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## President Obama comes to Dallas seeking support for the American Jobs Act

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

The President of the United States has a question for his fellow elected officials in Washington: "My question to Congress is, what are you waiting for?"

Visiting Dallas on Tuesday, October 4 President Barack Obama called on the



packed audience in the gymnasium of Eastfield Community College to urge their congressional representatives to pass his proposed American Jobs Act.

"Tell Congress pass this bill so we can help the people who create most of the new jobs in this country: Amer-

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## Report: New restrictive voting rules could hurt 5 million Americans

(New American Media)

A new study from the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU puts forth an ominous prediction: five million voters could be affected by the deluge of restrictive voting laws that have swept the country in recent years. The



report finds that the voters are from traditionally Democratic demographics and could be kept away from the polling booths in 2012. Importantly, the sheer number of voters who could be impacted is larger than the

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## Recession strapped minority students in Texas struggle to remain in college

Few groups have been more heavily impacted by the recession than low- and-moderate income minority families with children in college. During the 2010 academic year United Negro College Fund (UNCF) schools reported student unpaid debt was over \$11 million with the average unmet need to help



a student stay in school being \$1,700. In many cases, this is the difference between a senior finishing

college or going home.

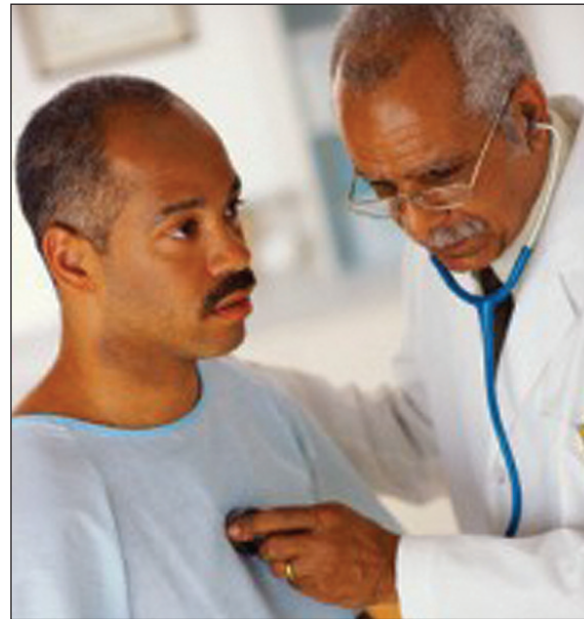
Nationwide Insurance announced they will donate \$10 to the Dallas/Fort Worth UNCF's Campaign for Emergency Student Aid for every auto insurance quote requested by drivers who visit [www.uncfdallas.org](http://www.uncfdallas.org) or call 972-744-1422, October 1 - 23.



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## A Lesson About Making Assumptions

By Jennifer Enzer

Let this serve as my personal warning to anyone who works with the public: JUST BECAUSE THIS IS TEXAS DOES NOT MEAN EVERYONE IS A REBUPLICAN. Making the wrong assumption might cause you to lose a sale, offend a customer, or get in big trouble with your boss. The person you are talking to might just be a Democrat and proud of it. Here is what happened to

me:

My bank merged with another large bank. On my recent visit there, the banker I spoke to explained the need to roll over my accounts to the new bank. In the process of explaining the procedure, she informed me that this new and larger bank is a "Conservative" with many Republican clients. By the way she expressed herself it was clear she considered this a

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## Diane R. Miles

Educational First Steps has announced that Diane R. Miles has accepted the position of Interim President and CEO. A career educator, Miles spent 30 years in public education in various capacities as a teacher, curriculum writer and administrator. While Miles is retired on paper, she continues to use her skills and talents to improve the Dallas community, serving on arts and education boards and consulting independently. Most recently, Miles served as Interim Executive Director for Vogel Al-

cove, a nonprofit organization and affiliate of EFS that provides free childcare to the youngest children of homeless families.

A Dallas native, Miles attended Dallas public schools. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Our Lady of the Lake University. In addition to her Bachelor's degree, Miles also holds two Master's degrees, one from Southern Methodist University in Liberal Studies and the second from Texas Women's University in Educational Administra-

tion.

"Diane Miles immediately captured the passion and vision of Educational First Steps, making it a top priority to understand and enhance the way in which EFS makes a direct impact on communities," said

Gregory Davis, EFS Board Chair. "EFS continues to pursue excellence in all areas and we look forward to the continued leadership and vision that Miles has already begun to provide."

"I believe in the benefit and necessity of quality education for our youngest children," said



Miles.

"Together we will enter Kindergarten ready

make a positive difference to better ensure that each child has a chance."

Currently serving 99 affiliate centers, EFS has set a goal of having 115 centers by May 2012. These centers will enable EFS to impact the lives of approximately 6,500 children, a population that will be fully equipped to

to learn and succeed.

Educational First Steps is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality and availability of early childhood education for economically disadvantaged children birth to age five. EFS is an association of professionals and volunteers bound together by a commitment to provide at-risk children a future they would otherwise be denied. To date, EFS is affiliated with 99 child care centers that serve approximately 5,600 children. To learn more please visit [www.educationalfirst-steps.org](http://www.educationalfirst-steps.org).

## Omar Tyree

In its continued dedication to the education and empowerment of diverse professionals, the Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals presents its 4th Annual Leadership Development Conference "Ready Set, Grow", at the JCPenney Headquarters in Plano, Texas on October 15, 2011. Nationally-renowned minority entrepreneurs, corporate executives, and local leaders will be present, offering the latest in economic development, professional leadership and personal growth.

This year's theme of **Winning Ways for Leaders and Entrepreneurs**, is expected to bring together hundreds of young professionals, entrepreneurs, and college students, ages 21-40 from all education and ethnic backgrounds. There will be a series of workshops, book signings, and a town hall meeting that will inspire, engage, and develop participants to be the best professional, civic, and community leaders of their generation!

"The National Urban League Young Professionals congratulate the Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals on 20



years of developing young professionals through leadership training," says recently elected National Urban League Young Professionals

President Brandi Richard. "This year ULGDYP fuses the best of the Dallas community with a host of nationally-recognized powerhouses and trendsetters. 'Ready. Set. Grow' continues to be one of the leading conferences dedicated to build-

ing, educating and empowering urban students and professionals of all races, cultures and backgrounds - emerging and established - in

the Dallas community. I'll be there, will you?"

"Ready Set, Grow" will host Omar Tyree, New York Times Best Selling Author; Sophia Nelson, author of the newly released book "Black Woman Redefined"; Eve Wright, Vice President & Associate General Counsel for Miami HEAT and American Airlines Arena; Fenorris Pearson, President and Founder of Global Consumer Innovation; Terica Kindred, millionaire CEO under the age of 30; Dezmon Landers, Search Engine Optimization (SEO) Expert; and Shawn Broadus, Branding and Marketing Guru.

As well as some of Dallas' leading community representatives like, Dallas District Attorney, Craig Watkins; Charles O'Neal, President of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce; Michael Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College; Wil Murphy, expert in personal and financial transformation; Tarsha Polk, "The Marketing Lady"; Bank of America small business representatives; and JCPenney senior diversity executives. Florencia Velasco Fortner, President and CEO of The Concilio; Milton Perkins, Managing Director at Kauf-

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## Dr. Marie Chisholm-Burns

Steve Schwab, MD, chancellor for the Univer-



of Marie Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, MPH, FCCP, FASHP, as the next dean for the College of Pharmacy at UTHSC. Dr. Chisholm-Burns is currently professor and head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. A nationally known investigator and educator, she

built her reputation with expertise in improving health outcomes by novel

methods of medication adherence and health care access. Dr. Chisholm-Burns will undertake her duties at the UT College of Pharmacy in spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year.

In her new role, she will be responsible for all four UTHSC missions - education, research, clinical care, and public service - at the statewide UT College of Pharmacy with campus locations in Memphis and Knoxville, and clinical training sites throughout the state of Tennessee. Dr. Chisholm-Burns is the first African-American to be appointed dean of the 113-year-old UT College of Pharmacy. She is also the second African-American to be named a dean in UTHSC history.

A native of Long Is-

land, N.Y., she received her undergraduate education at Georgia College. Dr. Chisholm-Burns obtained her BS in pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees at The University of Georgia (UGA) in Athens, Ga., and her Master of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

She began her academic career at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in Athens, Ga., and Georgia Health Sciences University (Augusta, Ga.), rising to become professor of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy at UGA and professor of Medicine at Georgia Health Sciences University.

