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CRL research: Bank payday loans lead to long-term indebtedness

Detrimental effects found similar to storefront and online lenders

By Charlene Crowell (NNPA) As the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau begins operations, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) is releasing new findings on the growth and effects of a new short-term and high-cost loan product. Big Bank Payday Loans, a new CRL research brief, details how mainstream banks have entered the triple-digit interest rate payday loan market with a product that on average virtually guarantees repayment within 10 days. Yet for consumers, these loans lead to 175 days of indebtedness for the average borrower – twice as long as the maximum length of time the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has advised.

With many banks allowing up to half of a customer's monthly direct de-

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Secretary Napolitano announces Stop. Think. Connect.™ Campaign partnership with D.A.R.E. America

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign today announced a new partnership with Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) America — an initiative that will help protect millions of children from online threats by encouraging Internet safety.

"In today's world, Americans can use technology to engage with communities around the globe," said Secretary Napolitano. "Now, more than ever, it is important that all Americans — adults and children alike — learn to protect themselves online and do their part to ensure that cyberspace is a safe and secure environment for all Internet users."

Using the resources of the largest child safety program of its kind in the world, the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign will train D.A.R.E. officers to talk to kids and parents in their communities about cybersecurity, and provide them with the Stop.Think.Connect. Community Outreach Toolkit — an all-inclusive resource with simple tips

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Congresswoman Johnson announces funding for The Six Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

Wednesday Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson announced that The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza will receive a \$40,000 grant from the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH). The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza has been recognized by the NEH for its project - Shared Stories: Development of Oral History Programming about the Kennedy As-



sassination. "Congratulations to The Sixth Floor Museum at

Dealey Plaza for its on-going Oral History Project that preserves personal recollections regarding the life and death of former President John F. Kennedy," said Congresswoman Johnson. "I am so proud that people from all over the world come to experience this museum, which features this historical permanent exhibit, as well as offers monthly programs and educational resources."

The Oral History Collection includes the memories of eyewitnesses, local law enforcement, journalists, civic and political leaders, White House officials, filmmakers and researchers, Kennedy family acquaintances, 1960s schoolchildren, Parkland Hospital personnel, Museum founders and others related to the events of November 22, 1963.

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Bear Creek Community Church and North Dallas Gazette partner

Irving area students make use of their summer vacation by speaking their mind in "The Bold Times" newsletter



Pastor Andrew Jackson: (student/writer) Cameron Williams

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Annual Program Encourages Children from Shelters to Stay Healthy, Dream Big
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COMMENTARY

Women's Rights

By Steve Love, NDDW Member

The issue of women's rights includes birth control and its most controversial aspect, abortion. The conservative "Pro-Life" movement, which includes a consortium of Catholic and Protestant Christians, has turned the abortion issue into a highly emotionally charged political issue after the U.S. Supreme Court's Rowe v. Wade opinion gave a woman the legal right to an abortion.

Since that date, there

has been a constant drumbeat of opposition to Rowe v. Wade and efforts to circumvent its decision by creating roadblocks to providers at the state level (witness what has happened in Kansas) and by non-legislative means such as demonstrations and picket lines around abortion clinics designed to intimidate staff and patients. Some zealots have taken the extraordinary step of bombing clinics and murdering doctors all in the name of "saving babies."

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Denise Hall Brown

People often grieve in silence. It is common for people to feel isolated and alone when they mourn. But there is healing in support. Denise Hall Brown saw a need to promote the power of relationships and resources to aid in the healing process, starting with the publication of her first book, *2Grieve 2Gether: A Journal from the Heart Helping Survivors and Supporters Navigate the Healing Process* (ISBN 9780983317 005).

When Brown was 29, her mother was killed by a drunk driver. She lost her 5-month-old son tragically 10 years later. Since then, she's

buried her husband and an aunt who was like a mother-figure to her. From each hardship, Brown learned that grief is not something you ever get over, rather you get through. She experienced firsthand the wide range of emotions brought on by the rawness of grief. She has learned to be gentle with herself through each ordeal.

The premise behind *2Grieve 2Gether* is that grief is a process that should not be handled alone. The book is unique in addressing both Survivors (those who are dealing with the death of a loved one) and Supporters



(those who are trying to help them). The book is a compilation of journals that Brown kept following the deaths of her loved ones. The engrossing entries, followed by insightful reflec-

tions and tips on dealing with grief, show the highs and lows of her emotions in the days and months and years after the deaths. The book also includes helpful resources to assist the bereaved and their supporters.

According to Brown, anyone who has dealt with the death of someone close to them, or knows someone who has, can benefit from this book. "I wrote *2Grieve 2Gether* because I've met so many people who are hurting and even

more who want to help someone who's grieving but are unsure about what to do. In this book, readers get a very real glimpse of what I experienced following the deaths of my loved ones and what both survivors and supporters can learn and apply as a result."

Brown will discuss and sign copies of her book on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Delaplaine Center, 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick, MD. There will also be a memorial balloon release. For more information, contact the author at denise@2Grieve2Gether.org or 888-378-0202.

Denise Hall Brown spent 20 years working in

the insurance industry. Five years of that time was spent directly helping clients with their life insurance needs and the recovery that happens after someone dies. During that time, she experienced the deaths of four family members and committed to learning as much as possible about grief. Denise currently attends Hood College in Frederick, MD, where she earned a Certificate in Thanatology, the study of death and bereavement, and is currently working toward her Master's Degree in that field. *2Grieve 2Gether* is her first book. To learn more about the book, visit www.2Grieve2Gether.org.

Clarisa Wilson

Johnson Publishing Company appointed Clarisa Wilson as the new President of Fashion Fair Cosmetics, a global prestige cosmetics brand for women of color. Clarisa will assume her post on Monday, July 25, 2011.

"We are elated to have Clarisa Wilson at the helm of Fashion Fair Cosmetics. Her remarkable track record at Carol's Daughter and L'Oreal USA is a clear

indication of exciting things to come for our brand" said Desiree Rogers, CEO of Johnson Publishing Company. "I look forward to developing a collaborative partnership with such an industry authority and visionary."

For over 20 years, Clarisa has dedicated her career to anticipating and addressing consumers' beauty needs while building a plat-

form for continuous growth of the brands she works on. Clarisa began her career in the beauty industry with Revlon's Caribe Division and worked at Worlds of Curl as the Director of Cosmetics.

She served at Johnson Publishing Company as Director of Sales and Marketing for Ebone Cosmetics from 1992-93.

Clarisa was Global Vice President and General Manager of Mizani, a division of L'Oreal USA. During



her tenure at Mizani, the

brand won the Behind the Chair Multicultural Award in 2002 and 2003. Her extraordinary resume and strong background in brand building led L'Oreal to select her for the L'Oreal Global Leadership Team.

Clarisa worked as President of Carol's Daughter. She successfully re-launched the

eleven-year-old boutique brand into a national beauty brand for women of color. Under her strategic direction, Carol's Daughter grew its business exponentially by expanding distribution via free-standing, E-Commerce, catalogue, wholesale and home shopping outlets. Her dynamic initiatives garnered numerous industry accolades including WWD's Indie Brand Awards, Natural Health's Beauty Awards, and a Black Enterprise Award.

