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The HP Mini 311 has the right fit and price for holiday wishlists

BY RUTH FERGUSON
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If a notebook computer is on your Christmas shopping list, the HP Mini 311 might prove to be the perfect gift. Weighing in at only 3.22 pounds, with a snazzy look and low price,

it could be great alternative to a smart phone or full-size laptop.

Who is the likely ideal user? The short answer is anyone - depending on their purpose. If you simply want to stay connected with friends and do a little

light work or play games the HP Mini 311 is a perfect fit.

For me, it is an excellent second laptop when I need to get work done on the go, or check my email or Twitter accounts. It's great to simply put it in a



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SPOTLIGHT

CBC members vow to escalate protests if Black economic woes are ignored



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Our next issue is Thursday, December 30, as we take the time off to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. The NDG staff wishes each of you a safe and happy holiday.

Rethink your family holiday

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Every year you load up your family and head to your relative's house either in town or out of state for the holiday season. You spend countless hours preparing your children, spouse or significant other for the stories of old; the prepared meals, relatives to

avoid; and the hours on the road driving to and from each beckoning relative's house.

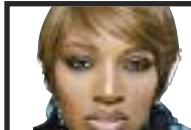
Fortunately, you can rethink your family holiday and generate new family traditions and a wealth of treasured memories to pass down. Many travel companies are offering low fares, discounted hotel

stays and other free services for families seeking to travel during the holiday season.

Here are some great holiday ideas to assist you with launching new memories:

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TRUTH CLINIC

Get an education – get a job, maybe??

BY JAMES BREEDLOVE
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For as long as I can remember my parents, school teachers, and mentors admonished me to get an education so I could get a good job.

Despite modest gains made by minorities and women progress toward equal opportunity in the U.S. jobs market since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has been relatively slow and has plateaued and retreated since the 1980's.

A recent report, published in the New York Times by Michael Luo, indicates that a good job may be hard to find even with a stellar resume and an excellent education from a prestigious school.

There is ample evidence that racial inequities remain when it comes to employment. Black joblessness has generally been higher than that for whites. But the confirm-

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TWC alerts claimants of text message scam

(NDG Wire) The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) advises unemployment claimants that the agency does not use text messages to provide or gather information about unemployment benefits. Some Texas unemployment claimants report receiving fraudulent text messages that claim

to originate from TWC requesting confidential information or advising them to call a special phone number to reactivate benefits. A similar scam has been reported in Ohio.

TWC representatives do not use text messages to contact claimants, do not make home visits and do not ask

for Personal Identification Numbers (PIN). Although these fraudulent text message incidences appear to be isolated, the situation merits a warning to protect all Texas benefit claimants.

Claimants should only provide Social Security numbers or other confidential information when filing

for benefits online at www.texasworkforce.org or when speaking to an unemployment benefit customer service representative on the Tele-Center phone filing system.

Claimants are advised not to respond to any text

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Cymphonique Miller

(BlackNews.com) Teen Superstar Entertainer, Cymphonique Miller, is following in her father, P. Miller, footsteps when it comes to giving back to the community. She realizes that kids too can help make a difference.

Cymphonique has been blessed with the gift to sing. She has been compared to the likes of Beyonce Knowles and Miley Cyrus at only age 13. But she remains humble and thankful and uses her talent to raise money and give back to those in need.

Teaming up with Six Flags and OneMillionGifts.org this holiday season, Six Flags parks across the country are inviting guests to join their annual winter celebration, Holiday In The Park, while giving them the opportunity to spread some holiday cheer.

Six Flags Over Texas Arlington was a participating park that offering reduced admission to anyone who brought a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more to the theme parks on select dates for the OneMillionGifts.org toy drive.



Guests can experience the parks transformed into a winter wonderlands surrounded by tens of thousands of colorful lights with the best in live entertainment, tasty holiday treats,

special concert performances and excitement for the whole family to enjoy.

OneMillionGifts.org has been busy this holiday season trying to secure food, clothing, and healthcare for the ever growing numbers of hurting families who reach out daily for help. OneMillionGifts.org wants to make sure that this holiday they reach at least one million families.

Most organizations are unable to connect directly with these families in need, because they may not have the ability to communicate or understand their environment which leaves the children with very few choices

and even fewer opportunities for growth or a future. The staff members at One Million Gifts not only have the passion to help but have the experience and knowledge to make a real difference in these under served communities.

So often many families go without food and shelter leaving them hungry and hopeless. Most people don't realize that one gift or one meal can actually make a difference, it gives the person in need the feeling of hope and joy. Filling an empty stomach not only takes away the hunger pains but it helps lift the spirit.

Galatians 6:9-10 "And

let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

The goal is to save our kids and bring the message of hope to families experiencing hardships. The need includes help feed, clothe, educate, and find healthcare for the less fortunate. Together the community can change the world one family at a time.

For information, go to www.OneMillionGifts.org, www.SixFlags.com or www.Cymphonique.com

Doug Stephens

(NDG Wire) On most days, Rick Garcia and Doug Stephens, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) training supervisors, focus their skills on DART. But their talents are also getting national attention because of their contributions to an Easter Seals video educating bus operators how to better serve America's 54 million people with disabilities.

"I'm very honored and

proud to be part of this national training effort," Garcia said. "It also means a lot to us that DART, with all the transit agencies in the nation, had two trainers selected to participate."

Garcia is a 28-year employee with DART. He said his wide range of job experiences helped prepare him for the Easter Seals project.

"I started as a bus operator in 1981, and worked my way up through dis-

patch and the field, so I know exactly what these operators have to go through," said Garcia, who currently develops and implements instruction and classroom training initiatives for all personnel involved in DART bus operations.

Jerry Reynolds, assistant vice president, DART Transit Operations, and Garcia and Stephens' boss, is understandably proud of his employees and DART's involvement. "Easter Seals selected only 11 representa-

tives from transit agencies across the nation to serve on the Design Board for this initiative, and they called on DART because of our strong reputation."

Stephens believes his experience in both the private and public sector came in handy on the video project. He worked at several private bus companies for seven years, before moving to DART 21 years ago. Now a bus-training supervisor, Stephens helps establish criteria for and monitors training needs of hun-

dreds of DART bus operators.

"It's an amazing feeling," he said. "Knowing that this project will educate people all over the United States and make operators more sensitive to the needs of persons with disabilities. I definitely think the program we developed is timely and can be very effective if used by new and senior operators at transit agencies across the country."

The training course for bus operators was com-



prised of operators, trainers and people with disabilities throughout the United States. They also advised on learning objectives and effective ways to deliver the training, and reviewed the materials developed.

Grace Bumbry

Born Grace Ann Bumbry in St. Louis, the daughter of a railroad company freight handler and a school teacher, the future international opera star started singing around the family piano and then in the family church youth choir.

She graduated from the first black high school west of the Mississippi, and won a radio talent competition at age 17. Her prize was a



scholarship to the local music conservatory, only the conservatory was segregated and did not admit Grace into its classrooms but offered her private lessons instead. Her parents refused.

Instead, she auditioned for Arthur Godfrey's popular *Talent Scouts* program. Her selection, Verdi's *O don fatale*, moved the host not only to tears, but also to predict that "her name will be one of the most famous names in music one day." In a touch of supreme irony, that same day the U.S. Supreme Court announced its decision banning segregated schools.

She studied at Boston University and later at Northwestern, where she met her mentor, the ac-

claimed Lotte Lehmann, with whom she later studied at the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, California.

In 1960, the same year as the famous Paris Aida, she joined the Basel Opera. The famed impresario, Sol Hurok, brought her back to the United States in 1962 for an extensive national recital tour: a Carnegie Hall debut plus 21 cities, including her home town of St. Louis, where she thrilled 3,000 music lovers in the same auditorium in which Marian Anderson had thrilled her eight years earlier.

