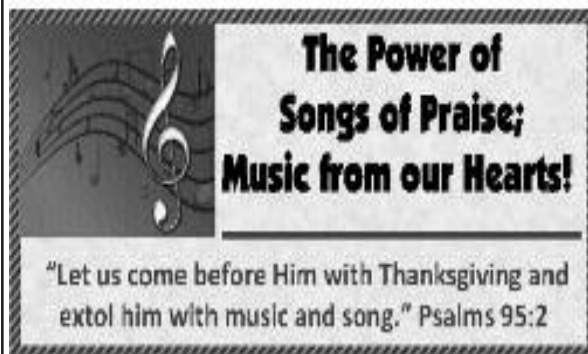
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*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear (respect or reverence) the Lord, and depart from evil." Proverbs 3:5-7 (KJV)*

It has been said many times and in different ways that whenever God gives a vision to a Christian, He often puts the Christian in the shadow of His hand, as it were, and the Christian's duty is to be still and listen. When God gives a vision and darkness follows, waiting on God for guidance will bring you into accordance with the vision He has given if you await His timing; with God it's all about His timing.

# Don't Rely on Your Judgment Alone

Otherwise, you try to do away with the supernatural in God's undertakings. Never try to help God fulfill His word, He doesn't need your help.

Often in the book of Proverbs, Solomon warns us not to rely on our own fallible wisdom while trying to do God's perfect will. God wants us to wait for His deliverance. All you need to do is remind yourself that God knows from the end of any situation to the beginning of it, while we only know the beginning of anything to the end of it. His means of bringing us to spiritual maturity requires us to wait on His deliverance through adversity (much like gold and diamonds are produced) so that we will be able to discern the difference between our own self-deliverance and God's authentic deliverance in our lives.

It seems to be a contradiction but it's true, God will call us to do something, then He seems to deliberately hinder our efforts to achieve the very thing He told us to do. We can see it in the life of Moses. In obedience to God, Moses told Pharaoh that God said to, "Let my people go." And Pharaoh responded, "Who is the Lord that I should obey Him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go." Time and time again, Moses returned and demanded freedom for his people. Again and again Pharaoh refused. You know about the story from looking at the classic story every year, "The 10 Commandments."

God sent plague after plague upon the Egyptians. In response, Pharaoh hardened his heart and persecuted Moses and the people of Is-

rael. So Moses complained to God and said, "You called me to go to Pharaoh, but You are not freeing the people." Moses grew discouraged because God had called him to fulfill a vision – a dream of

liberation for His people - and the vision seemed to die.

However, God was teaching Moses and the people of Israel to persevere, to obey, and to wait upon the Lord in patient trust for

God's perfect time for deliverance. God was also demonstrating to Pharaoh 'who the Lord is and why he should obey Him'. In the end God destroyed Pharaoh and all of his army.

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motherly insight into *Thirteen Months with an Angel* help Tracie accurately convey to others God's love, God's power and God's strength, which He supplied to the Patterson's on a daily basis.

You may think it strange, but I never prayed for life or death in regard to Braden. I remember think-

ing of God giving His only son so that I could have Eternal life – how could I be so selfish as to ask Him to save my family?

I prayed for Him to allow the doctors, nurses, and staff to work at the highest level of which they were capable. I asked Him to guide and steady the doctor's hands. I continually

asked Him for understanding of what was happening to our family at this very moment. I needed His understanding because as a human, I knew there was no way for me to handle what was going on – I prayed like I had never prayed before.

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Tommye Young-West
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To purchase tickets for the appreciation or for additional info call Sis. Reese at 469-789-6899, email [wordoflife09@live.com](mailto:wordoflife09@live.com), or contact the church at 972-416-5300. To view the Leslie Taylor Hare Talk Show visit [www.access34.tv](http://www.access34.tv), or Digital Network Channel 34.1 @ 7:30 pm CST.

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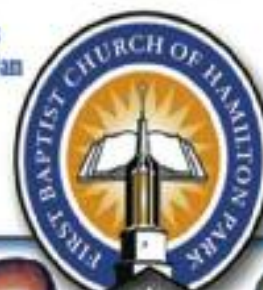
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