Cheryl Pearson - McNeil

How I spent my summer



By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil (NNPA) Remember back in the day when we had to chronicle our "How I Spent My Summer" adventures at the start of every fresh new school year?

Well, this week's column is kind of a version of that as I share with you how I'm spending my summer with Nielsen. It's pretty much how I've spent the last seven summers: traveling with my Nielsen colleagues across the country spreading the word about why you should care about research and the impact it can have on your

lives. Long before this column first appeared in your paper we were in your cities talking with many of you face to face. Sharing how Nielsen measures and analyzes consumer purchases

and online, mobile and media use in this country and around the world. We are here because here's the thing – If it weren't for people like you participating in Nielsen's measurements, surveys and panels to provide that data – there would be no data. So, my summer work schedule is two-fold: First, I get to meet as many of you as I can (which is always fun), always trying to empower "us" with the knowledge that we are so powerful as consumers. With our \$967 billion dollars of annual spending power, *how* and *where* we choose to spend our hard-earned dollars counts big time. That number is projected to be \$1.2 trillion by 2012.

Second, I am proud that Nielsen is a very active part of the communities in which we do business. A

few weeks ago, Nielsen was a proud sponsor of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) meeting in Chicago. I had the pleasure of speaking to the group and announcing Nielsen's alliance with the NNPA, which makes it possible for me to "speak" with you right now. This week, I am in Los Angeles, as part of Nielsen's sponsorship of the annual NAACP convention. We are hosting the Roy Wilkins youth luncheon because nothing is more important than educating and empowering our young people! (As the mother of a teenaged son, I know this firsthand.) Right on the heels of the NAACP is the annual National Urban League convention in Boston, where again I, along with some of my colleagues will have direct interaction with other African

Americans to help us understand and appreciate our power and influence.

Now, if any of you lis-

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Black farmers still face political hurdles to discrimination settlement

(NNPA) Despite a discrimination settlement and congressional and presidential approval for payment to cover past injustice, Black farmers in the United States are still struggling to get money and respect from government officials.

The latest attack is coming from Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) and her tea party cohorts who last week blasted the settlement recently saying that it reeks of fraud and that the money should go to flood victims on the Missouri River instead.

"When money is diverted to inefficient projects like the Pigford Project

where there's proof positive of fraud, we can't afford \$2 billion in potentially fraudulent claims when that money can be used to benefit the people along the Mississippi River and the Missouri River," Bachmann, said July 18 in report by MSNBC.

Iowa Rep. Steve King (R) agreed with Bachmann saying "That's \$2.3 billion; a large percentage of that paid out in fraudulent claims. Now we have them opening up a similar one for women farmers and Hispanic farmers. That's another \$1.3 billion. I'd like to apply that money to people that are under water right now."

It's not the first accusation of fraud in this case. At

a February forum in Washington, D.C., a blogger criticized National Black Farmers Association President John Boyd for his advocacy.

"Not one damn dime has been paid out," Boyd told the blogger, as reported by the AFRO. "And all of the sudden you've labeled 80 percent of these people fraudulent? Let them go through the process."

It is the latest slap in the face to the farmers who've been struggling to get money owed to them from the original Pigford vs. Glickman case, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture was found to have discriminated against Black farmers from 1983 to 1997.

Many were late in filing applications for funds and that led to more court action resulting in a court mandate stating that claimants who've not had their cases heard can seek relief or damages of up to \$250,000.

Both chambers of Congress passed legislation to pay the farmers and President Obama signed the order in late 2010.

That final hurdle is a ruling by federal Judge Paul Friedman who signed an order granting preliminary approval of the settlement agreement on May 13. He is set to issue a ruling Sept. 1 on whether the settlement should go forward.

Making the case that Medicaid works

By Anna Liebenow

You never know what obstacles life is going to put in front of you. When I was 25, I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Before I turned 30, I was using a wheelchair. When you have a disability, it takes a fair amount of creativity to make life work. Like millions of other Americans with disabilities, I found a way. I continued to work, volunteer and live my life.

After a few years, my MS progressed to the point where I could no longer get in and out of the wheelchair on my own. I was still the same person and still wanted to contribute something. But without help transferring from my bed to my wheel-

chair, I couldn't even get out the door. The world beyond my bedroom would be lost to me, and all I have to offer the world would go to waste.

Fortunately, Medicaid gives me the missing piece I need to make my life work. An aide comes twice a day to help get me into and out of my wheelchair. This doesn't just make a difference in my life: It makes the life I have possible. I work at an independent-living center and I volunteer with organizations that serve people with disabilities. The assistance I get means I can help others live meaningful and more independent lives.

For me, a meaningful life includes contributing to my community. Recently, I

was appointed to serve on the board of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. Many people with disabilities, seniors and others would be unable to get to work or to their doctors without public transit. Without Medicaid, I wouldn't even be able to leave my home to get to a board meeting. I think that says it all.

Medicaid also helps me buy medications that control my MS. Without Medicaid, I could not afford my medications, treatments or specialized wheelchair. No amount of creativity or effort would be enough to make my life work if I lost that care. In fact, I might be forced to live in a nursing home—which would not

only take away my quality of life, it would cost the taxpayers more than the help I now receive.

As I said, you never know what kind of obstacles life will throw into your path. Our country is facing the greatest economic challenges of my lifetime. Life has gotten much harder for millions of people. I know what that's like. People are making sacrifices to make life work, and I know what that's like, too.

Lawmakers in Washington are now negotiating a debt-reduction deal that will likely include massive cuts in federal spending. Medicaid as we know it is at risk,

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In short, what this faction is attempting to do is impose their religious beliefs on everyone else in society through legal means such as a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion or extending to the fetus political rights presently extended only to persons of sound mind and faculties. If that action fails, non-legal means including violence and intimidation are used. This is a blatant violation of the equal protection rights of all persons under the Constitution and especially that of women. It is also a violation of the religious values held

by the majority of Americans.

We Americans do not believe in one religious group imposing their values on another religious group. No woman should be denied access to any legal medical procedure. No doctor or clinic staff should live in fear for their life or respect in society for providing a legal medical procedure. No woman should be forced to carry a pregnancy to term that was the consequence of rape or incest, when she lacks the means or maturity to parent or it threatens her health.

It must also be remembered that the forces arrayed against abortion are but a small segment of the population arrayed against all forms of birth control. Before *Rowe v. Wade*, even before the birth control pill, the condom and diaphragm were targets of these activists. In the 1950s it was against the law in some states to buy condoms. Women went to Planned Parenthood because their doctors would not prescribe a diaphragm, or birth control pills. Planned Parenthood also terminated unwanted pregnancies, because local

hospitals would not allow such procedures.

The pill and the morning-after pill are all currently targeted for outlawing by this political faction. The abortion issue is not just a limited issue that only women with unwanted or life-threatening pregnancies need concern themselves. It is a broader issue that could put an officer of the court in a doctor's office and dictate the most intimate relations between a woman and her partner.

Love is a member of the North Dallas Texas Democratic Women

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The Amazing 5 Years of Summer Reading

Imagine your child is bugging you all summer. Constantly nagging you about not having anything to do. Well, just bring them over to the SRP (Summer Reading Program).