In quick succession, she made her debuts at the major houses: Royal Opera House, Covent Garden in 1963, La Scala in 1964, and the Met in 1965. Her first soprano role, Verdi's Lady Macbeth, also marked her

first role at the Vienna State Opera. In 1966 she made her debut as Carmen at both the San Francisco Opera and at the Salzburg Festival, conducted by Herbert von Karajan.

Bumbry is now a much-valued teacher around the world, but perhaps her most notable off-stage contribution to music was the creation in the mid-'90s of her Grace Bumbry Black Musical Heritage Ensemble, a choir devoted to preserving and performing traditional Negro spirituals and gospel on the concert stage. "The spiritual, for me, is the American classic, as Brahms and Beethoven are European classic," said Bumbry in a New York Times interview.

Bumbry is a 2009 Kennedy Center Honoree along with legendary actors and directors Mel Brooks

and Robert Di Nero; and fellow musicians pianist and composer Dave Brubeck and The Boss himself

Bruce Springsteen. The honorees were recently celebrated at a White House function.

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Where do we go from here? An active and vocal movement

BY REV. JESSE JACKSON

Editor's Note: Upon the 25th year anniversary of Rev. Jesse Jackson's first run for president of the United States, NNPA asked him to write his thoughts on the state of Black America at this point in history, focusing on the question, Where Do We Go From Here?

(NNPA) It's been big month. The beginning of another escalation in Afghanistan, a Nobel Peace Prize speech in Oslo, a climate change conference in Copenhagen, a possible end game for the Senate on health care, and a jobs summit - what I hope will be the start of an effective national jobs program that puts America back to work.

December 10 also marked Human Rights Day, the 61st anniversary of the day the post-WWII world adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is an appropriate day to consider "where we go from here."

I'm always reminded that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., authored the essay, Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? An ascendant civil rights movement organized the 1963 March on Washington, the historic 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery - a movement that led to passage of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts. But by January 1967, when he wrote the Where do we go from here essay, the civil rights struggle was on its heels, searching for direction and strategy.

His query is especially appropriate right now. It is even more auspicious, as President Obama received the Nobel Peace Prize this December 10, 45 years to the day that the 35 year-old Dr. King was so honored.

In a way, we've reached another apex in our movement, the culmination of a 54-year civil rights journey,

from the 1954 Brown decision ending legal segregation, winning civil and voting rights in the 60s, organizing our Rainbow campaigns of the 1980s, through to the historic election of Barack Obama in 2008.

Eight years of failed Bush administrations left the economy on the brink of disastrous depression. One year ago, people in the U.S. voted for change and a new direction. In so doing, they inspired and unleashed the power of hope around the world to break down old barriers of cynicism, doubt and disbelief.

But just one year after President Obama's election, stiff winds of resistance are blowing from all directions. It's been some time since we've witnessed such a sustained, ideologically-inspired campaign to smear and vilify a President, to drown out rationale public debate and discourse, and circumvent the people's desire for progressive change.

Wall Street has rebounded from the brink of collapse. But the sub-prime mortgage crisis ballooned into a full-scale foreclosure crisis. Student debt is soaring and jeopardizing the education of our youth. Unemployment is up, and so is global warming. Hope is up, too, but unfortunately so is poverty.

Yes, it's mid-day in our politics, but midnight in our economy. We must have the clear vision and strong will to ride out the storms of the long night until the sun rises and we reach the dawn of a new day.

Where do we go from here?

Perhaps we should go to our Biblical mission statement: bring good news to the needy, to feed the poor, heal the brokenhearted, care for the sick and set the oppressed free.

Bring good news to the needy by creating a Stimu-

lus II that targets the zones of pain. Stimulus I focused on the zones of gain. They've watered the leaves of speculation while the roots of investment have withered. Wall Street now is paying bonuses, but the big banks still aren't lending to the real economy. We need direct, targeted jobs programs, and the expansion of lending to spur small business development. It is time to focus on helping those who are the victims of, not the cause of, the crisis.

Care for the sick by enacting comprehensive, accessible and affordable health care for all Americans. Republicans have taken a stand to crush the health-care bill. Blue Dog conservatives have taken a stand to circumvent and undermine it. So must progressives stand up and fight for inclusion of the public option and create the public support the president and Congress need to pass a comprehensive health care bill before year's end.

In our Rainbow campaigns of 1984 and 1988, I campaigned from coast to coast for comprehensive health care for all, at a time when "only" 37 million Americans were without health insurance. Twenty years later, that number has risen to a totally unacceptable 45 million. We must do better, and now is the time.

House the homeless by confronting the home foreclosure crisis threatening to tear the heart and soul of America's communities. A record high four million families will face foreclosure this year alone, but another 13 million homeowners will face foreclosure in the next five years.

To date, just 4 percent, or 10,000 of the 728,000 homeowners seeking assistance, have received permanent loan modifications under the administration's Home Affordable Modification Program. That's like

dipping a spoon in the ocean, as foreclosures continue to outstrip modifications. We need a comprehensive, effective foreclosure prevention/save our homes program to "save homes for the holidays" - to protect not just the most distressed families in their time of need, but also to protect their neighborhoods, the community tax base, and the public services that depend on having a healthy housing infrastructure.

Where do we go from here?

Heal the broken hearted by addressing the employment demands of the 8 million workers who have lost their jobs in the last 18 months. Decades of misguided urban policies undermined our nation's manufacturing base - we export capital and jobs, and import drugs and guns. We've decimated whole cities. The hope of the recent jobs summit is that it will invest immediately and directly in job preservation and creation.

None of this can happen unless we strengthen and enforce civil rights and fair lending laws. This crisis took place in large part because predatory lending and reckless gambling were celebrated, not policed. Laws against discriminatory lending were ignored.

Consumer protection laws were diluted, as sub-prime lenders, payday operators and credit card loan sharks had their way.

The administration has sensibly called for a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency, but while the banking lobby descends on Congress, the administration should be using the powers it has to enforce the law.

Furthermore, as world leaders gather in Copenhagen to grapple with the

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What are the hidden dangers of soy?

(NDG Wire) Since the popularity of the soybean rose in the 1930s and 40s it has become known as "The Miracle Bean," because it has a wide variety of uses and could be grown cheaply and abundantly. Its high protein content made it a super charger for animal feed and the fact that it was practically tasteless and colorless made it ideal for processed food.

And of course, it's good for you, right?

Not so, according to Dianne Gregg, author of *The Hidden Dangers of Soy* from Outskirts Press (www.hiddensoy.com). Her research has shown that too much soy in your diet can cause symptoms such as nausea, bloating, gastric disorders, unusual weight gain, thyroid disease, palpitations, shortness of breath

and lack of energy.

"The image of soy is that it's this protein-packed guardian of health, but there is more and more evidence to show it's anything but that," she said. "Soy can cause thyroid damage, infertility, low testosterone in men, hair loss, digestive problems, early puberty in girls, and the development of breasts in boys.

There are claims that soy lowers cholesterol, but in 2005 the American Heart Association retracted their endorsement because their studies showed that there was only a three percent decline in cholesterol levels and it wasn't significant enough to make that claim. In fact, it's been documented that prisoners in Illinois are getting sick because meat products have been replaced with soy-

based products."

Soy beans are used in a wide array of food products, oils, soap, cosmetics, resins, plastics, inks, crayons, solvents, and clothing. Soybean oil is the primary source of biodiesel in the United States, accounting for 80 percent of domestic biodiesel production. Soybeans have also been used since 2001 as fermenting stock in the manufacture of a brand of vodka. It's a great commercial crop for American farmers, and is now grown on more acres than even corn.