At Georgia, she founded, implemented and managed the statewide Medication Access Pro-

gram. She was subsequently recruited to the University of Arizona in

Tucson as professor and head of the Department of

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## Smartphone security: protect against hack attacks

by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

Although most computer users are aware that viruses can invade their home computers, it is generally less well-known that viruses can also target mobile telephones. Viruses and other malware can be particularly dangerous on phones and other mobile devices because users are less likely to be protected by anti-virus software. With more and more mobile phone customers conducting personal banking and other financial transactions on their unprotected mobile devices, these are increasingly attractive targets for criminals who develop viruses and malicious spyware.

Researchers estimate that more than 40 percent of American adults own a smartphone the general term for mobile telephones that allow users to access the Internet. As these devices processing power and data connection speeds continue to improve, their

demand only increases. Thanks to these improvements, mobile phones today are used to perform the same tasks that just a few years ago required a computer. As a result, mobile devices are increasingly used to monitor email, store sensitive personal information and photos, and shop online.

Texans who want to protect their sensitive personal information, bank accounts and credit card numbers should only select and install mobile device applications from trusted sources. If a software developer or product is not well-known, mobile phone users should research the product's rating and popularity. Positive user reviews and high-volume downloads often reflect a legitimate and well-received product.

To help secure their smartphones from unauthorized access, mobile device users should enable built-in security features such as passwords. If pos-

sible, mobile devices should be set to require a password or personally identifiable number (PIN) that must be entered before software is downloaded or installed onto a device. This feature can help prevent spyware or viruses from secretly being installed without the owner's

known source. Unsolicited text messages and emails actually may be phishing attacks that attempt to trick device owners into visiting malicious websites. Once an unsuspecting mobile device user clicks on a harmful link or downloads an attachment that contains a virus, it only takes seconds

### Points to Remember: Keeping Smartphones Secure

- Only select and install applications from trusted sources.
- Never respond to unsolicited text messages.
- Never open unsolicited emails from an unrecognized sender.
- Utilize password protection to secure phones from unauthorized usage.
- Install smartphone security software.

knowledge. Smartphone owners should also install the latest security updates provided by their mobile phone service provider.

In addition to the measures outlined above, smartphone users should never respond to text messages or emails from an un-

known source. Smartphone owners should also install the latest security updates provided by their mobile phone service provider.

Smartphone spyware can allow hackers to intercept text messages or gain unauthorized access to the device's photos, emails and other sensitive personal

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major selling point. I did not bother to launch into a political debate; I just don't think that is something one brings up with a stranger.

I decided to contact the branch manager to discuss my objections. I told him that I am a lifelong Democrat, had campaigned for the President, and have been active in the party for many years. I went on to say that his employee's words were insulting to me, both as an individual and as a long time customer of the bank, and inquired whether this type of selling technique is part of the company's mar-

keting and sales plan. I was very pleased that the answer was a clear absolute "no". I relayed to the branch manager that his employee's selling technique had backfired on her with me, given that I do not share her ideology. In the end, I asked him to close my account. The Branch manager was very apologetic, and was shocked by what I had told him. He assured me that he would not only speak with the woman I had talked to but also to all of the staff and asked me to call him if anything like that happened again.

As a Democrat in Texas I've always felt like I had to watch what I say in public. This time it was the opposite. Even though this is a "Red state" and election day is still more than a year away, I just voted with my feet. This is what we do in a free market. Customers always have the option of taking their business elsewhere.

In politics people are voted into office at the polls, but in business companies remain viable only when consumers like the treatment they get and the products they use. Other-

wise, if customers have a negative experience, they may choose to walk. Just like the Sesame Street song says "Who are the people in your neighborhood, in your neighborhood?"

You never know who you are talking to when you make a sales pitch in a public venue. The person could be a Democrat or a Republican. Just stick to the business at hand, and you will avoid the risk offending customers.

Remember, we are all just people. We want to be treated with dignity and respect.

## The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center Seek Support

While the citizens of Irving voted for the Irving Entertainment Center years ago, the city has yet to appropriate the necessary funds for the project.

The complex, planned for development next to Irving Convention Center,

is not only expected to bring commerce, restaurants and family-friendly entertainment. It is projected to create 2,000 – 2,500 jobs. This is why advocates of the project are going before officials to form a special purpose

political action committee in order to save it.

The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center will be holding a 60-day petition drive and need the signatures of 6,000 Irving residents to present to the Irving City Coun-

cil.

Irving residents are urged to contact Anthony Bonds at 214-830-6719 or at aebond09@yahoo.com for literature and information about how to participate in the petition drive.

## One in four Americans believe vaccines are unsafe

### Concern over links to autism persists

More than one-quarter of Americans are concerned about the value and safety of vaccines and 21.4 percent believe vaccines can cause autism, according to the Thomson Reuters-NPR Health Poll.

The survey found that 26.6 percent of respondents expressed concern over the safety of vaccines. Households with children under the age of 18 demonstrated the greatest level of concern (30.8%). The lowest level of concern (18.5%) was found in respondents 65 years old and up.

Among those with concerns, 47.3 percent attributed their fear of vaccines to future long-term impact on health and 46.0 percent said they were worried about side effects.

Nearly one in five said they have questioned or refused a vaccine for them-

selves or their children -- with a higher rate among those under 35 (28.1 percent) and a lower rate among those 65 and older



(12.7 percent).

When asked about specific safety concerns, 21.4 percent of respondents said they believe vaccines can cause of autism, 9.2 percent said they believe vaccines can be linked to cancer, 6.9 percent believe they play a role in diabetes, and 5.9 percent cite a connection between vaccines and heart disease.

Overall, 24 percent of

respondents said their opinions of vaccines have changed in the past five years. Of those, 59 percent say their views on vaccines have become less favorable.

"Ironically, these survey results are a testament to the effectiveness of vaccines: older people remember what illnesses like polio did to cripple and kill patients, but the younger generation has never

seen someone with polio," said Raymond Fabius, M.D., chief medical officer at the healthcare business of Thomson Reuters. "Because of the elimination of diseases through immunization, there is a lack of understanding that the benefit of vaccines greatly outweighs the minimal risks of side effects both short and long term."



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## Renovated Central Library to host Open House

The recently renovated Central Library will hold an open house on Saturday, October 8 with a full schedule of festivities including a ribbon cutting ceremony, a musical presentation, character meet-and-greet, a story time, photo opportunities, and other exciting activities.

Located at 625 Austin Street, in downtown Garland, the Library's opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. with the ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring City officials. The Friends of the Library are providing refreshments following the ceremony, and Curious George will be on hand to greet visitors.

The remaining schedule of events consists of an African drum performance by Baba Kwasi, musician and storyteller, at 11 a.m., and a story time at noon. This is followed by a safari animal exhibition by

Wildlife on the Move at 1 p.m., and storyteller Bill Raley at 2 p.m. The event ends with a presentation of safari sounds by Mad Science at 3 p.m.

Activities planned throughout the day consist of electronic database demonstrations in the new technology center, crafts and photo opportunities in the children's area, and a scavenger hunt for children.

The 59,475 square-foot facility originally opened in 1976 and underwent a renovation in 1989. In recent months, the main floor was renovated, while the library continued to operate. It now boasts a brighter color scheme, ceiling treatments and new areas of carpeting. Shelving was cleared along the windows to allow for cozy spaces for new study tables and laptop arm chairs.

During the renovation, nonpublic areas were con-

verted to space for public use. The Central Library now offers a community technology center, a defined teen zone, study rooms des-

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igned for users working together in groups, a magazine/newspaper area, and a jungle-themed children's area.

The "Jungle" features custom-designed wall and column graphics, funded, in part, by the Friends of the Library. Children will roam

program room door beckons. A safari jeep at the entrance to the area appears to take young riders visible through the windows.

An innovative feature of the new children's area is the Early Literacy Stations. These specialized computers have fifty fun and edu-

cational software programs to improve and improve literacy among children ages two through ten. The Early Literacy Station programs support both state and national education curriculum standards, and feature touch-screen monitors with interactive features children cannot resist.

The new young adult area includes six computers specifically for teen use. A flat screen gaming seating area, sculpted ceiling mobiles, a reading area with laptop arm lounge chairs are also included. Additionally, there is now an expanded materials display section.

Central Library users can enjoy designated specific use spaces. The four study rooms are now designed for people working together in groups. The technology center, located adjacent to the public access computer area, contains ten

additional public computers in a classroom style layout and offers a quieter work environment. Glass storefronts divide both areas from the main floor.