The Summer Reading Program is an amazing summer camp that not only prepares students for the next grade level, but also teaches children manners, character and biblical

awareness. The SRP started as a tutoring program for students

children still needed to improve their reading. That was five years ago. "We knew the students

It has always been a dream of Pastor Webb's to have a tutoring program at his church.

Mr. and Mrs.

Walker love teaching and educating students, Mr. Walker is a former principal and Mrs. Walker teaches elementary students.

They are all thankful for the volunteer workers that come out every day to help improve the learning ability of children within the community.

There are no requirement to work at the Summer Reading Program. All they ask is that you have a heart for children and helping them learn.

"We are passionate about teaching children to be bold in their speech, in their attitudes and in their lives," says Mr. Walker.

- D'Nario,
5th Grader



L to R. Irving Firefighter, Verni Delce, Maurice and Ruby Walker

But the students did not want their tutoring to end, so Mr. Maurice and Mrs. Ruby Walker had an idea to continue the tutoring into the summer.

Instead of calling the program tutoring they came up with the name "Summer Reading Program" because most of the

we figured we loved teaching so why not continue into the summer," says Mrs. Walker.

This is the fifth year of the program and it has been a great accomplishment not only for Mr. and Mrs. Walker but for Pastor Dennis Webb, Pastor of Bear Creek Community Church, as well.

The Worst Driver Ever! - Erika, Sophomore, Texas Tech

Drunk drivers are the worst drivers alive. They get behind the wheel of cars thinking that they won't harm anyone or simply thinking that they can make it to their destination safely. However, they soon find out differently. Drunk driving cases are very common but we tend to think, 'I won't happen to me.' Unfortunately this is not the case.

Late on a Friday night my younger sister, Taylor, was involved in hit and run accident. She and two of her friends were walking back from Sonic when suddenly their lives changed in for-

ever. A drunk driver's car jumped the curb and hit the girls from behind throwing them into the street. This person didn't care because not only did he/she flee the scene but has caused both emotional and financial damage. I see hit and run incidents on the news often, but never did I think my little sister would be the victim of such a horrific crime.

This year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported that 10,839 people will die in drunk driving crashes – one in every 50 minutes and 1 in 3 people will be involved

in an alcohol-related crash in their lifetime.

Since this has affected me personally, I decided to take a closer look at Texas. During the past five years, there has been approximately 126,000 three time DUI offenders; 1,200 DUI fatalities; and a state subsidy of drunk driving fatalities amounting to \$5.8 billion.

So I wonder, how well are we educating our children about alcohol? Are we doing a good job at home and are our actions lined up with our teachings? Are we exposing our children to alcohol not

just physically but through music and television? A recent study shows that 26% of people are using alcohol between the ages of 12-20 also there is a 17% of "binge" usage. Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking **five or more drinks** on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple hours of each other) on the at least 1 day in the past 30 days. This is alarming.

Fortunately, my sister and her friends are alive but they have scars and injuries that will affect them for the rest of their lives and ours.

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Talk it Out with Tony Grimes

Mr. Tony Grimes is the President of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). He has been the local president of ten years. The goal is to ensure that all persons get the equal rights that we deserve by eliminating racial discrimination

in educationally, politically, socially and economically.

Currently, the Irving-Carrollton Branch of the NAACP has over 120 members. Also, the NAACP 25 members in our youth program for students up to age 17.

We recruit and

ask members to recruit their friends, co-workers and family members. We also have membership drives to recruit new members.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of the NAACP then please visit www.naacp.org or call 972-259-3909 to visit our offices.

The Pastor Talk with Pastors Webb and Jackson

Dennis Webb, Pastor **Bear Creek Community Church**, boasted that his greatest accomplishments are being a pastor and the blessings from God to become a councilman for the City of Irving. Pastor Webb was born into a family of four. He started ministering after he was called and impressed it upon his heart. He believes that a pastor never retires because he/she is always going to minister to someone about something.

"I get a good feeling about being a pastor because I am

able to help people with their spiritual lives, even though it can be time consuming and emotionally draining," shares Pastor Webb. He realizes he is expected to teach people the Bible and to prepare people to work for God. He also stated that to be a minister means committing your life to full time service of God.

- Erica, 8th Grade

Reverend Andrew Jackson, **West Irving Church of God in Christ**, wanted to be a lawyer at an early age

but the Lord saw things differently. He count it a blessing when he see lives being changed; families coming together; communities jelling and all demonstrating the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

While he has enjoyed many accomplishments including raising three children. He understands the challenges of being a minister, which are long hours and much prayer but he remains constant that he has to uphold the commandments and standards of God.

- John, 8th Grade

Having Fun with Reading



Demarcus Robinson, Brianna Carter and Shania Whitfield

The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill

The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill is about a sixth grade boy named Rufus Mayflower who with his best friend Kate, decide to make their own toothpaste and sell it cheaper than the toothpaste that was in the stores.

- Asia, 7th Grader

Double Fudge by Judy Blume

Fudge is in love with money. He has plans to save his money and buy the entire world; or at least Toys R Us. But life get really crazy when Fudge has to deal with his weird twin cousins and younger cousin, Farley who acts just like Fudge. Before long, these cousins are causing just as much trouble as Fudge always has.

- Demarcus, 5th Grader

Frindle by Andrew Clements

Frindle is a made up word by Nick, the class clown and trouble maker. Nick gets everybody in on using the word and soon the teacher, Ms. Granger, holds the entire class for detention. She doesn't like the word and wants to make Nick stop.

- Brianna, 8th Grader

Max Malone Makes a Million by Charlotte Herman

Max has an idea to become a millionaire like Anthony Baker, 10, so he decides to do several different things to make money. He sells cookies, lemonade and even autographed baseball cards. Eventually he learns to never give up on his dreams and to be a good friend.

- Bryanna, 3rd Grader

Summer Fun



Nkonyezi Nanyamka helps Gabriella Montano and Cameron Williams with reading.



Sincere Ross and Lee Cummings



Bear Creek Reading staff and students on Dress For Success Day



John Taylor, Jr. interviewing Pastor Dennis Webb

Local student wins Google Science Fair; completes cancer research at UNT Health Science Center

Shree Bose, a high-school student from Fort Worth, is the Grand Prize winner (and also winner in the 17-18 age group) of the Google Science Fair and will receive a \$50,000 scholarship from Google. Bose did her research at the UNT Health Science Center, where her mentor, Alakananda Basu, PhD, is professor of Molecular Biology and Immunology. Bose will be a senior at Fort Worth Country Day this fall.

Lessons learned from the Ark

By Marian Wright Edelman (NNPA) As we take stock of the current state of America's children and the desperate need to change direction for the future, some ancient wisdom can give us a blueprint for setting sail and getting our children to safe harbor. Everything our nation and all of us need to know about life can be learned from Noah's Ark according to an anonymous writer.

Lesson One: Don't miss the boat. The United States is going to miss the boat to lead and compete in our globalizing world because we are not preparing the majority of our children for the future. The greatest threat to America's national security comes from no enemy without but from our failure to invest in and educate all of our nation's children. Every 11 seconds of the school day a child drops out. A majority of children

in all racial and income groups and almost 80 percent and more of Black and Hispanic children in public schools cannot read or do math at grade level in fourth, eighth, or 12th grade—if they have not already dropped out. Any nation that is failing to prepare all of its children for productive work and life needs to correct course—now. And all of us—parents, educators, community, religious and political leaders—need to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. God did not make two classes of children. Every single child needs and deserves a quality education.