"In today's market it's challenging to escape the reach of soy, because more than 60 percent of the food commercially available contains some form of soy," she said. "Even the fast food industry is getting into the game by claiming zero

trans fats on many of their menu items, when in fact they are using soybean oil for frying and adding soy flour as filler to hamburger meat to increase their profits."

Gregg said there are three key tips for reducing your soy intake:

Stop feeding infants soy formula that has been shown to disrupt reproduction development and increase allergy risks.

More than 60% of the foods on the grocery store shelves contain some form of soy. It's important to know what to look for when it's not listed on the label.

Most sauces, broths, canned soups and salad dressings contain soy, although it is not always listed as an ingredient on the label because the product is used in processing the

foods, as opposed to as a direct ingredient.

Stop drinking soy milk and eating soy products, except for unfermented soy which consists of miso, natto, and tempeh. Eat more grains, vegetables, fruits and wild fish as an alternative source for protein.

"The FDA is the culprit for the proliferation of soy, because it has allowed big agri-businesses who have been funding political campaigns for years to cut corners in their food production by using cheap fillers like soy, pesticides, herbicides and now, genetically modified foods," Gregg said. "Many of these are the same agents the Environmental Protection Agency claims cause cancer. In fact, the EPA considers 60 percent of all herbicides, 90 percent of all fungicides

and 30 percent of all insecticides carcinogenic.

So why is the FDA allowing farmers to use them in our food? It's time to safeguard our homes from these foods, and at the same time, demand the government stop giving big corporate farmers a free ride at the expense of our health."

Dianne Gregg, author of *The Hidden Dangers of Soy* (www.hiddensoy.com) decided to research the role of soy beans in our diet and its relationship to diseases after developing a severe allergy to soy and nearly dying.

She has extensively studied this subject and wanted to share this crucial information to protect people's health. Her message is simple - soy is not the "health food" it's cracked up to be.

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is nothing more magical than experiencing a real winter wonderland where you can play in the snow, build snowmen and catch snowflakes on your tongue. Airlines such as Southwest, American Airlines and Airtran Airways are offering holiday specials, so you can pack up your family and fly to the nearest or farthest northern city to experience snow firsthand.

Hit the slopes. Yes, that does say hit the slopes. Many ski resorts offer first time skiers ski lessons, hotel stay, ski rentals and other perks for low per-person costs. Ski.com is one of the premier ski related Web sites dedicated to assisting novice and avid skiers find affordable ski vacations during the holiday season. Just imagine being with your family as you watch and join them in learning how to ski and play in the snow.

Head south for the holidays. Although North Texas doesn't see the harsh winters our neighbors near the Canadian border see, head-

ing even further south may give your family some needed fun in the sun. You may not be able to afford a family vacation in the Bahamas, but loading up the family and going to one of the many beaches in the Gulf coast creates spontaneous adventures for your family. There are great beaches along the Texas southern borders, which offer warm temperatures, pretty days and more photo taking opportunities than you can imagine.

Have the giving spirit. You may say to yourself, I already buy family and friends gifts. But this giving spirit refers to assisting a local charity, church or family in your neighborhood. Charities typically need help with holiday gifts, meals and other volunteer services.

Take your family to a local shelter, church or other charitable organization to teach your children how rewarding it is to give during the holidays. You can also consider sponsoring a family in your neigh-

borhood or church by donating toys, clothes or a complete dinner. This family tradition will teach your kids the value of family appreciation for what they have.

Attend a popular sporting event. Holidays and sporting events seem to be the newest trend, with some of the more famous sporting events being the State Farm Bayou Classic in New Orleans and The Lone Star Classic in Dallas, giving you a multitude of options for starting new holiday traditions with your family. Instead of watching them on television, try taking your family to the game. Cheering at the top of your lungs with your family could be a great memory for years to come.

Creating new holiday traditions and experiences for your family is just the beginning of developing a strong family bond. Your family will develop lasting memories by rethinking the holidays and enjoying spending the holidays in new places, doing new

things. While you may not be able to enjoy grandmother's favorite dishes, listening to stories of old or

yelling at the TV during the game, you will experience seeing new things and creating your own stories to

share with your loved ones. Go ahead and be bold and think outside the traditional holiday.

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Be a hard target for thieves during the holiday shopping season

(NDG Wire) As the holiday season approaches, the Carrollton Police Department wishes to remind residents of measures they can take to help reduce vehicle burglaries in the community. Seasonal shopping and the presence of extra money puts thieves on high alert.

While shopping, individuals can protect themselves by:

1. Always locking the vehicle. Motorists should roll the windows all the way up and check door handles before walking away.
2. Always set the alarm system if the vehicle is equipped.
3. Replace the lighter and close the flap on the auxiliary plug, if you have used it, before you leave your vehicle. Failure to do

so could be a telltale to a potential thief that an item of value may be in the car.

4. Remove all valuables or anything that looks to be of value from the vehicle (even accumulated loose change). A gym bag full of dirty clothes could look like a bag with a computer in it.

5. Do not hide a purse or wallet in the vehicle.

6. If items can't be taken inside, place them in the trunk before arriving at a final destination. Burglars often sit in parking lots to see what victims are doing before and after they get out of the car. They are watching to see where potential victims are hiding valuables or what they are placing inside their trunk.

7. When returning to your vehicle, have your

keys ready as you approach. Look inside your car before you unlock the door and get in. If you are concerned for any reason, simply walk past it and find help.

8. Leave the parking spot immediately after everyone is situated and seatbelts are fastened. Don't stay and write notes, balance checkbooks or talk on the phone.

9. Please report any and all suspicious activity and persons to the Carrollton Police Department.

10. If possible, park in a well-lit area. The best way to prevent the burglary of your vehicle is to secure it inside a garage.

For more information about crime prevention, visit cityofcarrollton.com/police or 972-466-3290.

Garland launches Scofflaw pilot program

(NDG Wire) Earlier this year, Dallas County launched a new collection tool that impacts those with outstanding fines owed to a city or county. And the City of Garland is the pilot city for the program.

The county implemented this collection tool for county fines and fees in February 2009 and has been pleased with its success.

Texas law allows counties and cities to block vehicle registration for those owing fines for traffic tickets and other citations. Dallas

County is coordinating implementation of this program and selected Garland to be its first participating city.

Garland was chosen because its Municipal Court is a court of record with a proven history of successfully implementing new and innovative programs.

The program will apply to all traffic and red light camera violations. Any fine that is more than 60 days past due will be flagged and forwarded to Dallas County. When the vehicle owner attempts to renew registration

for that vehicle with the Dallas County Tax office, registration will be blocked until the owner pays the outstanding fines and obtains a release form from the City of Garland.

The program's purpose is to create compliance with the laws that help create a safe, attractive environment for all area citizens.

For information about the Dallas County Scofflaw program, call the Dallas County Tax Office Customer Care Center at 214-653-7811 or visit www.dallascounty.org.

Save on adoption fees with Plano Animal Shelter discount adoption gift certificates

(NDG Wire) Persons wanting a warm and fuzzy holiday can take it a step farther by visiting the Plano Animal Shelter to purchase an adoption gift certificate for a special price of only \$60, a \$20 savings from the normal adoption fee of \$80.

The certificate, good for the adoption of a dog or cat, includes spay/neuter (if needed), worming, first dog or cat vaccination, bordetella and rabies vaccination, heartworm test for dogs (if old enough), a microchip, first year registration (Plano residents), a leash/collar, starter food packet with discount coupons and discounted puppy or dog training classes.

"We have an abundant selection of wonderful dogs and cats of all ages," said Ms. Debbie New, the Shelter's Senior Administrative Assistant.

"While Christmas especially holds visions of the children running downstairs

to find a fluffy kitten or

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State Rep. Helen Giddings talks with senior Jeremy Perez at a luncheon in her honor.