Claire Bausch, Director of Libraries said, "The Friends of the Library have made this renovation really special, with donations from their public book sales throughout the year. It is gratifying to see library users joining this nonprofit organization and giving back to the community. Effective library services benefit everyone who lives in our city."

The Friends of the Library also helped fund the public vending area off the lobby, which features bistro counter and stools, table, and laptop easy chairs. Vending machines allow users to take a break for soft drinks, coffee, or hot chocolate.

## Smoking ban fight heating up in Denton

The International Premium Cigar & Pipe Retailers Association (IPCPR) says the proposed expansion of the Denton, Texas smoking ban would be tantamount to turning the city into a nanny state run by Big Brother. Research into the matter is expected to continue by City Council until December when a decision would be made as to whether or not the council will vote on the issue.

The current ban prohibits



smoking in city-owned buildings, schools and stores, and requires restaurants to have designated smoking areas. The proposal under consideration would ban smoking in all city workplaces, bars and restaurants.

"Instead of researching expansion of the ban, they should be considering rescinding the ban altogether. We are against any form of legislated smoking ban and favor, instead, the rights of business

owners to decide for themselves what the smoking policy would be in their respective establishments," said Bill Spann, chief executive officer of the IPCPR. The association represents some 2,000 small businesses comprised mostly of family-owned, neighborhood cigar stores, manufacturers and distributors of premium cigars and related accoutrements.

He cited a report by the Heartland Institute that "...

studies have shown that smoking bans hurt small businesses.... In Ohio, for example, the Department of Job and Family Services predicted a 10,000-job gain for the state's hospitality and leisure industry prior to the ban's implementation. In reality, the industry lost 5,400 jobs during the first 12 months of the smoking ban," according to the Institute's report.

"Business owners should have the right to declare whether or not smoking should be allowed on their premises, just as employees and customers should have the right to work in or patronize those businesses. But when a governmental body tells proprietors how to run their businesses, they risk losing business and tax revenues to surrounding cities," Spann said.

## Carrollton's Festival at the Switchyard: Call for Volunteers

Be the heart and soul of Carrollton's Festival at the Switchyard on Saturday, November 5; sign up to be a volunteer. Volunteers play an important role by helping during all phases of the Festival and creating a safe, clean and enjoyable event for all. Volunteers age 16 and older will help maintain the Festival site, greet patrons, provide information, assist attendees and many other tasks. As a volunteer, you will become a member of a unique volunteer family, and thousands of visitors will benefit from your service. You will also receive a free volunteer t-shirt and

plenty of appreciation for helping out.

The 2nd annual outdoor event will take place on the Downtown Carrollton Square, steps away from the Downtown Carrollton DART station and will feature live entertainment from Third Eye Blind, Bob Schneider, and local favorites including The Killdares, Telegraph Canyon, Slobberbone, The Orbans, David Chicken, and many more.

In addition to the exciting concerts, great food, a beer garden, arts and crafts, live entertainment, interactive games, and activities

for children of all ages are planned. The free KidsWorld will offer Booger Wars, Giant Human Hamster Balls, Bungee Trampolines, and more.

To fill out a volunteer application form or for more

details about the volunteer process and guidelines, visit [carrolltonfestival.com](http://carrolltonfestival.com). You can also follow the Festival at [facebook.com/Carrollton-Festival](http://facebook.com/Carrollton-Festival) and on Twitter at [twitter.com/carrolltonfest](http://twitter.com/carrolltonfest).

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## Study to examine the drinking habits of HCBU students

Researchers at Morgan State University have launched a survey to study the drinking behavior of students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The Century Council (TCC), funded by leading distillers to fight drunk driving and underage drinking, is funding this research project. The research which is being conducted by Dr. Linda Loubert of the Economics Department at Morgan State University is believed to be the largest national study ever undertaken on alcohol use and

drinking patterns among students attending HBCUs.

The Economics Department in conjunction with the Institute for Urban Research (IUR) at Morgan State University propose to survey and collect alcohol consumption data from students across all the HBCUs. The research aims to explore why students drink and what are their approaches to alcohol, in general, via an online survey. It will also allow for comparisons of reported behaviors and attitudes toward drinking among African Ameri-

can students at HBCUs to that of students at Predominantly White Institutions (PWI). Overall, the research seeks to better understand college drinking culture and derive insights from college students that can be used to reduce over consumption.

In explaining the importance of this research, Dr. Raymond Winbush, Director of the Institute for Urban Research, remarked, "this is the largest national study ever undertaken on drinking patterns among students attending HBCUs and it will allow educators and policy

makers to better understand the motivations of these students and provide effective communications and intervention tools for addressing binge drinking among African American college students."

The first one thousand students who complete the survey will be sent a \$15 e-gift card. The website: <http://hbcusurvey.webs.com> provides all pertinent information for taking the survey. The survey is in progress, so students should sign up quickly.

## Church is hosting college and career fair October 15

The Greenville Avenue Church of Christ is hosting the Wisdom and Knowledge - College and Career Fair Readiness Fair at 1013 S. Greenville Avenue in Richardson on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will offer an opportunity for students and their parents to meet representatives from various colleges and universities

and learn about their academic programs.

Parents and students are invited to visit [www.gacoc.org](http://www.gacoc.org) for more information and to register for the Wisdom and Knowledge - College and Career Fair Readiness Fair.

This event is sponsored by The Bowser Associated Women of Greenville Avenue Church of Christ.

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Pharmacy Practice and Science where she was also named a professor of Pharmaceutical Science in the College of Pharmacy, professor of Surgery in the College of Medicine, and professor in the College of

Public Health.

During her tenure as department head at the University of Arizona, Dr. Chisholm-Burns presided over a three-fold increase in principal investigator grant funding and six-fold

increase in grant and contract funding, helping the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science become one of the foremost Pharmacy Practice departments in the nation in the area of research.

Dr. Chisholm-Burns is a recipient of multiple national awards including the Nicholas Andrew Cummings Award from the National Academies of Practice, the Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award

from the American Pharmacists Association, and the Award of Excellence from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. With more than 240 publications and approximately \$8 million in external funding as principal investigator from organizations such as the National Institutes of Health and several foundations, she is a prolific scholar. She also is a certified Black Belt in Six Sigma. Dr. Chisholm-Burns served on the editorial board of several journals including the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy.

## Plano Community Forum celebrating 30th anniversary

The Plano Community Forum (PCF) is hosting their 30th Anniversary Gala with the theme "Celebrating the Past - Embracing the Future" on October 15. The event will spotlight outstanding achievement by individuals, business owners, educators and community volunteers.

During the festivities the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship recipients will be recognized. Scholarships totaling \$13,000 were awarded to 14 graduating seniors in the Plano Independent School District. The scholarship recipients are: Brandon Hamilton, Hanan Hassan, Seti Tesefay, Bruna Tavares, Taylor Washington, Adaora Ofomata, Niat Tekle, Colin Phillips, Philemon Kahsay, Dominique Beamon, Ronald Singleteary II, Kelechi Egbe and Quincy Jones. A special scholarship honoring the memory and contribu-

tions of Mr. Joe Hill was awarded to Denis Agbor.

Since 1983, the PCF has awarded \$224,500 in scholarships to 239 students.

This year's gala will be held at the Southfork Hotel in Planostarting at 6:30 p.m. with a Silent Auction. Rochelle Brown and NFL legend, Drew Pearson (Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor Inductee) will be serving as Mistress and Master of Ceremony. The featured entertainment is the Jeff Aycock Jazz Ensemble.

For individual or group ticket purchases and reservations, please contact Fran Richardson, 469-675-0002, [franrich3@yahoo.com](mailto:franrich3@yahoo.com) for a gala night of entertainment. Single tickets are \$60.00 and Tables of 8 are \$480.00.

For tickets and sponsorship information, contact Fran Richardson, 469-675-0002; Barbara Simpkins, 972-964-0867 or visit [www.planocommunityforum.org](http://www.planocommunityforum.org).

### Heart Attack

Heart health should be important to everyone regardless of their medical history. However, every year, about 785,000 Americans have their "first heart attack."

Local physicians are conducting a research study of the investigational use of a medication in its ability to reduce your risk of future heart attacks and other cardiovascular events such as a stroke.

You may qualify to participate if you have had at least one heart attack. Participants may continue their current medications throughout the study. All study-related care and study medication will be provided at no cost.

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## Smoky Pelican Bistro Spices up Plano

The sweet aroma of bread pudding and Cajuns spices compete for center stage at the new Smoky Pelican Bistro at 2040 W. Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano. Louisiana born Chef G. Payne serves up heaping portions of food from the bayou with a bit of Southern home-style hospitality to anyone hungry enough to slide into a booth.