Lesson Two: We are all in the same boat. Many Americans may not like or think they have any self interest in assuring a fair playing field for other people's children—especially poor and minority children, but Black, Hispanic and other

children of color will constitute a majority in 2019. Isn't it better to have them supporting the Social Security and Medicare systems and making sure a productive workforce is in place, rather than for us to be supporting them in costly ineffective prisons? Our states are spending three times more on average per prisoner than per public school student. I can't think of a dumber investment policy. We need a paradigm change from punishment to prevention and early intervention.

Lesson Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark. Tomorrow is today and children have only one childhood. They need to be healthy now. They need quality early childhood experiences now. They need first-rate schools with first-rate teachers and stimulating high quality out of school time programs now. And they need to know that

there is a good-paying job after college in their future. We must resist our quick fix, quarterly profit driven culture and invest in the future.

Lesson Four: Don't listen to the critics and naysayers. Just get on with the job that needs to be done to educate our children. If you don't want to be criticized, don't say anything, do anything, or be anything. Stand up and fight for children, all of them.

Lesson Five: For safety's sake, travel in pairs. Better still, travel in groups able to make a ruckus loud enough to be heard. We have got to stop those who are rhetorically hijacking Dr. King's and America's dream but subverting his call to end the poverty, excessive militarism and excessive individualism that's killing the dreams and hopes of millions of children. How can we justify massive tax giveaways to

the richest two percent and continue tax loopholes for wealthy corporations at a time when 15.5 million children are languishing in poverty?

Lesson Six: Remember that the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals. We must all use our citizen power, and vote to wrest our ship of state from that small group of experts and powerful corporate leaders who recklessly jeopardized all of our lives for personal gain. Use your own power to make a difference.

Final Lesson: Build your future, build our children's future and our nation's future on high ground. Let's leave our nation and world better than

we found it—more just, more hopeful, more peaceful, more productive, and more unified. This may be the first time in our history when our children and grandchildren will be worse off than their parents and grandparents. We must correct course with urgency and do whatever is necessary to get them to safe harbor.

We have pushed so many of our children into the tumultuous sea of life in small and leaky boats without survival gear and compass. I hope God will forgive us and help our children to forgive us. I hope we will work together with urgency to build the transforming movement required

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“You jump right into it.
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"It's Our Time Concert" at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Church located at 316 Watt Street McKinney, TX, Winston F. Douglas, Pastor – Info: Kenneth McGowen @ 214-504-8188

The McKinney area is under construction with the youth of today to bring a

word to the world that Jesus is doing something big and miraculous! He is moving in us to bring the word that we are the future and we are here not by mistake or to just be youth. BUT... "It's Our Time" to bring the word and tell everyone that Jesus is here and He is coming.

Rehearsal dates will be Aug 6 at 10 a.m., Aug 11 at 7 p.m., and Aug 13 at 10 a.m. Any additional rehearsals will be announced. All rehearsals will be held at St. James. All youth are invited to participate. For more info, contact Kenneth McGowen at 214-504-8188

August 1 Marks National Minority Donor Awareness Day

National Minority Donor Awareness Day (NMDAD) is celebrated annually on Aug. 1 and is a nationwide observance to educate minorities about the urgent need for donation and transplantation within the multicultural community. According to the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS), approximately 55 percent of those on the United States waiting list are

minorities. In 2010, organ transplants were performed on 11,499 minority patients; while there were 2,652 minority deceased donors. The designation also is a day to encourage more minorities to act on their decisions to become organ and tissue donors and to recognize those individuals who gave the gift of life.

"The goal of National Minority Donor Awareness

Day is to inspire people from all multicultural groups to become donors and dispel some of the common myths about donation," says Pam Blaney, Director of Nursing, Critical Care Services at Methodist Charlton Medical Center, and Chair of Methodist Charlton's Donor Collaborative Team. "We are glad to partner with LifeGift in spreading this lifesaving message."

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and tools they can use to stay safe while using the Internet.

"To stay current with child safety needs, D.A.R.E. has added programs in Internet Safety and Cybersecurity," said Charlie Parsons, CEO and President of D.A.R.E. America. "We look forward to continuing to work with the Department of Homeland Security on these important efforts to keep our children and America safe."

DHS remains committed to encouraging all Americans to take an active role in promoting online safety. The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign recently announced the winners of its Public Service Announcement (PSA) Challenge, which called upon groups and individuals to create and submit PSAs educating their fellow citizens on Internet safety. In the coming months, DHS will continue to expand the

Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign to encourage Americans to keep themselves, their families, and their friends safe and secure online.

The D.A.R.E. Program was established in 1983 in Los Angeles to address substance abuse. Since then, it has become the largest and most comprehensive children's safety program in the world, positively impacting millions of kindergarten through 12th grade students each year. D.A.R.E. is now taught in all 50 states and 45 countries around the world.

Stop.Think.Connect. is a national public awareness effort to guide the nation to a higher level of Internet safety and security by educating and empowering the American public to be more vigilant about practicing safe online habits. The campaign encourages Americans to view Internet safety and security as a shared responsibility — at home, in

the workplace, and in our communities.



Fact:

1.2 million registered dogs in DFW produce an estimated 900,000 pounds of waste daily. Pet waste can pollute the storm drainage system, including area creeks, lakes, and the Trinity River, potentially harming plants and aquatic wildlife.

Tips:

+Pick up after your pet during walks.

+Choose at least one day a week to collect pet waste in your yard.

+Dispose the waste by flushing it down a toilet or double bagging it as trash.

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and some proposals would gut the program. To put it bluntly: Cutting Medicaid would end the life I know. Taking away my benefits amounts to telling me that our government does not value the contributions I make. That would be wrong, and I don't believe it's what Americans want our government to do.

I am not a policymaker but I do know that slashing the kinds of benefits I rely upon is bad policy. Medicaid makes sense because it helps people live up to their potential. Eliminating the opportunities it provides is bad policy.

Not every American has as much at stake in this discussion as I do, but we should all be concerned

about the future of Medicaid. In America, we recognize each person's potential to contribute. When a person is working hard to overcome a roadblock, we don't throw another one up in her way.

Our elected leaders need to hear that cutting Medicaid is not what we need, and goes against everything that we are. I am the face of Medicaid: a woman who is not ready to give up on herself and is asking the government not to give up on her.

Liebenow is a member of The American Association of People with Disabilities and a disability rights leader in Rhode Island. Copyright (C) 2011 by the American Forum. 7/11

Ongoing

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CC-BCC 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, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday 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. www.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).

Target Second Saturdays at Latino Cultural Center On the second Saturday of every month family-fri-endly activities celebrating Latino arts and culture. Come in for one hour, or stay the whole day.

Business Empowerment Sessions. Learn to grow a successful small business. 1st Thursday of each month at

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dallas. Info @ 214-942-6698.

How to start a business. Free sessions on getting started the right way. Sessions held the last Monday of each month. Call The PLAN Fund for details 214-942-6698.