(NDG Wire) State Rep. Helen Giddings has done so much for the Academic Bridge Program that students and staff figured the least they could do was take her to lunch.

That's just what they did last month when they invited the Dallas legislator to campus.

A luncheon held in her honor was a way to thank Giddings for her work for the past 10 years to secure state funding for the program. Giddings secured the first state appropriation for the Academic Bridge Program in 1999. Since that time, Giddings has worked

successfully to ensure that funding for the program stays in the budget.

During this past Session that ended in June, Giddings was able to increase state funding to the program by \$462,500 for the 2010-2011 biennium. Given the tight budget constraints during this past Session, Giddings efforts are to be commended.

"Representative Giddings has been a great inspiration to all of our students and is a role model for commitment to our community," said Dr. George Fair, dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Several students and

alumni spoke at the luncheon, regaling Rep. Giddings with stories from their time with the program. Rep. Giddings thanked the students for their hard work.

Amanda Rockow, Vice President for Public Affairs, helped to coordinate the visit.

She commented, "Representative Giddings has been a champion for UT Dallas for a long time. Her role on the Appropriations Committee over the years has been very important for the development of this University. We just can't thank her enough for her support."

The Academic Bridge

Program seeks to attract, support, and retain students who graduate from Dallas-area urban high schools with high class rankings without having completed the full university-track curriculum.

The program is offered to select entering freshmen and gives students the opportunity to begin their university educations immediately after high school graduation.

UT Dallas believes strongly in the capabilities of these students and fosters the Bridge Program as a supportive introductory environment for those who choose to attend.

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ing data showing that during the current recession the joblessness for Blacks with college degrees is worse than those without degrees is surprising. Is this an anomaly or verification that education does not level the job playing field?

Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that while the national unemployment rate hovers at 10 percent it is 9.3 percent for whites and 15.6 percent for blacks (67 percent higher).

However, the unemployment rate for black male college graduates 25 and older is almost 100 percent higher than that of white male college graduates — 8.4 percent compared with 4.4 percent.

These percentages may raise eyebrows but they do not give a good perspective of how bad joblessness has become during this recession. The government's data since 1939 shows only one time when there was a larger percentage decline in jobs.

At the end of World War II a total of 4.3 million lost jobs because of war effort cutbacks. In no downturn since then did that many jobs vanish, until the cur-

rent recession's 5.6 million lost jobs.

Various academic studies have confirmed that blacks have a harder time finding jobs than whites.

The fact that race seems to be a constant obstacle in the job market for African-Americans, even those with degrees from Ivy League colleges, raises the question of systemic racism.

Is it still the dominant factor in employment disparity?

Discrimination in hiring may not be as much deliberate as it is the natural application of nepotism, cronyism and favoritism. Nepotism, cronyism and favoritism?

No, the words don't describe a disease. But some social analysts have alleged the three 'isms' are an affliction embedded in the labor market.

A study in *The Journal of Labor Economics* entitled "Manager Race and the Race of New Hires" found that white, Asian and Hispanic managers tended to hire more whites and fewer blacks than black managers did.

Given the widespread use of informal hiring prac-

tices the distribution of information on job openings plays an essential role in the success or failure in the labor market. Information about many jobs, especially higher-level ones, passes through gendered and racialized "good ole boy" networks.

This leaves blacks at a distinct disadvantage. The simple act of knowing about a job opportunity is an important initial factor in getting the job.

The problem is apparent even in the government's stimulus programs. An article by Tory Pugh of McClatchy Newspapers addresses the issue of equity in implementing job stimulus via the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

Various reports appear to confirm what minority activists and some economists have reported: that the intended benefits of the stimulus bill may not be reaching groups who are suffering the most in this recession.

Amid mounting criticism that minorities, women and low-income workers are missing out on jobs and business opportunities under the stimulus

bill, the Obama administration is urging governors to

work harder to ensure that these groups participate

fully in stimulus projects

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DISD receives 2009 Star Award



TWU's Partnering for Teachers program with the Dallas Independent School District received a 2009 Star Award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Shown accepting the award are, from left: Andrae Rhyne, manager of Project LIFT (Literary Instruction for Texas) for DISD; TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart; Dr. Nell Ingram, director of educator and leadership training for the Dallas Alternative Certification Program (DACP); Dr. Barbara Lerner, director of academic outreach for TWU; Dr. Claudia Rodriguez, executive director of human resources for DISD; Dr. Sandra Adams, coordinator of the DACP; and Toyce Fanniel, manager of educator and leadership training for the DACP.

McKinney Housing Authority is blessed by the community

(NDG Wire) Through the graciousness of local organizations McKinney Community Development Corporation, Curves, Kiwanis and Salvation Army and because of the incredible volunteer efforts of the local community through Volunteer McKinney Center, 3e McKinney, McKinney Ice Hockey Club, McKinney ISD sports clubs, Green Cord volunteers, and McKinney Housing Authority Resident Council, 100 families were blessed with a Thanksgiving meal that included all of the trimmings.

Making door-to-door deliveries seemed to be the highlight of this community-wide effort.

Joyfully expressed by hockey mom Christine

Raimondi, 'Last night my son couldn't stop talking about his experiences. I think you helped them more than they helped you.'



Participants include (left to right) Derrick Jeter, Roslyn Miller, McKinney Housing Authority Executive Director Beth Bentley, Nicky Leeks, Michael Babich, Zoe Miller, Contessa Corkern, Luke LeBlanc, Aidan Corkern, Aleah Evans, Mayor Brian Loughmiller, Michael Scott and DeWayne Owens.



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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CCBCC General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Call 469-424-1020 or email: info@CCBlackChamber.org for location.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or meeetup.com/378.

Group Business Seminars at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, (214) 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rdFriday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

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 Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

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

Through December- 30

Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts starring the world famous Radio City Rockettes. This is an unparalleled show featuring the Rockettes signature eye high kicks, and precision choreography in multiple show stopping numbers including; the legendary *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers* and *New York at Christmas*, a dynamic holiday celebration. Bring your entire family! Audiences of all ages will delight in this multifaceted spectacular including Santa flying high above the crowd, childhood dreams coming true in the Nutcracker and touched as the true meaning of Christmas is brought to life with the awe-inspiring Living Nativity - the beautiful story of the first Christmas. For more information please visit www.nokiatheatreDFW.com

Through December 31
Dinosaurs in December at Museum of Nature & Science, Dallas 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Admission \$6.00-\$9.50; Info: 214-428-5555, www.natureandscience.org

Through Jan. 3
Deck the Halls at Dallas' Old Red Museum at 100 S. Houston St., 214-745-1100 or oldred.org.

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to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for its sixth season, and includes a 50-foot rotating Christmas tree, magical train sets, a life-sized gingerbread house, and 1.5 million twinkling lights. For more information visit www.gaylordtexas.com.

December 18
Alpha Phi Alpha Cold and Classy Affair, at African American Museum in Dallas 8 p.m. Tickets \$40 per person and are tax deductible. Proceeds benefit the Alpha Merit Scholarship Fund. Ticket Info 469-487-6864

December 19-20
The Hit Stage Play *Suspicion, Lies and Sweet Potato Pies* at Majestic Theatre in Dallas 6:00 p.m. Ticket Info www.tdballardproductions.com or 214-514-7225

December 19
Big Screen on the Green Presents a **Christmas Story at Watters Creek** at 970 Garden Park in Allen at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free; info: 972-747-8000

J.Apparel and Quiescence, Inc. will host **Navigation Runway** to benefit youth from Texas Youth Commission at 4 p.m. at Nai Grill in Addison.

December 27
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January 2, 2010
74th AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic will be played at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington kickoff is set for 2:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at www.attcottonbowl.com or by calling Amy or Kelly at 888-792-BOWL or 214-638-BOWL.