Over 200 people joined Chef Greg for the grand opening of the restaurant. Jazz musician Eddie Tate entertained the crowd as they eat free food from the menu that included smoked barbeque and other Cajun dishes.

"It's food with good

flavor. Cooking has always been a passion for me," Chef G. says. "As far as back as I can remember, I used to sit in the kitchen watching my mother or father cook our meals."

Payne was raised on a Gilliam, La. farm in rural Caddo Parish. He's inspired by hot summer days growing up in his father's restaurant. Today, he puts every bit of his memories from there into the food he's brought to Texas.

The Smoky Pelican opened in Plano three months ago. This Pelican is his third – the other two are located in Kansas. Featuring fresh produce and spicy dishes made to order, Chef G. Gregory aims to



Patrons enjoy free smoked barbeque and other Cajun dishes at grand opening.

make sure each guest "leaves satisfied and full" pleased with his signature eats including the Mardi

Gras seafood and barbeque platter or the popular stuffed turnips.

"It's stuffed with

everything you'd make turnips with like ham and such, then we wrap it in bacon," he says. Both he

and his brother have continued the family tradition of owning restaurants.

Of course, the Smoky Pelican couldn't claim to be bona fide Louisiana without the taste of traditional gumbo or bread pudding (cooked with fresh bread instead of the standard two-day old staple some chefs serve.)

The chef's other not-so-secret cooking tip? Butter. You'll find it smothered within The Smoky Pelican's menu from the smoked sweet potatoes to the craw daddy cornbread. "Louisiana simply wouldn't be Louisiana without butter," he adds with a smile.

## Garland Hispano Chamber celebrates heritage

The Garland Hispano Chamber of Commerce celebrated the independence of eight Latin American coun-

ally observed from September 15 – October 15 in the United States, celebrates the contributions and culture of Hispanic

Winning Vocalist, Analisa Bailey, from FM-The Band with a finale closing performance from the ASI ES Mexico of Dallas Mariachi Band.

"It was a very honorable

yet humble experience to see such a beautiful group of people come together for such a desiring celebration", says Dee Dee Bates, President of the Garland Hispano Chamber



President Dee Dee Bates and Vice President Luisa Rivera with the Mexican Ballet Folkloric

tries on September 28, 2011 during an elegant evening of festive Hispanic folklore and traditions. The National Hispanic Heritage Month, annu-

Americans.

The event presented performances from the Mexican Ballet Folkloric, the Peruvian Ballet Folkloric, the Award



Chihuahua States

## Tyrese Ejected from Radio Station

*Follows On-Air Speak-Out Against Inner City Liquor Stores*

(NNPA) R&B singer Tyrese Gibson recently got the boot from a Delaware radio station after voicing his opinion about liquor stores in the inner city.

According to Delaware Online, Gibson appeared on Wilmington's WJKS (KISS) 101.7 FM to promote his new album. He explained that he had just visited East Side Charter School in the city and was displeased that there were liquor stores close to the institution.

"Get them cats out of here selling alcohol right across from your kid's school," Gibson said on-air. "Y'all know how to put pressure on cats selling in your hood."

The station's manager Tony Quartarone was out of the office, but was listening to the broadcast. He said he thought the singer's tone sounded condescending and had him removed off the show during a commercial break.

"These liquor stores got zoning from somebody and a liquor license," Quartarone told Delaware Online. "If these liquor stores have been there for

years and parents haven't done anything about it, I don't expect him to be a politician and talk down to my audience that it's up to them to stop this from happening."

Quartarone added that the singer was trying to rile everyone up before he mentioned his book deal and appearance at a local university, which was not approved before the show.

Shortly after Gibson was removed from the show, the singer Tweeted about the incident, which later spawned a string of national news stories.

Quartarone said Gibson's music will not receive any airplay until he receives an apology. But the singer told gossip site TMZ that he didn't care if his music was taken out of rotation.

Yourblackworld.com commentator Dr. Boyce Watkins sided with Gibson on a recent post and called for the station's closure.

"Unfortunately, too many famous Black men are enslaved by the corporate machine and made to believe that ignorance is the key to success," Watkins wrote. "Let's go shut down these liquor stores, and I'd love to see an end to WJKS."



Mexican Ballet Folkloric

of Commerce. "With Garland Hispanic population on the rise and Texas having nearly a 41.8% increase in the Hispanic

community over the past 10 years (2010 Census), it is evi-

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## TYPE 2 DIABETES RESEARCH

Local doctors are looking for type 2 diabetes patients who've had a recent heart attack or unstable angina to participate in EXAMINE, a medical research study evaluating an investigational diabetes medication taken with standard diabetes treatment.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be an adult diagnosed with and receiving treatment for type 2 diabetes AND
- Have had acute coronary syndrome (heart attack or unstable angina) requiring hospitalization within the last 15 to 90 days.

Study-related tests and evaluations will be provided at no charge.

TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Cardiovascular Physicians Solution

Contact: Alice

Phone: (214) 317-8322



**Ongoing**

**Free Teen Saturday Classes** for dance, vocal and drama at the N.I.A Kids Center for the Performing Arts, 901 N. Polk Street, Suite 380, Desoto, TX 75115. Class times vary. Info: niakids.org.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or 972-898-5882.

**The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series:** 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. [www.nbwenorg.net](http://www.nbwenorg.net).

**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-ently 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.tangocanyenguedallas.com](http://www.tangocanyenguedallas.com)

**Through October 18**

The City of Lewisville will host it's annual concert series **Sounds of Lewisville** every Tuesday from 7pm – 9pm at the MCL Grand Courtyard, 100 N. Charles, Old Town Lewisville, TX

**Through October 27**

**Concerts in the Garden** at the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, Garland, TX, features different bands every Thursday from 7pm-9pm. Tickets \$16/Adults and \$9/Children. Info: [info@dallasarboretum.org](mailto:info@dallasarboretum.org) or 214-515-6524.

**Through October 31**

Bible Way Community Baptist Church, 4215 N. Greenville Drive, Irving, TX 75062, will be accepting donations for their annual **Operation Christmas Child** drive to make Christmas special for children living in 3rd World countries. Info: 972-257-3766 or [bwcbe.com](http://bwcbe.com).

**Through November 11**

Plano Children's Theater, 1301 Custer Rd, Suite 706, Plano, TX, presents **School House Rock Live Jr.** Show times and ticket prices vary. Info: [planochildrenstheater.org](http://planochildrenstheater.org) or 972-422-2575.

**Through November 23**

**Autumn at the Arboretum** with its acclaimed pumpkin

patch, activities and fall foliage comes to the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, TX 75218. Adult tickets \$12. Children tickets \$8. Info: 214-515-6500 or [dallasarboretum.org](http://dallasarboretum.org).

**Through October 28**

**Sharing the Journey: Coping with Grief** will meet Fridays, at the Visiting Nurse Association of Collin County office on 2414 West University Drive, #200 in McKinney. The meeting time is 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No cost to attend, RSVP at 214-733-5500 or [harrisonm@vnatexas.org](mailto:harrisonm@vnatexas.org).

**Through October 23**

**West Side Story** will be performed at the Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 1st, Dallas, TX, 75201. Show times vary. Tickets start at \$54. Info: 214-565-0306.

**October 7**

**The Center for Government Contracting is hosting a special Awards Ceremony Breakfast** based on the evaluation of fiscal year, October 2010 - September 2011. The guest speaker is Margo Posey, President of DFW Minority Supplier Development Council. The event is scheduled for 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Bill J. Priest Institute, located at 1402 Corinth St. #1530 in Dallas.

**BB King concert** comes to the Verizon Theater at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place, Grand Prairie. Doors open 6pm. Concert starts at 7pm. Tickets \$10 - \$89.75. Info: [verizontheater.com](http://verizontheater.com) and 972-854-5050.

**October 8**

**DanceAfrica Marketplace** will be held at the Annette Straus Artist Square, 1800 Leonard Street, Dallas 75201 from 9:30am – 5pm. FREE. Info: [dbdt.com](http://dbdt.com) and 214-871-2376.

Pilates Squared Revue presents **"Everybody Dance"** at the Plaza Theater, 3122 Swiss Avenue, Garland. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Info: 214-828-0100

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters hosts **Roundtable Writer's Breakfast: Series part 1 of 3 – Stereotypes in African American Literature** moderated by writer Alice Randall at the Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex, 650 South Griffin Street room T-203, Dallas, TX 75202 at 10am. Tickets are \$15 and include breakfast and dialogue. Info: [tbaal.org](http://tbaal.org) and 214-743-2440.