Oak Cliff Cultural Center, 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wed-nesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. www.tangocanyenquedallas.com

The **Art Centre Theatre,** 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will hold auditions for its summer productions. *Seussical* on May 7 and May 14; *Into the Woods* on May 21 and May 28 and 13 on June 11 and June 18. All auditions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theatre will also host a slew of summer dances for young children. www.art-centretheatre.com

Through August 7

The **Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus** will bring its 200th anniversary show coming to American Airlines Center. www.ringling.com

July 28-July 31

Comedian **John Witherpoon** at Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Road #250 in Dallas. Tickets are \$25. Call 972-404-8501.

July 30

3rd Annual Scholarship Concert will kick off at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is Wow Gospel- Lincoln High School Style. The world-renowned Maurine F. Bailey ALUMNI Concert Choir of Dallas Lincoln High School invite you to attend this free gospel concert full of contemporary and traditional songs. All current and former students, community organizations, musicians, and

gospel music lovers are encouraged to come and be blessed. The concert will be held at New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 2419 Metropolitan Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75215-3535

Telephone: 214-421-7211 Donations accepted. Proceeds from the concert benefit the Audrey Louis Jones/Maurine F. Bailey Concert Choir Scholarship.

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, corner of Canton and Akard streets in Dallas, will host a listening party for *Medicine*, featuring Ruben Studdard, Ann Nesby and Jasmine Guy at 6 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Theatre. Attendees must RSVP at TBAAL Box Office by 2 p.m. July 30.

July 31

North Dallas Community Baptist Church at 1718 Trinity Valley Drive, Ste 101 in Carrollton, TX 75006 (near Luna & I-635) will celebrate their **PASTOR & WIFE 11TH ANNIVERSARY** for Billy R. Robinson, Sr. Pastor at 11 a.m. The guest speaker is Rev. Charles S. Wattle, Pastor at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. Food served after church service, ALL ARE WELCOME!

August 5-7

Lewisville Summer Musicals hosting four performances of "Hello Dolly" presented by Texas Family Musicals at the Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater. Ticket prices for individual shows are \$35, \$33 and \$28, depending on the seating. Discounts are available for groups of 12 or more. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Info: www.Texasfamilymusicals.com 800-547-4697

August 6

Maze featuring **Frankie Beverly and Boys II Men** will play the Verizon Theatre. Doors open at 7 p.m., show

begins at 8.

Aug. 1-Sept. 2:

"Citizens at Last: The Women's Suffrage Movement in Texas," at The Women's Museum, Dallas

August 3 – September 6

"Seen and Unseen" Pastel Exhibit by Sue Parks at the Garland Granville Arts Center Gallery is a retrospective collection of pastel and watercolor paintings created from 1990 to 2011, from Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during all performances.

August 12 - 13

Youth Conflict Resolution Center, Inc is inviting you to a girls overnight mini conference for girls 10-14 at the Elose Lundy Recreation Center. Info: 214-220-9510 or 214-670-6781 www.youngmediators.org

August 12-14

Suspicion! Lies! & Sweet Potato Pies starring Jennifer Holliday is slated to play at the Naomi Bruton Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster. www.tbaal.org

August 13

5th Annual "Do the Writing Thing" Writing Workshop 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Tarrant County College – Northeast Campus, 828 W. Harwood in Hurst, Texas. The cost is \$50.00; includes meals and workshop materials; On-site registration is \$75.00; \$25.00 for students

Teens Reaching Teens' **"8th annual Keepin' It Real! Youth Empowerment Summit"** for youth in grades 6th-12th; Saturday, August 13th from 8:30 am -3:30 pm., Mountain View College, 4849 W. Illinois Avenue in Dallas. To register, visit www.keepinitreal.org or www.teengraffiti.com or call 972-496-9457. Registration is FREE. Pre-registration is required.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce is hosting **"Leadership Roles and Responsibilities"** Workshop. The guest speaker is LaShon D. Rossthe Deputy City Manager, City of Plano, Texas from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Reel Thing Catfish Café, 600 E. Main Street, in Allen phone number is 972-396-5000 the cost is \$10. RSVP online at CCBLACKCHAMBER.org

Steve Harvey to host the **2011 Ford Hoodie Awards** at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas

Amon Carter Museum's 50th Anniversary Bash in Fort Worth

August 13-14

Garland Civic Theatre has scheduled auditions for "Pillow Talk" adapted by Christopher Sergel from the movie classic by Stanley Shapiro and Maurice Richlin on beginning at 1:00 p.m. Callbacks begin at 5:00 p.m. on the August 14. Info: www.garlandcivictheatre.org or 972-485-8884

August 14

Hatch Chile Festival on Market Street in Colleyville

"It's Our Time Concert" at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Church located at 316 Watt Street McKinney, TX, Winston F. Douglas, Pastor – Info: Kenneth McGowen @ 214-504-8188

August 19-21

Tax-free weekend

August 20

AnyEvent Event Planning Services is hosting **Event Planners Boot Camp** at UTA, 701 S. Nedderman Dr. Arlington, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Info: Teri Robinson at 214-376-6530 or at teri@anyevent.org. Register online at www.anyevent.org.

September 10

It's My Park Day 8 a.m. – noon hosted by City of Dallas

September 15-18

Addison Oktoberfes Grape-Fest in downtown Grapevine

September 23-24

Jazz by the Boulevard in the Cultural District in Fort Worth

Mexico 2000 Ballet Folclorico "Mexican Influences"; 6:30 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center - Brownlee Auditorium Tickets \$15 general admission and \$12 seniors and children under 7 years old. Info: Alex Palencia at 972-429-1082

September 30

State Fair of Texas opens at Fair Park

October 22-23

Fort Worth Alliance Air Show

November 3-6

AAA Texas 500 Weekend at the Texas Motor Speedway

November 9-13

Lone Star International Film Festival in Fort Worth's Sundance Square

Nov. 5-Jan. 8

"John Marin: Modernism at Midcentury" at Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth

November 18

7th Annual Real Girls Real Women Luncheon Venus Williams will be the speaker for the event this year at the Hilton Anatole Dallas. Doors open 11:30 a.m., Program 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

November 24

Turkey Trot in downtown Dallas

November 25

The Parade of Lights in Fort Worth's Sundance Square

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Kids' University Gives Campers a Taste of College

Annual Program Encourages Children from Shelters to Stay Healthy, Dream Big

With chants of "I don't quit, I don't quit," the voices of more than 150 children brought this summer's Kids' University to a close.

"We are continuing to meet the needs of this group of children that face a challenging environment, we are continuing to meet the needs of the community –

School of the Arts, delivered a message about enduring. Magdaleno's story of growing up in poverty surrounded by abuse and violence triggered the chanting of "I don't quit."

"You may not be able to change where you've been, but you can change where you're going," Magdaleno said.

Kids' University runs on the volunteer efforts of Rainbow Days, a nonprofit group whose mission is to provide children living in high-risk situations with the skills and support they need to overcome adversity and stay drug free.