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January 10, 2010
Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Percussion Junction** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. TICK-

ETS: Call 972-473-7262, prices range from \$7 - \$11.

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Staffing Issues in Today's Marketplace featuring Clifford Clegg, StaffOne at the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. Bring your lunch, beverages provided. Pre-registration required. Limited Seating. Cost: \$5 members and \$10 non members.

January 15 – February 7, 2010
Southwestern Exposition and Stock Show & Rodeo This popular event attracts nearly one million people from around the world to the Will Rogers Memorial Center for the nation's oldest livestock show and daily performances of the world's original indoor rodeo. A wide array of activities and events will entertain Stock Show guests. The carnival midway thrills the young and not so young while fashions, home furnishings as well as farm and ranch equipment will be offered by more than 200 exhibitors. Food for every taste - including a new destination restaurant called Diego's Cantina - will be found over the entire Will Rogers Complex. Of course the Stock Show is about "stock" and visitors will have the opportunity to see the best cattle, horses, sheep and many other species on display at one of the best livestock events the nation has to offer. The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - this thing is legendary!!! For times and ticket information, please visit www.fwssr.com

January 16, 2010
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January 17, 2010
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January 23, 2010
The Fifth Dimension will perform at 8:15 p.m. at the Eisemann Center - 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson. The reserved seating tickets \$14- \$80; Special rates for groups of ten or more; Add \$2 at the door. Call the Plano Symphony Orchestra at 972-473-7262 or visit www.PlanoSymphony.org.

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Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Silly Strings** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. TICKETS: Call 972-473-7262, prices range from \$7 - \$11.

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6th Annual Weekend Festival of Black Dance, at Naomi Bruton Main Stage, in Dallas 8 p.m. Tickets \$10.00 Info: 214-743-2400

February 21, 2010
Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Brass-A-Palooza** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. TICKETS: Call 972-473-7262, prices range from \$7 - \$11.

February 26, 2010
UNCF 2010 Annual Meeting Luncheon at the Hilton Anatole Hotel

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CBC members vow to escalate protests if Black economic woes are ignored

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
NNPA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

(NNPA) – The 10 Black members of the powerful House Finance Committee are still being applauded this week for boldly boycotting a committee meeting in order to force a \$4 billion allocation to benefit the Black community. They have told the NNPA News Service that they plan to escalate protests if lawmakers continue to ignore the suffering of their constituents, including advertising discrimination against Black newspapers.

“We’re out of the box, we’re full speed ahead and we are not going to sit back and watch our communities suffer in silence,” says U. S. Rep. Maxine Waters, the ranking Congressional Black Caucus Member on the Committee, who led the Dec. 2 boycott.

“The 10 African-American members of the Financial Services Committee have cooperated with the leadership, we have cooperated with the administration, we have supported the bail out and now we’re saying, what do we get for all of this cooperation? What are we delivering to our communities? And the answer is little or nothing.”

Describing horrid conditions in their districts that clearly illustrate disparate suffering in the African-American communities, each of the 10 members – in separate interviews – described what their constituents are dealing with and told why they must continue to act.

“Members of the Congressional Black Caucus are being bombarded with requests for assistance by minority businesses that have no capital,” continued Waters. “The banks won’t lend them any money. They’re either closing down or threatening to be closed down. The joblessness is off the scale. Not only do we have long lines seeking unem-

ployment, but on Thanksgiving Day around the country – including the scenes that came out of Atlanta and Los Angeles – there were thousands of people standing in line for turkeys and turkey dinners. In Los Angeles, I walked a four-block square place where they were giving out baskets. In that line were the disabled. One lady was 94 years old.”

Joblessness, frustration, hopelessness – the sentiments are synonymous from state to state.

“They’re going through a tremendous, tremendous desperation effort,” said Rep. David Scott (D-Ga.). “Even if you look at all of your own newspapers, advertising dollars are not there. We sit here as Congress people with tremendous leverage and power. It was so important for us to use that leverage.”

What the 10 Black members did was boycott the committee’s final vote on a broad-sweeping financial overhaul bill. Instead, they were over at the White House trying to obtain greater funding for economic advances in the Black community. The vote passed narrowly, but the CBC’s action effectively forced \$4 billion to the table to go directly toward helping people keep their homes after they’ve lost their jobs.

In addition to the needs of Black businesses, home owners and the jobless, a news release describing the boycott specifically sighted the importance of spending federal advertising dollars with Black newspapers.

“Like other businesses, access to capital has been a challenge for this industry as well. With declining ad revenues, newspapers everywhere are struggling to survive,” the statement said. Danny Bakewell, chairman of the 200-member National Newspaper Publishers Association, was credited by several members for helping to

spark the protest by his fire-brand lobbying around Capitol Hill.

Bakewell said he is delighted at the stance taken by the CBC, but much more

made inroads.

“We’ve met with AT&T. They have been very receptive. They represent what we believe at this point we can say is a good corporate citi-

impact from the community rather than by race.

That includes most of the CBC districts.

“Across the country, it is absolutely shocking,” says

by other newspapers.”

Part of the money will come from the TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program).

“There’s no more troubled assets than a job and your home,” says Scott. “So, now we are using our muscle to address the high jobless rates in our communities and the high foreclosure rate.”

CBC members are hoping to get even more as they continue to use creative ways to call attention to the swelling problems in the Black community that have shaken up the offices of the CBC members.

“The traditional role of a member of Congress before the economic downturn was to basically intervene with the federal government agencies on behalf of constituents, people didn’t get their VA checks or social security checks or they were needing help getting their travel documents or visas or passport,” says Rep. Mel Watt (D-N.C.). “But, disproportionately now, people are calling for grassroots down in the community help. I need food, I need housing. I need to be protected from a foreclosure. I need assistance with mortgage modification, I need you to find me a job.

Businesses are calling saying I can’t find any loans, I can’t get credit.”

They’re receiving the calls and emails everyday, says Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn).

“They say when’s our turn?” Ellison recounts. “We need real jobs programs. We need something to help small, minority businesses. We need to know that there is a vibrant, historic and very strong African-American business community here in the United States and in my state of Minnesota. It really struck me that every single industry is being severely impacted.”



The 10 Congressional Black Caucus Members of Congress who sit on the House Financial Services Committee are, from left: Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II (Mo.); Rep. Gwen Moore (Wis.); Rep. Mel Watt (N.C.); Rep. Al Green (Texas); Rep. Andre Carson (Ind.); Rep. Maxine Waters (Califf.); Rep. David Scott (Ga.); Rep. Gregory Meeks (N.Y.); Rep. Keith Ellison (Minn.); and Rep. William Lacy Clay, Jr. (Mo.).

must be done to recognize the power of the Black Press to the nation.

“We have been the backbone and the foundation on which America was built. And in this case, what we are realizing is that we continue to be the foundation on which many of these corporations make their profits and develop their brands throughout the country and we’re not going to continue to sit idly by and let them do that while the very fabric of our community is crumbling from within. We’re serving notice on General Motors, Ford, Toyota, and other automotive companies and the automotive industry that there will be no more business as usual.”

Bakewell and NNPA Foundation Chair Dorothy R. Leavell have begun a series of meetings with corporations and have already

zen,” Bakewell said. “We’re not asking for a bail out or a hand out, we’re asking for reciprocity and respect.”

Bakewell explained that the Black community, Black newspapers included, are being shortchanged for the dollars they spend with businesses and corporations.

“We’re asking what percentage of the market share do we represent a company’s business, their profit margin? If we represent one percent, we don’t expect to get anything more than one percent. But, if we represent 50 percent, we expect to have 50 percent of their resources and their effort going to strengthen their brand and building their brand in our community.”