Sears at Collin Creek Mall will be holding a **Safety Fair** at Collin Creek Mall's East parking lot, 811 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75075 from 10am – 4pm. FREE. Info: 972-543-0369 or [collincreekmall.com](http://collincreekmall.com)

**October 7 - 8**

Dallas Black Dance Theater presents the **6th Annual DanceAfrica** at the Dallas Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street, Dallas, TX at 7:30pm. Tickets \$10. Group discounts available. Info: [dbdt.com](http://dbdt.com) and 214-871-2376.

**October 8**

**3rd Annual Rotary Club of Allen Chili Cook-Off** at the Village at Fairview, 329 Town Place Fairview, TX 75069 from 3pm – 7pm. \$5 in advance. \$8 at the door. Info: [thevillageshopping.com/events](http://thevillageshopping.com/events) or email [nbown@theherringgroup.com](mailto:nbown@theherringgroup.com)

**October 8 - 9**

**Santa Fe Days on the Square** hits Old Downtown Carrollton, I-35E at the Belt Line Road Exit #443B on Saturday 9am – 6pm and Sunday 10am – 4pm. FREE. Info: [Santafedays.com](http://Santafedays.com) and 972-242-6543.

**October 9**

**Fiesta Latinoamerica** with the Cathedral Fall Festival and the AT&T Performing Arts Center will be held along Flora Street from the Cathedral to the AT&T Performing Arts Center, 2403 Flora Street, Dallas 75201. FREE. For more information, contact Anne Marie Weiss at [annemariewise@dfwinternational.org](mailto:annemariewise@dfwinternational.org) or 972-661-2764.

**Aztec Dance Troupe Ollin Tonalzin (Movement of the Sun)** performs at the Allen Public Library, 300 N. Allen Drive, Allen, TX 75013 at 3pm. FREE. Info: 214-509-4911 or [cityofallen.org/departments/library](http://cityofallen.org/departments/library)

**October 10**

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents the **Gospel Roots Concert** featuring 14 local pastors and hosted by Clifton Davis at the Naomi Bruton Main Stage in the Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex, 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, TX 75202 at 10pm. Admission \$10-\$15. Info: [tbaal.org](http://tbaal.org) and 214-743-2440.

**October 11**

The Irving Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd, Irving, TX 75060 hosts a **Resume Workshop** from 2pm – 3:30pm. Info: 972-721-2606 and [illiadci.irving.tx.us](http://illiadci.irving.tx.us)

**October 13**

**North Texas Minority Chamber of Commerce One-Year Anniversary Celebration** will be held at Collins Restaurant, 1010 N. Collins, Arlington, TX 76010 from 6-8pm. Tickets: \$25 member/\$35 non-member. Vendor tables: \$50 member/\$100 non-member. Info: [ntmcc.org](http://ntmcc.org) or 800-718-2425 ext. 706.

**October 14**

**Official Launch Party for the Exotic Hair Collection** at 6 p.m. at the Elite Emage Hair Salon at 1409 S. Lamar, Suite 205, Dallas. There will be cocktails, door prizes, fall fashions, models and much more RSVP: [www.exotichaircollection.com](http://www.exotichaircollection.com).

**October 15**

The **2011 Komen Dallas Race for the Cure** comes to NorthPark Center, 8687 N Central Expy Ste 1030, Dallas, TX starting at 6:30am with registration and breakfast. Info: [komen-dallas.org](http://komen-dallas.org) or 214-750-7223.

The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce presents the **Building Blocks of**

**Success II, "Sustaining Economic Prosperity"** business seminar at the Collin College Spring Creek Campus, Rm. BB206, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX, 75074. FREE. Registration required. Info: [ccblackchamber.org](http://ccblackchamber.org), [charter\\_director@ccblackchamber.org](mailto:charter_director@ccblackchamber.org) or 972-658-0423.

Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals (ULGDYP) presents the **Power ON Empowerment Conference "Ready. Set. Grow. Winning Ways for Leaders and Entrepreneurs"** at the JCPenny Headquarters, 6501 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75024 from 8am – 5pm. Member registration \$65. Non-member \$75. College student \$30. Info: [ulgdy.org](http://ulgdy.org).

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ hosts **Wisdom and Knowledge - College and Career Fair Readiness Fair** at 1013 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [www.gacoc.org](http://www.gacoc.org) to register.

The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce will host the **"Sustaining Economic Prosperity"** workshop as part of its Building Blocks of Business II series on Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College in Room BB206. The program will be facilitated by Terri Thomas of Chase Bank. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m

**Plano Community Forum 30th Anniversary Gala** will be held at the Southfork Hotel, 1600 N. Central Expy, Plano, TX at 6:30pm. Single tickets \$60. Tables of eight \$480. Info: 469-675-0002, 972-964-0867 or [planocommunityforum.org](http://planocommunityforum.org)

**October 15 - 16**

**Wellness Expo 2011** is at the Addison Conference Center, 15650 Addison Road, Addison, TX from 11am – 6pm. Admission \$7. Children under 12 and adults over 65 are free. Info: 972-378-3770 or [wellnessexpo.net](http://wellnessexpo.net).

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# Take charge!

## It is your health

By Jacquinette D. Murphy

The population demographics of the country show people are living longer. However, the increase in chronic health problems and illnesses such as cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes, and gouty arthritis makes it difficult to assert Americans are living a healthier life. National and statewide studies still find African Americans at the highest risk of all ethnic groups for developing life-crippling health problems.

Claire Kinzy, communications director for the American Heart Association (AHA), offered advice to the African-American community.

"Being at particularly high risk for developing one or more forms of cardiovascular disease, it is more important than ever to be proactive and arm all communities with the tools, knowledge and resources to

blood to the heart become blocked or completely constricted. The obstruction must be immediately removed to avoid permanent damage to the heart muscles.

Approximately every 20 seconds a heart attack occurs in the United States of America, and each year about 785,000 Americans suffer their first heart attack. Major risk factors for developing heart disease and heart attacks include the presence of high blood pressure (hypertension), high blood-cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, physical inactivity, obesity, and even

(or 8.3 percent of the total U.S. population) and almost 3.7 million, or 14.7 percent of all African Americans age 20 years or older have diabetes according to estimates by the

nerve damage, amputations, and complications during pregnancy.

In addition, diabetes is a costly disease to manage. African-Americans paid about \$4 billion in diabetes care and management in 2010. This includes medical expenses and wages for loss of productivity.

The population groups at risk for developing diabetes include African Americans, which reportedly are 77 percent more likely to become diabetic than persons of other ethnicity. Meanwhile, the Latino population is 66 percent more at risk. Other at-risk demographic groups include smokers, the elderly, persons who are overweight, physically inactive, have a family history of diabetes or have experienced gestational diabetes.

People with diabetes and heart disease also sometimes experience gouty arthritis (gout), another chronic illness that affects approximately 2.1 million people in the United States each year according to the Arthritis Foundation.

It is a painful condition caused by the build up of uric acid crystals (usually deposited into the kidneys for release through urine) in one or more joints that lead to joint pain, swelling, purpleness, or redness around the affected area (usually the big toe).

Gout is reportedly more common in men than women. It usually peaks between the ages of 40 and 50. African-American men are twice as likely to develop gout as Caucasian American men. People with gout often have another health issue such as heart disease, high blood pressure or diabetes. Complications of chronic gouty arthritis include regular

joint pain, possible joint damage, and loss of motion.

Are the beginning of these health issues and chronic diseases preventable and manageable? Or should they be considered a part of the public's journey of longevity?

Kinzy said prevention is the key.

"While genetics predisposes many to the potential for heart disease and stroke, the truth is – up to 80 percent of all cardiovascular diseases are largely preventable. What that means is we, each and every person, has the potential to live a life free from cardiovascular diseases. It is all about choices – choosing to be physically active, choosing not to smoke, and choosing to eat a healthy, well balanced diet."

According to the AHA, cessation of tobacco can reduce the risk of stroke and death by more than 50 percent. Heart disease and the onset of Type-2 diabetes can be prevented or managed by keeping your blood sugar and insulin produc-

tion, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels in check. Furthermore, lifestyle change of instituting a low-fat, high fruit and vegetable diet; an approved exercise regimen; and practicing weight control management are beneficial. Gout can be treated, and the attacks can be prevented by the use of medication, which reduces the amount uric acid in the body and simple changes in diet.