"Our relationship with UT Dallas and Dr. Fair over the past 16 years continues to get better and better," said Kelly Wierzbinski, Director of Family Connection at Rainbow Days. "When we first started with only 40 to 50 children I never imagined it would expand into two weeks of



Graduates celebrate the end of a fun-packed four days.

campers to support the ever-growing population of homeless in Dallas. Dr. Fair makes everything so easy at UT Dallas and does everything he can to make it successful. I consider Dr. Fair not only a wonderful educator with a big heart making a difference in this world but also someone I look up to. In a lot of ways he is a hero to me and to the children we serve. Dr. Fair's heart-felt invitation to every camper to come back

to UT Dallas as a student

ture."

About 1,600 children have participated since the camps began in 1995.

Over the years, Kids' University has changed as circumstances have warranted. In summer 2006, a second session was added for the youngest victims of Hurricane Katrina. More recently, Kids' University expanded to two sessions to meet the needs of children affected by the national economic downturn.

For more information,



Daryl, 10, and Karen, 9, are brother and sister. "There's a lot more than doing drugs," Daryl said. "You can make your own choices."

The annual four-day camp is designed to give children from local homeless shelters the chance to experience a college environment. In addition to math and science, classes emphasized healthy lifestyles. Campers prepared organic and natural foods, made art and learned discipline in karate and balance in yoga. The camp also stressed the importance of drug-free living.

that's why we do this," said Dr. George Fair, dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. Fair oversaw the upstart of the camp 16 years ago and continues to be UT Dallas' primary Kids' University liaison.

The camp ends each year with a graduation ceremony. This year's speaker, Raul Magdaleno, assistant director of community outreach at Southern Methodist University's Meadows



Dr. George Fair congratulates a Kids' University student dressed in full regalia during the graduation ceremony.



Iyke, 10, (left) and Trevor, 11 (right). "Don't drop out; make healthy decisions. What you're doing can really affect you," Iyke said. "That's what we're learning."

carries momentum and inspiration for a brighter fu-

go to the Rainbow Days website.

'Round About DFW

Through July 31

The DeSoto Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run Drive in DeSoto, will present *Beehive: The 60s Musical* on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$20 per person) and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (\$15 per person). For tickets, call 972-989-7530 or visit www.desotoartscommission.com

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July 30

The *third annual scholarship concert* is slated for 6:30 p.m. at New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 2419 Metropolitan Ave. in Dallas. Donations are accepted but the concert is free. All current and former students, community

organizations, musicians and gospel music lovers are encouraged to attend. This year's theme is Wow Gospel – Lincoln High School Style. Proceeds benefit the Audrey Louis Jones/Maurine F. Bailey Concert Choir Scholarship. Call Shayla Williams, 214-564-0548.

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NDG Gossip: Kim K. bachelorette party prop worth a second look

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

I really don't like when there is a slow black celebrity gossip news day. When this happens, I am led to write about **Kim Kardashian**, and I really don't like writing about her. But, for some reason I should be happy. Otherwise, I would not have a weekly column. I came across an item on Young, Black and Fabulous about her bachelorette party that was held Saturday in Las Vegas. I came of across the

usually pics – Kim K. with her bride of Frankenstein sister Khloe, Lamar Odom, and her soon-to-be unlucky husband, NBA player Kris Humphries. What shocked me the most about the party wasn't the guests; it was one of the props some of the female guests were sipping from – straws that resembled a black man's penis. I actually found myself laughing at this woman's antics. I thought to myself either this woman is a freak or she really misses Reggie Bush.



Lauryn Hill

And baby makes six
Congratulations are in
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While watching professional sport I realize that African-Americans athletes are still dominating their perspective sports. They are jumping over cars, making game winning shots, and running faster than ever before.

They are told by parents, coaches, girlfriends, advisors and others who want in on the American dream that they are the man. No, they are not the man just young men entertaining fans and corporations each week with their fetes. Their careers are now shortening from 6 years to 4 years and the contracts are not guaranteed while the injuries will continue to linger in their body before the first social security check.

The owners of the NFL, NBA, and MLB, are reaping financial monies that will be in their families for generations from the player's heroics on the football field. The TV contracts, sponsorships packages, corporate suites, licensing agreements, and other busi-

Ownership is the only way

ness ventures makes these guys billionaires, They are the "man" as they build wealth and groom their sons and daughters to take over the family business in the future.

As the NFL lockout ended on Monday the owners got what they want and the players got hoodwinked again. Did the players get what they wanted? I say no, because the players never considered being owners someday. Their mindset is I got my cars, houses, jewelry, tattoos and they are invincible.

The NFL Players Association and owners agreed on a 10 year Collective bargaining agreement, but didn't implement some type of policy during the 10 years where an African-American majority owner will be in place by 2022. Both parties should have agreed on creating a NFL committee of retired players, investors, financial institutions and others to have a minority investment team in position when a team comes up for sale or expansion.

The good "ole boy" system of the NFL have not embraced African-American owners as

serious players because that would disrupt their country club setting. Neither the NFL players association nor their financial advisors seems interested in life after football and the mainstream media doesn't write articles or blogs on the subject.

African-Americans players has made the NFL billions of dollars since Marion Motley played his first game in 1946 when he was called some of the racist names you could imagine. A league where 71 percent of the players African-American and no minority owner is an embarrassment for a league that implemented the Rooney Rule. The rule requires National Football League teams to interview minority candidates for head coaching and senior football operation opportunities.

The NBA made history by endorsing BET mogul Bob Johnson has the first African-American owner when he purchased the Charlotte Bobcats in 2004, and sold the majority stake to Michael Jordan in February 2010.

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ten to the *Steve Harvey Morning Show* or the *Tom Joyner Morning Show* (I'm a huge fan of *both*), then you know that Nielsen works with both to help in their respective community outreach efforts. This is our second year sponsoring Steve Harvey's Hoodie Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada in August. I love the whole concept of the Hoodies, which is to celebrate those "unsung heroes" in our neighborhoods; the "real stars of the community." Nielsen's role as a sponsor is to host an Interactive Expo. *SHMS* listeners also had the opportunity to win one of Nielsen's 10 all-expense paid trips to the weekend-long event, which culminates in the highly-an-

icipated awards show.

Then, we partner with the *Tom Joyner Morning Show* as a sponsor of the annual Tom Joyner Black Family Reunion in Orlando, Florida in September. Listeners of the *TJMS* have the opportunity to enter to win an all-expense paid trip for four. Nielsen will be featured at the Reunion with a booth, which is another fun opportunity to again engage us – the African American consumer.

Also in September, Nielsen is again a sponsor of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. In addition to a booth where we can meet all of you, Nielsen has sponsored workshops

and braintrusts addressing issues critical to the African American community. Other national sponsorships include 100 Black Men of America and the American Black Film Festival.

I am proud of what Nielsen does and it is my honor to share with you in these columns all of the various Nielsen insights into our consumer behavior that I am privy to. Embrace your power, family! Hope I get to meet you this summer.

Cheryl Pearson-McNeil is senior vice president of public affairs and government relations for Nielsen. For more information and studies go to www.nielsen-wire.com

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posit income, or up to \$750, an average 44 percent of a bank payday customer's next deposit is used to repay bank payday loans. For older borrowers already living on fixed incomes, the average bank payday loan repayment from a Social Security check was 43 percent. Senior customers are also 2.6 times more likely to have used a bank payday loan than bank customers as a whole.