In order to avoid legal ramifications, the committee agreed to target the money toward communities with the highest socio-economic

Rep. Al Green (D-Texas). “It is very unfortunate that we have to make this commentary, but the truth of the matter is that there are people who are suffering and who have not been identified properly... We cannot leave these communities behind. If it goes to the areas where the unemployment is the highest, it covers the people who are suffering the most.

Green says his office has found that the federal government spends about 5 percent of \$4.3 billion for ad-related expenditures on small business and minority businesses.

“We can do better than that,” he says. “These newspapers, not only do they benefit from the ads, but the community benefits from the message that the ads bring to the community because it goes to a corner of the community that is not penetrated

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Tiger Woods taking a break; so are his sponsors

BY PHAROH MARTIN

(NNPA) Tiger Woods used to be discussed as the "world's most marketable athlete." That's still the case, but the conversation has changed.

Intense media scrutiny following Woods' car accident in November has prompted the married golfer to take an indefinite leave from the sport to focus on his family, after he admitted to having extramarital affairs with up to reportedly a dozen women.

In turn, this has prompted many of Woods' corporate sponsors to re-evaluate their marketing relationship with their superstar client.

AT&T and Gillette have decided to distance themselves, stating they are supporting Woods' request for privacy. They have suspended endorsements involving him. Companies such as

AT&T and Gillette have decided to distance themselves stating they are supporting Woods' request for privacy. They have suspended endorsements that involve him.

Gillette said in a statement, "As Tiger takes a break from the public eye, we will support his desire for privacy by limiting his role in our marketing programs."

Telecommunications giant AT&T offered it's support to Woods and his family but did confirm that it is evaluating their "ongoing relationship."

Accenture, the largest consulting firm in the world, already announced that it will terminate its sponsorship agreement with Woods ending a six year advertising relationship.

"For the past six years, Accenture and Tiger Woods have had a very successful sponsorship arrangement and

his achievements on the golf course have been a powerful metaphor for business success in Accenture's advertising," Accenture said in a statement posted on its website. "However, given the circumstances of the last two weeks, after careful consideration and analysis, the company has determined that he is no longer the right representative for its advertising."

Coincidentally, PepsiCo has dropped Gatorade Tiger, its Tiger Woods-affiliated Gatorade product. The company maintains that the decision is not due to the Woods scandal but to poor sales.

Woods other major sponsors include Nike, Tag Heuer and EA Sports.

Before the scandal, Woods made an estimated \$770 million dollars in endorsements and winnings over 12 years and was well

on his way to becoming the World's first billionaire athlete, according to *Golf Digest*.

"I am deeply aware of the disappointment and hurt that my infidelity has caused to so many people, most of all my wife and children," Woods wrote on his website Friday. "I would like to ask everyone, including my fans, the good people at my foundation, business partners, the PGA Tour, and my fellow competitors, for their understanding. What's most important now is that my family has the time, privacy, and safe haven we will need for personal healing"

He continued by writing, "After much soul searching, I have decided to take an indefinite break from professional golf. I need to focus my attention on being a better husband, father, and person."

NeNe & Kim may not return for the upcoming season of *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*

BY TERRELL MENDENHALL
NDG ENTERTAINMENT
CONTRIBUTOR

Some very disturbing reality news reached television network this weekend, and it has nothing to do with Tiger Woods. According to the New York Daily News and People magazine, NeNe Leaks and Kim Zolciak are about to get the boot from the producers of *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*.

People magazine reports the two divas are holding out and demanding more money. The show's producers are not answering any questions, but appear prepared to find new cast members before the third season.

Bravo producers acknowledged, "At times, there has been intense heat among NeNe and Kim constantly feuding at each other." Bravo reportedly

held meetings recently to find the right women with dignity and wealth to join the popular program for the upcoming season.

A source indicated Bravo is aware of the risks if NeNe and Kim are cut, but "feels that the show is all about business and growth, and we are not going to let one or two people stop the show."

The Real Housewives of Atlanta is a reality series on the Bravo cable network. It highlights the lives of five wealthy, fabulous and social women living in the suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia.

Bravo producers have offered no comment regarding the potential cast shake up, and reportedly have not made a final decision regarding the fate of NeNe or Kim. However, avid fans of the program are waiting to see who will return.

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Beck group continues holiday traditions with Austin Street Centre

(NDG Wire) While the Beck Group's stellar reputation has been earned through contributions to prestigious projects throughout its history, its name also has a long tradition of being synonymous with charitable efforts. This holiday season, that Beck tradition continues at the Austin Street Centre.

25 years ago, Henry C. Beck played an instrumental part in establishing the

Austin Street Centre, a faith-based Dallas homeless shelter, and its purpose has been ingrained in the company since.

This year, the Beck Group will supply the residents with Christmas stockings, during a trip to the shelter for a visit from Santa. Beck will give out 100 stockings to the men and women, and 50 stockings to the children that may be at the shelter dur-

ing the holidays. Through donations from Beck employees, the company will be collecting necessities and treats to fill residents' stockings before Santa's visit December 17.

Beck, as a company, and through the efforts of individual employees, remains devoted to charitable endeavors, recognizing that help is needed regardless of the state of the economy.

Local networking group offering insurance plans

(NDG Wire) The No Limit Network has partnered with Sylvia Williams, an independent insurance agent, to make affordable medical, dental, vision and life insurance available for individuals, families and small businesses throughout the state of Texas.

To get a free insurance quote visit The No Limit Network Web site at www.TheNoLimitNet-

work.com, and click on the "Insurance" link. There are four insurance carriers to choose from, with additional carriers to be added in the future.

The No Limit Network is a business and social networking and marketing organization established to provide a wide and varied range of information solutions and resources to businesses and individuals, and provides a

forum to network and share ideas.

The No Limit Network's primary services include internet advertising, weekly newsletters, business and event promotion, event planning, networking opportunities, business coaching, and insurance options.

To learn more about The No Limit Network, visit, www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com.

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Congressman Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.) says his district has been hit especially hard in homeownership.

"My district in the city of New York is number one in foreclosures. So, more people are losing their homes and thereby losing wealth. And so much so that I've had to get not-for-profit organizations that have expertise in helping individuals work through these problems," he said.

"We really can't make a decision in trying to save people's homes. So they're feeling that the dream that they had, the American dream of having home ownership, they had it, but they're losing it and as result losing their credit, which might mean they may not be able to gain it again."

Rep. Lacy Clay (D-Mo.) says it's like the life blood flowing out of the communities.

Missouri, like the rest of the country, is hemorrhaging, especially in the African-American community from the economic woes of this country... There is no job creation, there is no

rescue or bailout for those African-Americans who have been caught in a cycle of home foreclosures, job losses and health care benefits, all of that is precarious to our community, unique to our community.

Rep. Eldridge Cleaver (D-Mo.) says his constituents are wise to the fact that they've been neglected while big businesses were bailed out.

"It is not just impacting the uneducated, it's impacting the entire community. We gave General Motors billions of dollars. They don't advertising in Black newspapers. They don't advertise on Black radio. That's not right. And there's no reason for us to remain passive or silent as that's happening."

CBC members have known all along about the disparate treatment of Blacks. But recently they were enlightened to the point of taking their consciousness to a new level of protest.

"As we worked through the process of getting to the point where we were going to vote for the final Wall

Street bill, it became more and more difficult for the 10 members of financial services to vote for it because it felt like we were navel gazing," said Gwen Moore (D-Wis.) "We saw that we were presiding over the entire collapse of the Black economy. We had to make a decision about how to get attention on a whole sector of our economy that was about to go under. It wasn't like the Black community was getting a hair cut, we were being beheaded."