If unsure of your risk, please schedule a visit to your doctor. Also, you may want to participate in a volunteer or paid clinical research trial or a field study offered at a local medical research centers such as the North Texas Center for Medical Research Center. This center offers clinical trials to assess risk for common illness. The trials also check the use of medications to control or possible preventative measure for current and future illnesses.

If interested in participating in a study, call 214-317-8322 or email [info@ntmresearch.net](mailto:info@ntmresearch.net).



make the best choices possible which ultimately reduce risk," she said.

The AHA reported nearly 2,400 Americans die of cardiovascular disease every day. It is still the most frequent cause of death in adults 20 and older, and it manifests in many forms such as high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, stroke, and vascular and rheumatic heart diseases. Coronary artery disease is the most common form of heart disease. It usually leads to heart attacks when the blood vessels that supply

a family history of heart problems. Age, gender and high stress levels are also factors that should be considered when determining the risk of developing heart disease. It is vital you check your heart's health because heart attacks can occur with little to no warning. Diligently guarding your heart saves lives. While diabetes is a leading risk factor for heart disease, it is also the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S., according to a 2010 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report. About 25.8 million people

American Diabetes Association (ADA). It is the fourth leading cause of death in the African-Americans and Latino populations. In 2010, more than an estimated 460,700 African Americans living in Texas have diabetes according to the Institute for Alternative Futures.

Diabetes generally includes two groups: Type-1 and Type-2. The first is most commonly found among children and adolescents less than 18 years of age, according to the Texas Diabetes Council report. Ninety to 95 percent of cases in Texas are attributed to Type-2 diabetes or non-insulin-dependent diabetes for adults in 2009.

Type-2 diabetes begins with insulin resistance, a condition in which the cells do not use insulin properly. As the need for insulin increases, the pancreas gradually loses the ability to produce insulin. Symptoms include frequent urination, skin, gum or bladder infections, excessive and unquenchable thirst, slow-healing cuts or bruises, weakness, extreme fatigue and irritability, weight loss, and numbness in extremities. A few of long-term complications include blurred vision and blindness, kidney and cardiovascular disease, stroke,

### Additional Resources

**American Diabetes Association**  
[www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

**American Heart Association**  
[www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)  
[www.texasheart.org](http://www.texasheart.org)

**Arthritis Foundation**  
<http://www.arthritis.org/arthritis-in-african-americans.php>

**Texas Department of State Health Services - Texas Diabetes Council**  
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/diabetes/>

**Alliance for Aging Research: The SilverBook.org**  
<http://www.silverbook.org/browse.php?id=35>



## NDG Gossip: Eddie Long wants his money back!

By Tonya Whitaker  
NDG Staff Writer

Man, oh man. Eddie Long knows better than to tell black folk to keep quiet!

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported Oct. 1 the esteemed Bishop Eddie Long is requesting



Eddie Long

that three of his accusers – Jamal Parris, Spencer LeGrande and Centino Kemp – return their hush money because he believes they have violated the secrecy agreement that was

made several months ago. Bishop and his lawyers are trying to get back \$900,000 from the accusers.

Long has some nerve. I am not here to play judge, jury, or a higher power, but he was the one who decided to pay these men off so they would not air his dirty laundry. To me, paying people off is admitting guilt. I know if someone went around trying to smear my name, I would fight tooth and nail to clear it. Long decided not to defend his honor. Now he is have a pissy fit because Kemp is planning to write a book and Parris is speaking out about the ordeal.

I wonder if the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church flock has now stopped drinking the darn Kool-Aid.

### Unwise words

Are you ready for some unemployment? Singer Hank Williams Jr. claims

he was angry at the economic situation in the



Hank Williams, Jr.

country when he compared President Barack Obama to Adolf Hitler. I am still trying to figure out the that out, but the stupidest part of Monday's *Fox and Friends* interview with the wise guy is when he said Obama and Vice President Joe Biden were the enemies ... "The Three Stooges." Obviously, the old man can't count either. I wonder if he was wasted?

## 'Keeping up with the Mandelas' "We're definitely not the African Kardashians"

(NNPA) Nelson Mandela's three grandchildren will join the reality show bandwagon, the family announced Sept. 29. The show, which will air in 2012, will show Africa's "new middle class of intellectuals," according to one granddaughter.

"The show will be about our lives as young, Black women ... We're not wearing, 'I'm a Mandela' T-shirts," said Swati Dlamini, granddaughter of Winnie Madikizela-Mandela. The show is supposed to expose the role of the new generation as ca-



Nelson Mandela's Grandchildren

reer women and mothers, Mail and Guardian reports.

Dlamini, Dorothy Adjoa Amuah and Zaziwe

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man, VonStuben & Associates/Human Capital Consultant; Lyria Howland, President of Howland PR, Inc..

In previous years, the conference has educated and empowered over 500 young professionals, students and city leaders. Register at <http://ypempowerment2011.eventbrite.com/>. Registration includes continental breakfast, and lunch. *Special discounted rates offered for Partners and College Students.*

The Power ON Empowerment Conference is a joint venture between Chameleon Entertainment (Power ON Conference Series) and the

Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals (UL-GDYP). Sponsors are Microsoft; jcpenny; Danzy Entertainment; Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio & Associates (TCBA); Aranya Enterprises; Ascendant Strategy; Startup Expert; Extreme Graphixx

ite.com/. Registration includes continental breakfast, and lunch. *Special discounted rates offered for Partners and College Students.*

## AT&T expanding Hispanic programming

AT&T announced that it is expanding its portfolio of On Demand En Espanol TV content for AT&T U-verse® TV customers to mirror the lifestyles and match the interests of U.S. Hispanic consumers – the country's fastest-growing demographic.

The expansion of the On Demand En Espanol TV content portfolio comes on the heels of a number of recent partnerships with Latin music industry leaders and recording artists, and it is part of the company's effort to deliver fresh new content to this growing demographic. Available On Demand En Espanol are a series of private concerts, behind-the-scenes clips, rehearsals, and interviews from some of the most popular Latin recording artists.

"It's crucial in today's society for Hispanic consumers to feel like they have a source of information that will give them a sense of connectedness to

their roots, culture and heritage," said Roberto Garcia, executive director, Hispanic Marketing, AT&T. "Music is and will always be a very big part of who Hispanics are, and how they choose to express themselves. We're particularly excited to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month and are proud and honored to join the community in an extended celebration all year round."

In recent years, AT&T has collaborated with various Latin music icons and up-and-coming talent to bring that experience to customers at home and on the go. Some of those artists include Juan Luis Guerra, Don Omar, Christian Castro, Alexis y Fido, Paulina Rubio, Thalia and Venezuelan duo Chino y Nacho

"We at Universal Music Latin Entertainment completely embrace the AT&T motto of 'thinking without limits' and value the partnership that we

have established with the company over the last 5 years," said Victor Gonzalez, President of Universal Music Latin Entertainment. "Together we have helped forge a one-of-a-kind relationship that has helped us design unique platforms with which to showcase the new releases from some of our most talented artists. The campaigns that we have executed with artists such as JUANES, Wisin & Yandel, Luis Fonsi, Paulina Rubio, Don Omar, Jenni Rivera, Banda el Recodo, Pedro Fernandez, Belanova and Chino y Nacho amongst others, are just the beginning of many great things to come."

"Technology in communications has opened up many new avenues for providing access to music, and it is extremely important that communications companies recognize the power of music, especially in the Latino community," said Ruben Leyva, presi-

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ica's small businesses. Folks in the other party, they like to talk a good game about helping America's job creators. 'Let's help America's job creators.' Okay, let's do that. This jobs bill provides tax cuts for nearly every small business in America. If you hire new employees, or raise your workers' wages, you get an extra tax cut. So my message to Congress is, don't just talk about helping job creators; actually help some job creators by passing this bill."

Eastfield is celebrating their 41st year, with an enrollment of over 14,000 students this fall. The day's event generated buzz throughout the campus in anticipation of the arrival of the president and the opportunity to improve the community college's visibility.

Kimberly Russell, a single mother and laid off Dallas Independent School District teacher, introduced the president. Her comments implored Congress to pass the jobs bill, "to help teachers like me and others get back to work soon."

Foregoing a jacket, Presi-

dent Obama arrived on stage to thunderous applause and immediately picked up the baton from Russell in the race



to urge Congress to pass legislation.

"Teachers like Kim are why I am here today," Obama added, "And because the problems that led to the recession weren't caused overnight, they won't be solved overnight. That's the hard truth."