Even without bank payday loans, more than 13 million older adults are considered economically insecure, living on \$21,800 per year or less. One-fifth of older households have annual incomes below \$50,000 but report spending more than 40 percent of their income on debt payments.

Senior women whose lower lifetime earnings result in diminished pension benefits are at acute financial risk – as are African-American seniors with on average only one-sixth of the wealth of older whites.

Although state and federal laws protect Social Security benefits from garnishment by debt collectors or payday lending to military families, problems still persist. For example, if a

bank acts as its own debt collector, or a military family takes out back-to-back loans, the door to long-term indebtedness for both borrowers still opens.

The irony to these lending abuses are occurring against a financial backdrop of nearly \$6 trillion in lost American household wealth since 2006, an unemployment rate hovering north of nine percent, and nearly half of Americans currently lacking the financial capacity to cope with an unforeseen but costly emergency.

Add to those troubling statistics, a \$10 fee for every \$100 borrowed and automatic repayment to the banks with an opportunity to add more fees if accounts become overdrawn and people of all ages just become poorer with payday loans.

Youthful vigor might enable younger borrowers to take a second or temporary job to end the payday debt trap. But as a country do we want our young people growing up to believe that 400 percent loan interest is the best that they can expect?

Or what's an older person to do? Do we really want to become a country that allows lenders to tar-

nish what ought to be golden years for older Americans?

Now that a federal consumer watchdog agency – the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is available to work with state officials to end financial abuse, a lot of work awaits the bureau. In the meantime, CRL is calling for federal regulators to:

• Use immediate supervisory and enforcement authority to stop the banks it supervises from making payday loans;

• Impose a moratorium on payday loans offered by banks under its supervision while data collection on the impact of this product on consumers is further refined – particularly its impact on communities of color; and

• Limit high-cost, short-term single payment loans to 90 days' indebtedness or six loans per year – whichever is less.

We'll soon see if anyone is listening.

Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's communications manager for state policy and outreach. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org

Irving City Council to host town hall meetings

Irving residents are encouraged to come out and meet with newly elected Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne and City Council members from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at one of three upcoming Town Hall Meetings.

• Aug. 2, Irving Mall, 3880 Irving Mall (lower level, food court entrance)

• Aug. 10, Ranchview

High School, 8401 Valley Ranch Parkway East

The interactive meetings will be facilitated by City Council members and will allow residents to weigh in on community matters including the 2011-12 Strategic Plan, Heritage Crossing redevelopment, proposed entertainment venue, city budget and public safety.

"This town hall meeting format breaks new ground and allows for more interaction with the residents and their elected officials," said Van Duyne. "We want to hear from our residents and are hopeful that those who have not had the opportunity to be as involved in the community will join us for one of the Town Hall Meetings."

McKinney neighbors to celebrate National Night Out on Aug. 2

Public safety officers spread crime awareness

For the 15th year, the McKinney Fire and Police Departments join forces

with communities across the city to celebrate the National Association of Town

Watch's well-known and celebrated program called

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National Relaxation Day is August 15: Take It Easy!

National Relaxation Day is Monday, August 15. Plan to celebrate any time during August by treating yourself to a break. Here are a few suggestions from Massage Envy, the leading provider of massage therapy in the U.S., to dial down the stress:

- Take a whole day or part of a day off. Sleep late. Lounge around the house. Enjoy a lazy day.
- Do something you enjoy. Listen to music, read a good book, watch a movie.
- Visit a tranquil, relaxing place like a lake, the beach, the mountains or a quiet restaurant.

- Spend time relaxing in the tub or on your deck or patio.

- Take a technology break -- no emails, texting or tweets; let calls go to voice mail. Soak up the silence.

- Pamper yourself. Visit a spa. Enjoy a massage. (At Massage Envy, an introductory one-hour massage session is just \$49.)

- Don't cook. Dine out or order in. Put housework, yard work and errands on hold. This is your day to relax.

When you take a break from your fast-paced and

hectic schedule, you're saying no to stress. Visit one of the 27 Dallas/Fort Worth Massage Envy locations to learn more about how massage therapy can help you relax and de-stress.

At Massage Envy, an introductory one-hour massage session (a 50-minute massage and time for consultation and dressing) is just \$49. Memberships are available for \$59 per month and include a one-hour massage session. Members can enjoy unlimited additional one-hour massage sessions at the \$39 member rate.

Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns to speak at Dallas Bar Association

Ken Burns, well-known documentary film maker, will be at the Belo Mansion on Wednesday, August 17, at 6:00 p.m. to preview and discuss his upcoming PBS series, Prohibition. The event, sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association, the

Dallas Bar Association Business Litigation Section and the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Ft. Worth, is open to the public.

As part of the event, Talmage Boston, of Winstead PC, will be interviewing Mr. Burns on stage in

between showing clips from Prohibition.

According to PBS, Prohibition is a three-part, five-and-a-half-hour documentary film series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick that tells the story of

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LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on September 28, 2011. You have until March 26, 2012, to redeem any tickets for these games:

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National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

“National Night Out is an important outreach event that allows our police officers and fire fighters to personally interact with our community. Together, we can celebrate our safe city and also extend our relationships to continue to make McKinney one of the safest cities in the country,” said National Night Out coordinator and McKinney Police Officer Randy Haak.

The annual event serves to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighbor-

hood spirit and police-community relations and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Neighborhoods interested in participating should contact the McKinney Police Department at 972-547-2700. The first City Council meeting in August will be held Monday, Aug. 1, to allow the community to participate in National Night Out. Typically, Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

This year the P.R.I.D.E. (Promoting Resident Involvement, Development and Enthusiasm) neighbor-

hood groups, including Lewisville, La Loma, Mouzon, Rockwall and Wilcox will gather at Wattle Park on Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The P.R.I.D.E. Program is designed to help maintain and increase sus-

tainability in neighborhoods that do not have a homeowner association. For more information about this P.R.I.D.E. event please contact the Community Services Department at 972-547-7577.

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July 30, 8 a.m.
We will bless the community with a Community Give Back lunch at the Samaritan Inn; visiting Victoria Gardens Nursing Home and have other special projects lined up. To volunteer contact Deacon Frank Gray, Jr. at 972-359-9956.

July 31, 9:30 a.m.
Join us for Super Sunday as we celebrate family, friends and we praise and worship God.

August 3, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Wednesday Night Live in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive. Also, come to our Corporate Prayer and our Kidz Zone, an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.

August 5, 8:30 p.m.
Join us for "Spiritual First Friday's Open Mic Night!" at First Baptist Church of Allen's Youth Building, 303 E. Main Street in Allen. There will be food, poets, singers, rappers and more. Open to all ages.

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July 29, 7 p.m.
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July 31
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August 3, 7 p.m.
Come to our Wednesday's Bible class as we study the word of God and praise Him for His goodness.

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July 30, 12 Noon
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July 28, 8 p.m.
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July 31 through August 2
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August 1 & 2
Prayer Conference Morning Glory in the Sanctuary at 6 a.m. & Evening Worship at 7 p.m.

August 2, 12 Noon
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"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well." *Psalms 139:40 (KJV)*

What measurements do you use to define your value in life? Is it based on your financial assets? Do you measure it on what you have achieved professionally? Is it based on who you personally know? Perhaps you measure it on the number of children you have or who you married; it may even be on who your friends are.