With the Black unemployment rate surpassing 15 percent while the overall rate is at 10 percent, there is one cry above all others for which the CBC vows to continue to stand:

"Jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs," lamented Rep. Andre Carson (D-Ind.) "We're dealing with so many contentious issues in congress, to see people who are bold and unapologetic, you can't do anything but respect it whether you agree or disagree philosophically, the boldness that comes with that stand can't be overlooked."

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messages claiming to come from TWC, the U.S. Department of Labor, or any other agency regarding unemployment benefits.

TWC also warns unemployment benefit claimants to be aware of unscrupulous business operators who may try to charge a fee to file unemployment claims. Filing for benefits through TWC al-

ways has been free.

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backpack or large purse instead of lugging a rolling laptop bag or carrying it on my shoulder.

The HP Mini 311 has a polished black swirl imprint finish, and comes in at around \$399. But holiday sales have resulted in lower prices. And at that price, you get a beautiful high-definition picture, an 11.6" screen, an Intel Atom processor with 1 GB system memory and 160GB hard drive. It can be upgraded to 3GB and 320GB for better performance.

The relatively few drawbacks include the size of the screen and no plug in

slot for a jump drive. But for many users, neither of these issues may be a problem.

With some of the Web sites I accessed, the need to continually scroll down to see info was annoying. For example, when using the popular Hootsuite Web site (www.hootsuite.com) as interface to manage Twitter and Facebook accounts, I was unable to see any of the messages without scrolling down.

The HP Mini 311 features ease of portability and the integrated 802.11b/g wireless LAN, accessing the Internet on the go is a

breeze. The unit also includes optional mobile broadband with Qualcomm Gobi technology, so you can connect through your choice of provider.

The HP Mini 311 gives the user easy access to email, instant messaging, and social networking Web sites, transferring information is not a problem.

Although it lacks the ease of jump drive port, you can transfer data to/from other devices using the three USB ports included. If needed, a CD/DVD player is available as optional external hardware.

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that receive federal funding.

The Congressional Black Caucus has criticized President Barack Obama for not providing more direct assistance to African Americans during the recession.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood sent a letter this week to governors, urging them to do a better job of spreading the wealth in their transportation contracting efforts.

"I believe it is vital that we work together to provide small disadvantaged businesses and female and

minority workers a fair chance to participate in transportation projects," LaHood wrote.

He called for state officials to break up large individual contracts into several pieces so that smaller women- and minority-owned companies can better compete for them.

He also asked large contractors to consider joint ventures with minority and women-owned companies and to provide technical expertise to help these companies prosper and expand.

The Secretary wants states to set goals for

awarding more transportation contracts to "disadvantaged business enterprises" and is offering lending and bonding assistance to help make it happen.

It is amazing how often when massive government programs are initiated to alleviate the misery of working class Americans the equity distribution safeguards are not even discussed until after the wealthy have been allowed ample opportunity to cultivate their Nepotism, Cronyism and Favoritism.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com

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real dangers of global warming, we need to get serious about a new alternative energy economy, about green jobs and weatherization, about replacing coal and oil with wind and solar.

Free the oppressed with a Stimulus II, a new war on poverty to set the oppressed free. Eight million families and 40 million Americans, or 13 percent, live in poverty; fourteen million children under 18 are in poverty.

In 2008, 49 million people didn't have enough to eat, including 17 million children. In 2002, 35 million went hungry, a number that has since increased by 50 percent. In the end, this administration and our nation will be judged by how we treat the least of these.

The "other America" which shocked President Kennedy, still exists, hemmed in by stunted hopes, circumscribed lives and broken dreams.

Where do we go from here?

The president's new policy of escalating and expanding the war in Afghanistan is risky and expensive, and, despite a projected date to begin troop withdrawal, there is no end in sight. The war on terror is a real one, but it's a 21st century problem that cannot be "won"

by using 20th century strategies of military conquest. In his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Dr. King made these time-tested remarks, "...Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time—the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression."

We hope the president's plan is successful, and pray for the earliest return home of the 100,000 troops who will be sent to war in Afghanistan ... but doubts abound.

Where do we go from here?

We stay true to the principles that Dr. King lived and died for, and we rebuild our grassroots movement to press for serious change, structural reforms, peace and justice. Progressives have been far too silent, too passive in the face of winds of resistance and vitriolic reaction. It's time to stand up and be counted, to assert our progressive principles, and put a focus on policies and direction, not personality.

We celebrate last year's election, which ended the years of regression, repression and recession brought on during the Republican-dominated Bush years. But

we can't stop there.

I'm reminded of the apocryphal stories of FDR and the labor movement in the 1930s, and LBJ and the civil rights movement in the 1960s. As the stories go, the movement leaders met with these presidents and presented their demands, to which FDR or LBJ, in effect, replied: "I support you—now go out and make me do it. I agree with you, but I don't have the votes in Congress, so go get them!" We need to build a movement on President Obama's progressive flank that is impossible to ignore. We need to give political voice to our better ideals.

Isaiah speaks of beauty from the ashes, where ashes about beauty must abound even more. Where hatred abounds, love must abound even more. Where fear abounds, love and hope must abound even more. Fear limits us – hope unleashes creative genius.

Those hit the hardest by this crisis – those in the zones of pain - must organize. Often, the malnourished children, the homeless, the jobless, those families forced from homes to shelters, are largely hidden from sight. It's time to rise up and be seen. By acting collectively, the poor express their humanity. They

create a forum to tell their stories. It is time to act, to come together and march together. Human lives are being crushed by this crisis. We need bold action now.

We must act together to make our voices heard, in the streets and in the suites.

Absent an active and vocal movement, we cannot make our hopes for change

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DART and TRE make holiday plans

(NDG Wire) Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Trinity Railway Express (TRE) have announced services will operate on an adjusted schedule for Christmas and New Year's. DART route and schedule information is always available on www.DART.org while TRE information is at www.TrinityRailwayExpress.org.

Thursday, December 24

- TRE – Modified Saturday schedule
- Paratransit – DART Paratransit Services for customers with disabilities will operate regularly. Customers may call Thursday, December 24, to schedule service through Tuesday, December 29. Customers should call 214-515-7272 and choose Option 3 to schedule their

trip. Next day scheduling is also available using DART's automated booking feature, X-Press Booking.

Friday, December 25

- DART – Sunday schedule
- TRE – No service
- HOV – The high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-30 (East R.L. Thornton), on I-30 West (Tom Landry Freeway), the reversible S-ramp at the southern end of the I-35E (Stemmons) HOV lane, the direct connector ramp between the US 75 and I-635 HOV lanes, and the section of the I-35E/US 67 (South R. L. Thornton/Marvin D. Love) HOV lanes from downtown Dallas to Loop 12 will all be closed. The remaining portion of the I-35 (Stemmons) HOV lanes,

the I-635 (LBJ) HOV lanes, the US 75 (Central Expressway) HOV lanes, and the I-35E/US 67 HOV lanes from Loop 12 to Camp Wisdom Road will be open 24 hours a day as usual.

- Paratransit – Services for customers with disabilities will operate on a holiday schedule on Christmas Day. The DART Paratransit Scheduling Center will also be closed. This means regular subscription trips are canceled on December 25. Next day scheduling is also available using DART's automated booking feature, X-Press Booking, and the semi-automated voice mail.

Thursday, December 31

- TRE – Modified Saturday schedule
- Paratransit – Regular

service provided. Customers may begin calling Thursday, December 31, to schedule service through Tuesday, January 5. Customers should call 214-515-7272 and choose Option 3 to schedule their trip. Next day scheduling is also available using DART's automated booking feature, X-Press Booking.