President Obama also warned that without passage of the American Jobs Act, on

January 1st everyone will essentially receive a tax increase. A payroll tax cut resulted in most workers receiv-

ing \$1,400 added to their paychecks this year. The payroll tax break will expire December 31st without an extension. Before arriving at Eastfield, the president attended two fundraisers; his re-election campaign set a goal of raising \$1 million for the day. He then flew to St. Louis for more fundraisers before returning to Washington Tuesday evening.



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## Sports Talk with Spider

*By Don Willis*

African-Americans and other minorities have climbed the corporate mountain to become CEO's of Fortune 500 companies throughout the United States within the last twenty years. From pharmaceuticals companies to Big Blue (IBM) these individuals have burned the midnight oil to become the decision makers for their stockholders and dedicated employees. Why can corporate America find a qualified minority chief executive to run their companies, but the National Football League (NFL), National Basketball Association (NBA), Major League Baseball and the NCAA remain unable to do the same?

American Express named Kenneth Chenault CEO in 2001. For ten years, the company has earned considerable profits with only minimal layoffs since he been at the helm, despite the on-going economic crisis. In 2009, Xerox installed Ursula Burn as the first African-American woman as its CEO. During Burn's tenure, the company has strived to become intensely competitive with China and India.

The NBA is slightly ahead of the curve with several potential candidates who are willing to take David

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Stern place when he retires, even though there have been two lockouts under his watch. Former New York Knicks' coach Stu Jackson the NBC Senior Vice-President of Basketball Operations has a fantastic relationship with the players union. There are indications he is building trust with the owners. Other names mentioned are Isaiah Thomas and Derek Fisher. My personal choice is Dallas Mavericks' President Terdema Ussery, a Princeton and Harvard graduate, who sit on the NBA Board of Governors.

The NFL hiring a minority CEO is an extremely distant possibility, despite a roster of qualified candidates available. Currently, the “good old boys” network of owners is solid as ever. Meanwhile, the game has become predictable and unexciting. Only three men have served as commissioners in the last fifty years, an indication of the kind of CEO the owners want. Clearly they are satisfied with old blue eyes. NFL executives James Harris and Ozzie Newsome, along with Super Bowl coach Tony Dungy, could petition the league for an interview. They could argue the need for application of the Rooney Rule to the Commissioner position. The Rooney Rule requires owners to interview minority candidates for open head coach vacancies.

In baseball, the chances of a minority heading Major League Baseball are "slim to none" and slim just left the building. The makeup of baseball is majority Latinos as African-Americans players' participation decreased 32 percent since 1997. Latino managers made the transition to the dugout, becoming some of the best managers in the game today with the likes of Florida Marlins' Edwin Rodriguez, Cleveland Indians' Manny Acta and the controversial Ozzie Guillen who recently quit his job with the Chicago Whites Sox.

These managers have led teams through pennant races and won World Series championships. They now have visions of being owners as the Latino population and wealth continue to grow in America.

The hiring of a CEO for this professional organization will be difficult but not impossible because the ownership will have to hire the most qualified candidates. No matter what the ethnicity or hiring practices in place, the landscape will be changing in the future.

*You can listen to Donald "Spider" Willis on Sports Talk with Spider each Sunday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Fishbowl Radio Network.com. You can contact Don Wills at 469-335- 6668 or email [entertainment@northdallasgazette.com](mailto:entertainment@northdallasgazette.com).*

## SECURITY, continued from Page 2

data. Some malicious smartphone viruses can even allow hackers to log and even record incoming and outgoing calls without the device users knowledge. As a result, these hidden mobile device viruses can not only compromise users' personal conversations, but also their calls to banks and credit card companies' which may involve sensitive account numbers and Social Security numbers. In short, mobile device viruses are uniquely poised to subject users to a high risk of identity theft.

In light of the significant risks posed by mobile device malware, smartphone users should consider installing security software to guard against the latest security threats. Just as personal computers always should be secured with up-to-date Internet security software, smartphones should be safeguarded against hackers and spammers. Further, once security software has been installed, it is important to keep it updated.

Just as computer owners know not to install software from unknown

sources, careful smartphone users should delete suspicious or unsolicited text messages and emails without opening them. With these simple steps, smartphone users can talk, text and browse without having to worry about who is secretly reading, watching or listening to their private communications.

For more information about cyber security, identity theft protection and other topics, visit the Texas Attorney General's Office online at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov).

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Dlamini-Manaway said they grew up in the United States, but returned to South Africa for personal and business matters.

"We're definitely not the African Kardashians," Amuah said.

In case people are wondering whether the reality show may expose the family in a negative light or disrespect the legacy of South Africa's former president, producer Rick Leed promised good things.

"They clearly have a great love [for each other]. This may be part storytelling, part reality, except the story we are telling is

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real ... it's not going to detract from the dignity of Nelson Mandela," he told reporters in Johannesburg.

The grandchildren said they would not feature their parents or grandparents.

Dlamini, 32, is a single mother who would like to set up a foundation.

Amuah, 27, is into the luxury brands market and received a law degree and MBA from Monaco.

Dlamini-Manaway, 34, is a mother with a two kids and one on the way. She plans to launch a clothing line and is involved with Mandela Dlamini Associates.

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margin of victory in two of the last three presidential elections.

State governments across the country (including Texas) have enacted an array of new laws that make it harder for likely voters to register. The new rules include often costly voter ID laws; proof of citizenship requirements; and the elimination of early, absentee, and election day registration programs. For many states, the new rules are costly for both residents and state governments.

"Already 19 new laws and two new executive actions are in place and at least 42 bills are still pending," according to the report "Voting Law Changes in 2012."

These new restrictions fall most heavily on young,

low-income, and voters of color, as well as on voters with disabilities. Additional findings the report found:

- These new laws could make it significantly harder for more than five million eligible voters to cast ballots in 2012.

- The states that have already cut back on voting rights will provide 171 electoral votes in 2012 - 63 percent of the 270 needed to win the presidency.

- Of the 12 likely battleground states, as assessed by an August Los Angeles Times analysis of Gallup polling, five have already cut back on voting rights (and may pass additional restrictive legislation), and two more are currently considering new restrictions.

Wendy R. Weiser, one of

the report's co-authors, calls the voting law changes "radical" and "completely unnecessary."

"They especially hurt those who have been historically locked out of our electoral system, like minorities, poor people, and students," Weiser wrote. "Often they seem precisely targeted to exclude certain voters."

All of this despite little evidence of actual voter fraud, and plenty to suggest that the laws will not only cost cash-strapped states millions of dollars.

Colorlines.com's Jami-lah King on what's behind the push for stricter voting laws:

Surely it's at least partially an effort to gear up for the 2012 presidential elections. But criticism of the

Voter ID bills often falls starkly along party lines. While Republicans say that they're necessary to combat growing fraud, there's little to suggest rampant fraud is actually taking place. Meanwhile, Democrats argue that there's plenty of evidence to suggest that it's the elderly, African American, and Latino voters who are most likely to vote without the types of identification that's being required in the new legislation.

Voting rights advocates put the current debate over Voter ID's on the historical continuum of the kinds of voter intimidation that was instrumental in galvanizing the civil rights movement of the 1960s and passing the Voting Rights Act of 1964.

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dent that we (chambers), Economic Development and Small Business Owners (Dee Dee Bates State Farm Agency-Garland) work together to enhance the social, educational

and cultural elements of our community", Dee Dee adds.

The Hispanic Heritage Banquet was a kickoff for Hispanic Chamber of Commerce community events. Per, Raul

Parra, Founder and CEO of the Garland Hispano Chamber of Commerce, "multiple responses from fellow community leaders, Consul General of Mexico, city (Garland) of-

ficials and Mayor gave evidence and reassurance that the Garland Hispano Chamber is a very essential element in serving the Garland Community."

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All Senior Saints are invited to our Double Nickel (55 and above) Luncheon @ the New-

some Center on Amscott Street in McKinney. Activities include lunch, bingo and door prizes. Come and bring a friend. If you are homebound, we will deliver to you. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than the Friday, October 7th this month) before the luncheon and leave a message with your name, address, phone number and how many meals you need.

**October 15**

Join us for an Evening of Romance with Dinner and Jazz. Call the church for tickets and details.

**October 31, 6 p.m.**

Join us for our Fall Fun Festival; a safe alternative to Halloween. Prizes will be given for best costumes; please wear Christian costumes. There will be hot dogs and popcorn for all ages. Call the church for details.

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**October 9, 8 a.m.  
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Join us in Morning Worship as we praise and worship God for His blessings; also, we will honor Pastor Joshua for 17 years of faithful and loving service to our church and community; and we will celebrate the men of Shiloh "United Men of Praise" program.