There are many things that can be used to measure your value in this world. However, the Scriptures tell us there is only one measure for our value. Each of us has self-worth because we are made in the image of God. And because we are made in the image of God, we are valuable. Whenever a value is placed on our life that is based on some other performance criteria, we have moved beyond God's view of our worth as human beings. You are never more valuable to God than you were the day

you were born.

Many individuals have sought to determine their self-worth based on the amount of money they have. This is a dangerous trap. Apostle Paul warns us against seeking to build wealth in order to gain greater value. He came to understand that the greatest riches could not compare with knowing Christ. In fact, Paul considered all other material things to be mere rubbish in comparison: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ," *Philippians 3:7-8 (KJV)*

Basing our self-worth on how much money we have or our achievements is an easy trap. We are bombarded with messages that say we are defined by what we drive, where we live, how many toys we own and the size of our investment account. The media message is designed to create dissatisfaction and lust for what we don't have.

Measuring Your Self-Worth

Apostle Paul said the purpose for his existence was, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death;" *Philippians 3:10 (KJV)*

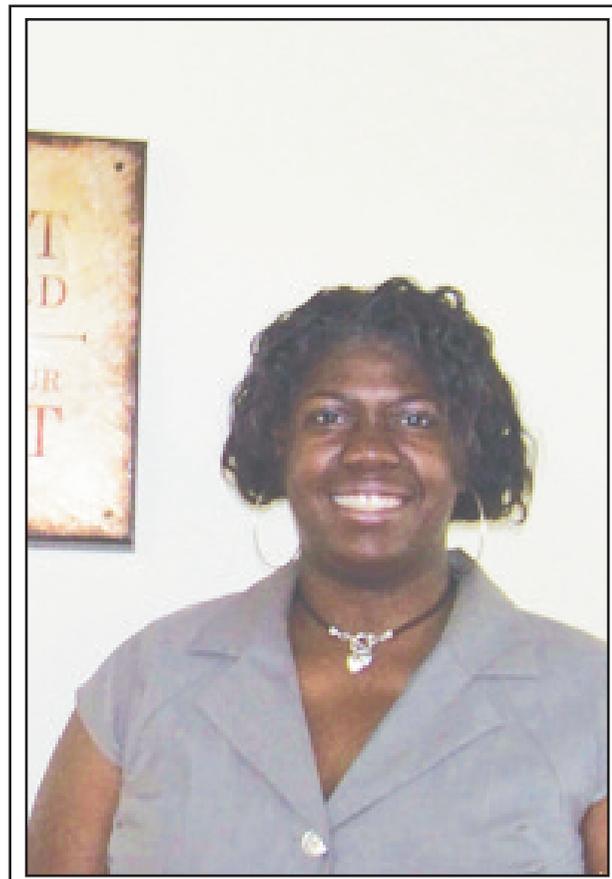
We also need to remember, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *His* purpose." *Romans 8:28 (KJV)*

Many times, life will not make sense to us; bad things will happen to good people and we wonder why. But even in those moments, some things remain true – God loves you; and He has a plan for your life. You are loved by God and others; you are never alone; and even the darkest night must lead to dawn.

In what terms do you define yourself? Is it based on knowing Christ alone? God's Word is a river of life. It will satisfy and comfort your soul like a stream in the desert. Ask for help in being like the tree planted by the water, with roots that dig down into God's Word and have faith that stands strong as the well-rooted tree in the

hot and dusty seasons. Allow God to bless you to be strong so that you can bless others. Pastor Gregory Voss favorite saying is that, "We are blessed to be a blessing." Ask God to guide and direct you in all that you do. Always give thanks to God for loving you and providing for you along the way.

Ponder this, today is in God's hands and so are you. The wonderful thing is, His hands are strong and will uphold you; His hands are great and will enfold you; His hands are gentle and will always embrace you. His hands are protective and will cover you; His hands are reassuring and will quiet you whenever you are troubled. His hands are powerful and will defend you; His hands are parental and will train and guide you; His hands are masterful and they will match you to His Word. His hands are compassionate and will care for you; His hands are healing and will renew you and your strength. His hands are calming and will comfort you; His hands are



Sister Melinda "Reese" Huland Wilson

giving and will bless you as you bless others. God's hands will hold you; and they will never let you down.

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July 30

Brown Sugar Suite presents neosoul singer **Rahsaan Patterson** and special guest **Geno Young** at The Door, 2315 Main St. in Deep Ellum. Doors open at 8 p.m.; show starts at 9 p.m. www.FoundationDFW.ticketleap.com

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July 28-July 31

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July 30

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, corner of Canton and Akard streets in Dallas, will host a listening party for *Medicine*, featuring Ruben Studdard, Ann Nesby and Jasmine Guy at 6 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Theatre. Attendees must RSVP at TBAAL Box Of-

fice by 2 p.m. July 30.

August 6

Maze featuring **Frankie Beverly and Boys II Men** will play the Verizon Theatre. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8.

August 12-August 14

Suspicion! Lies! & Sweet Potato Pies starring **Jennifer Holliday** is slated to play at the Naomi Bruton Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster. www.tbaal.org

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North Texas Job Corps student awarded Fluor Scholarship

The North Texas Job Corps Center recently announced that a graduate, Jacqueline Vo, is the recipient of a Fluor scholarship. Jacqueline is a graduate of Rowlett High School. She enrolled in the North Texas Job Corps on June 3, 2008 and completed Office Administration where she earned multiple certifications. She says she "considered becoming an office administrator with all the certifications she'd earned but her goal was to attend college." While still enrolled at the North Texas Job Corps she enrolled in the Advanced Career Training (ACT) program at Collin College where she maintained a 3.8 GPA through-



Jacqueline Vo

out, making the President's List every semester.

After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Collin College, Vo was accepted at Southern Methodist University in Dallas where she plans to major in Marketing and Creative Advertising at

the Cox School of Business. When asked how coming to the North Texas Job Corps has helped her, an extremely grateful and gracious Vo stated that she felt "less of a failure in life by comparison."

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order for singer Lauryn Hill. The Grammy-award winning former lead singer of The Fugees gave birth to a son. Before y'all start saying "dang" all her children are for the same man, long-time boyfriend Rohan Marley. There was a rumor swirling on the Internet that he dumbed Hill for a Brazilian model. He has dismissed those rumors, saying that "Ms. Hill is the mother of my children, whom I have a tremendous amount of love and respect for. I would never do that." Hmm, you have six children with her, yet you talk as if she is a mere acquaintance. I'm sorry, if I had that many children with a man, he would be my husband!

Speaking of rappers, Nicki Minaj is in the middle of her worldwide Femme Fatale tour. During her recent stop in Miami, she was greeted by a surprise guest on stage, Sean Kingston. If you don't re-

member, Kingston was critically injured in a waterskiing accident in May. This was Kingston's first on-stage appearance since the accident and he was overjoyed to reconnect with his fans. Welcome back, Sean.

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Hip-Hop artists like Usher and Jay Z have minority ownership with the Cleveland Cavaliers and the New Jersey Nets and Hall of Famer Magic Johnson recently sold his minority

stake in the Los Angeles Lakers to pursue the opportunity to own his own team.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and the players have now settled their lockout issues

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