Friday, January 1

- DART – Sunday schedule
- TRE – No service
- HOV – The high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-30 (East R.L. Thornton), on I-30 West (Tom Landry Freeway), the reversible S-ramp at the southern end of the I-35E (Stemmons) HOV lane, the direct connector ramp between the US 75 and I-635 HOV lanes, and the

section of the I-35E/US 67 (South R. L. Thornton/Marvin D. Love) HOV lanes from downtown Dallas to Loop 12 will all be closed. The remaining portion of the I-35 (Stemmons) HOV lanes, the I-635 (LBJ) HOV lanes, the US 75 (Central Expressway) HOV lanes, and the I-35E/US 67 HOV lanes from Loop 12 to Camp Wisdom Road will be open 24 hours a day as usual.

- Paratransit Services for customers with disabilities will operate on a holiday schedule. The Paratransit Scheduling Center will also

be closed. This means regular subscription trips are canceled on January 1. Next day scheduling is also available using DART's automated booking feature, X-Press Booking, and the semi-automated voice mail system.

DART administrative offices will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day while the Customer Information Center will be closed on Christmas Day only. Customers needing schedule information New Year's Day can call DART from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 214.979.1111.

Bishop T.D. Jakes expands church locations

"This is an opportunity for us to continue to share the Gospel and make a difference!" - T. D. Jakes

(NDG Wire) Bishop T.D. Jakes plans to bring in the New Year with a major change. The pastor of the 30,000-member Dallas-based church, The Potter's House, recently announced that he is expanding church locations to Fort Worth and Carrollton, Texas beginning New Year's Eve.

"Because many people are facing crises situations, I feel we need to take measures to go beyond our bor-

ders and begin to sow into the lives of those who are in need of change and growth. By extending our presence to multiple communities and diverse cultures, we will be able to not only accomplish this mission but the focus of my ministry as well, which is to help the hurting," said Bishop Jakes.

At the new sites, The Potter House will offer various outreach programs to assist former inmates, home-

less individuals and more. Though plans are still underway, Bishop Jakes says the outreach will be conducted in phases beginning with New Year's Eve service, known as Watch Night. This historic service will be held simultaneously at 10 p.m. December 31, 2009, and will link three locations via satellite. There will be a special Christmas dramatization and Bishop Jakes will deliver the sermon.

Visitors can take part in the service at any of the three locations:

The Potter's House of Dallas, 6777 W. Kiest Blvd. | Dallas.

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The Junior League and the Links, Inc. team to support SLANT 45

American Airlines Center also named venue for the program's year-end celebration

(NDG Wire) The North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee and Big Thought announced this week a partnership between the five North Texas Chapters of the Junior League and five chapters of The Links, Inc. that will result in a vast volunteer force to support SLANT 45.

This marks the first time that these chapters of the Association of Junior Leagues International (Arlington, Dallas, Fort Worth, Plano and Richardson) have ever come together in support of a single project.

SLANT 45 (Service Learning Adventures in North Texas) is an historic initiative that will involve 20,000-plus elementary-aged students (grades 3-5) from across the region.

These children will log at least 45,000 service-learning hours while tackling projects that better their communities. SLANT 45 was conceived and will be implemented by North Texas-based Big Thought (www.bigthought.org), one of the nation's leading non-profit organizations focused on improving public education through creative learning. The program is funded by Bank of America and local philanthropists, Ted and Shannon Skokos.

The five North Texas Junior Leagues and The Links, Inc. volunteers will help with registration, project coordination and curation of reflective art pieces. They will also assist the Host Committee and Big Thought with spreading the

word about the program. The SLANT 45 Action Team is chaired by former Dallas Cowboys fullback Daryl Johnston and its honorary co-chairs are the 43rd-President of the United States, George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush.

"It's going to require a tremendous amount of teamwork and commitment to execute SLANT 45," SLANT 45 Action Team Chair Daryl Johnston said. "These two outstanding organizations that represent more than 3,000 North Texas women will make the program meaningful and successful. Their role will be instrumental in providing these eager teams of kids the support they need and deserve"

The Association of Jun-

ior Leagues International Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The Links, Inc. is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African-Americans and other persons of African ancestry. Members commit themselves to be "linked in friendship" and give service through the organization's four program facets: Serv-

ices to Youth, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services and The Arts. There are five chapters in North Texas including Dallas, Fort Worth, Mid-Cities, Plano-North Metroplex and Trinity.

"The Links and Junior League are amazing organizations known for their service to the community," said Gigi Antoni, Big Thought President & CEO. "It's a privilege to have these two organizations modeling their commitment to give back to others. It is my hope that young people involved with SLANT 45 will grow up with a desire to continue to serve their community just as these women are doing."

Service-learning is a method of teaching through

which students apply their academic skills and knowledge to address real life needs in their own communities. Service-learning includes researching community needs, giving back to the community and reflecting on the experience by demonstrating knowledge gained through participation.

The Host Committee and Big Thought also announced that the American Airlines Center will host the SLANT 45 year-end celebration in January of 2011. This event will bring all those involved in SLANT 45 under one roof to celebrate the program.

For more information on SLANT 45 or the partnership, visit www.slant45.org.

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puppy under the tree," the responsibility for owning a pet is one that should not be undertaken emotionally.

Having the gift certificate presented allows the holiday season to pass with the recipient coming to the Shelter at their leisure to carefully select the pet that will best compliment their lifestyle and wants."

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Ms. New.

"But selecting a companion is something that should be the responsibility of the person who will be caring for and living with the pet.

This makes the gift certificate a great way to be able to give the gift of companionship, as well as enable the recipient to find the perfect match!"

For those who have carefully thought out the responsibility of sharing a pet with the family during the holidays, integrate them slowly into the holiday mix.

Any aged dog or cat will be adjusting to a new home, a new family, and can be easily overwhelmed by the parade of people, celebrations, decorations and flashing

lights.

Have a secure and quiet place for them to stay during gatherings. Make sure they have quiet time with the immediate family and a peaceful place for their food and water.

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Angel Veterinary Center Of Flower Mound launches their first ever "Shed The Pounds" contest to fight canine and feline obesity

(NDG Wire) For most of us, strained waistbands and belts are signs we've put on too much weight. But how do we know whether Bowser or Tigger have crossed the line from healthy to hefty? And does it matter?

The staff at Flower Mound's Angel Veterinary Center thinks it does matter, so they launched their first "Shed the Pounds" contest December 7.

"A pet's weight matters a lot," says Dr. Valarie Romo of Angel Veterinary Center.

"A one or two pound weight gain in a 10 pound cat may not sound like much in 'people pounds,' but that is actually 10 - 20 percent of their body weight. Also, an overweight dog or cat is at a far greater risk for developing serious health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes, urinary tract disease and arthritis, than their lean counterparts."

Statistics have shown that over 40 percent of the pet population in the country is not just overweight, but clinically obese.

So how do we keep from feeding our pets to death? Lee said the first step was educating the staff "The more they learned, the more they wanted to do something about it, which resulted in our 'Shed the Pounds' contest," said Lee.

And to raise awareness about pet obesity, Angel Veterinary Center launched its "Shed the Pounds" contest on Monday, December 7. "We are determined to educate our clients, and to support them in getting their overweight pets back to an

ideal weight and make the lifestyle changes necessary for them to maintain that weight," said Lee. "As with most things, the best way to do that is to make it fun, which is the reason we came up with the contest.

Owners must sign their pets up for the contest by February 7, 2010. The cat and dog that lose the largest percentage of body weight by August 7, 2010, will each win a free year of prescription food from Purina. Participation requires owners to bring their pets in for sched-

uled weigh-ins and diet adjustments, and except for the cost of food there is almost no expense involved. There will be prizes along the way and lots of support from the entire hospital team.

"This program is in-

tended to educate our clients about the effects of obesity on their pets' health, so that they can enjoy the love and companionship of their pets for as long as possible," said Romo.

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