**October 12, 7 p.m.**

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**October 29, 7 p.m.**

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Because of the lack of enough rain and the many devastating fires, many people have been displaced, most of them have received discouraging words, their lives have been uprooted, and some, perhaps, have had their faiths shaken. To these individuals, I ask you to see God in everything that has happened to you. A friend of mine once said that in every situation, she looks at every side of the problem to see what she can learn. To many of you, I know that it must be hard to look at your situation and see God's handiwork, but pause long enough to see God at work in your life.

Remember that in spite of his intimate relationship with Jesus, "doubting" Thomas still refused to believe that Jesus, who had died on the cross, had been seen alive by the other disciples. Thomas said that

# Seeing God in Everything and Everywhere

only after he actually felt the nail wounds in Jesus' hand and the wound in His side would he believe that

has happened to you. There are times that our faith gets trampled under the weight of concerns

John, we are told that where there is love, there is God. We read, in fact, that God is love. When you are

you. Don't forget that God's presence shines in every kindness and loving act that you see.

AS NEAR AS A BREATH – "And the Lord God . . . breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." **Genesis 2:7(b) (KJV)**

Most of the time we don't think much about breathing; day after day we automatically breathe in and breathe out with little thought or effort. Usually we can't even see our breath. However, on cold winter days, the contrast between the cold air and our warm breath when we exhale creates little short-lived clouds that are plainly visible.

Just as we are usually unmindful of breathing, we can pass our time oblivious to God. In **Hebrews 13:5(b) - 6**, God promises, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not

fear what man shall do unto me. But since we cannot physically see God, we often sail through our days barely aware of God's presence.

We may utter a prayer in passing or spending a few minutes reading the Bible. But after that we sometimes give God little thought until we get into a crisis. Then we realize we need strength beyond ourselves. This contrast between our weakness and God's power and comfort makes God visible. Our hard times have enabled us to see God, if only we will look for Him. But in reality, God is always as near as our breath. As **Genesis 2:7(b)** tells us, our very life began with God's breath. So every breath that we breathe can remind us of God's constant presence with us.

**Remember:** When you take time for silence, it allows you to hear God's guidance in times of your trials and tribulations.



(L to R): This trio, sister & brother, Deaconess Arissa Ruffin and Deacon Andrell Ruffin, and Deaconess Donna Murray, the Word of Life Ensemble group, leads the congregation each week in songs and praises honoring God; Pastor Gregory Voss, in the background, standing with the other members of the congregation in praise and worship.

the other disciples had seen Jesus. **John 20:24-29 (KJV)**

On certain occasion, you may struggled to believe, just as I am sure that some of you at this time in your lives are struggling to believe that God is still in control of everything that

about our situations in life, our family, work, health, friends, and even the world. Like "doubting" Thomas we may find ourselves looking for proof that God is still there – available, and with the ability to restore all faith.

In the First Epistle of

overwhelmed by life's problems and begin to doubt, look for evidence of the presence of God. In every expression of love, a kind word, a sacrificial gift, an offer of help, in the trusting life of a baby, you can see that God is alive and at work everywhere around

## Life's Outtakes: Misbehaving washing machines

By Daris Howard

Some years ago I worked part time doing maintenance work for multiple apartment complexes where college students lived. Sometimes the apartment managers and I would share interesting experiences with each other. Here is one that was set of emails. The real names have been replaced.

**Girl:** Dear Apartment Manager, The washing machines here are horrible. Someone needs to get them fixed.

**Manager:** I'm sorry. I didn't know there was any problem. I will put in a work order for our maintenance man to fix them.

(A couple of days later.)

**Manager:** Our maintenance man said he couldn't find any problems with the washers. He asked me to see if you could give some specifics as to what is wrong with them.

**Girl:** The stupid things keep shrinking all of my favorite jeans.

**Manager:** Are you sure

it is the washing machines that are doing it?

**Girl:** Well, duh. What else could it be? They don't shrink just wearing them.

**Manager:** I don't see how our washing machines could be the cause of your jeans shrinking.

**Girl:** What else could it be? I wore them when I lived at home, and the washing machines there never shrunk them.

**Manager:** Would you mind explaining how you think the machines are what is doing this?

**Girl:** I think it is the water they use.

**Manager:** It is just normal water. In fact, we have a filter system and a water softener. It should be the best water there is for washing clothes. Are you using the right temperatures and cycles?

**Girl:** Of course. I do everything just like my mom did at home.

**Manager:** Are you using the same detergent?

**Girl:** Yes. I wouldn't use

anything else but what my mom uses.

**Manager:** I just can't figure out what we could do to change our washers so they don't shrink your jeans. Are you positive there couldn't be another explanation?

**Girl:** Are you insinuating I'm stupid? Well, I'm not.

**Manager:** No, I wasn't. I didn't mean to offend you. I was just wondering if there might be some other explanation. This is the first complaint I have had about it.

**Girl:** Well, I can tell you that my roommates have the same problem, so it's not

just me. It's probably just that nobody else wants to make waves, so they aren't willing to complain.

**Manager:** If you don't mind, maybe you could talk to your roommates and see if any of them have an idea about what is causing the problem so we can get this all figured out.

(A couple of days later.)

**Girl:** I want you to know that we figured out the problem with my jeans, so you can forget about it.

**Manager:** Can you tell me what you found out?

**Girl:** I'll just say that I no longer blame you, so you don't have to worry about it

anymore.

**Manager:** Would you mind telling me why?

**Girl:** It's all okay. My roommates and I figured out the problem, so thanks for your help.

**Manager:** I appreciate that, but I really kind of need to know what took care of the problem.

**Girl:** It's kind of simple little thing. You can just forget I ever wrote.

**Manager:** I'm glad everything is working for you now, and I appreciate the fact that you are not upset with us. But to close out the work order, since we really didn't do anything to

fix the problem, I am required to put some explanation as to why you are now satisfied with our service. Would you please tell me what changed your mind about our washing machines being the cause of your jeans shrinking?

**Girl:** One of my roommates bought a scale for our apartment.

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## Brave new world: SMU to examine social media ethics in law, medicine and religion

How doctors, lawyers and clergy can ethically enlist such social media tools as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn will be the focus of SMU's annual Conference of the Professions: Ethics and Social Media on Oct. 14.

The event, set for 8:30 – 11:45 a.m. in the Great Room of SMU's Prothro Hall, is sponsored by the Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility, the Dedman School of Law and the Perkins School of Theology along with the Dallas County Medical Society, Dallas Bar Association and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Tickets, \$15, are available by registering here.

Conference discussions will center on how social networking can affect professional relationships, privacy and more.

"The medical profession is no different from any

other business in that patients and health systems are experiencing a phenomena where the Internet removes the middle-man in a professional relationship," says panelist Dan McCoy, a dermatologist who uses social media to strengthen his practice. "Although in medicine this could lead to better access to care, the challenge will be to make sure that patients are put in touch with correct, valid, and science-based information."

Challenges will be discussed by these panelists:

- **Carrie James** (keynote speaker), research director and principal investigator at Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. James' research focuses on youth engagement with new digital media and related ethical issues. Her keynote address will explore the moral and ethical dimensions of digital life, share findings from onlife life research and con-

sider its possible implications for professions. She holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from New York University.

- **John Browning**, managing partner of the Dallas law office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP, where he handles civil litigation in state and federal courts. His book, *The Lawyer's Guide to Social Networking*, was published in December 2010. Browning, an adjunct professor at SMU Dedman School of Law, has extensive trial, arbitration and summary judgment experience. He received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law. A noted legal writer, Browning's weekly syndicated newspaper column "Legally Speaking" has garnered numerous journalism awards.

- **Dusty Craig** is pastor of Next Generation Ministries at White's Chapel United Methodist Church in

Southlake, Texas. He recently launched White's Chapel Online, a "digital mission to the un-churched, de-churched, and anti-church population" on the Internet that draws more than 1,000 unique visitors each week from more than 20 countries. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in theology from Dallas Baptist University. Craig blogs on his own site and maintains an active social media presence.

- **Dan McCoy** is a managing partner, consultant and dermatologist in the Dallas area who has launched innovative social media projects including live streaming of video information for blogs and education events. He works with major Fortune 500 companies in product marketing, providing lectures and participating in educational forums. He received his M.D. from UT Southwestern Medical School.

"Our goal is not to teach professionals how to use social media, but to look at the more serious issues of its use," says

Maguire Center Assistant Director Candy Crespo.

For more information, visit [smu.edu/ethicscenter](http://smu.edu/ethicscenter) or contact 214-768-4255.

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