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Microloans Offer Hope To Aspiring Minority Entrepreneurs Who Lack Capital To Put Dreams to Test

By: Myka Mel distinction

LeSotho faces worsen famine In 40 years 40 years, when weather led to a failed harvest - estimated to be around 400,000 metric tons of maize. LeSotho’s 1.8 million people have to struggle to meet their basic food needs for the rest of the year, with the risk of consequences crop failures and catastrophic prices for maize, the staple food. The country’s last 12-kg bag of maize has doubled since last year, reaching R92 in March 2007. More than half the country’s population relies on less than one meal a day, says World Food Programme (WFP) representatives in LeSotho. Blue Tuma.

LeSotho has faced various crises in the past, including drought and political instability. The country has been dependent on international aid for assistance. However, the recent famine is considered to be the worst in decades. The WFP estimated that around 77,000 LeSothans were facing food insecurity, a shortfall of 42 percent compared to the previous year.

LeSotho’s prime minister, Pakalitha Mosisili, stated that his government had used every available resource to mitigate the crisis. LeSotho used to produce around 30 percent of its total food requirements, which is now ranked 127 on the UN’s hunger index. Despite efforts, the situation continued to worsen. But five years later, it had sank to 140.

LeSotho, a small mountain kingdom also has a harsh climate that limits the growing season of many crops. It is estimated that there are 30,000 tons of cereals and other foodstuffs that must meet minimum consumption needs. According to national cereal production forecast is estimated at around 72,000 tons, which is a shortfall of 42 percent compared to the previous year.

LeSotho faces a severe food crisis due to poor rainfall, which has caused a sharp decrease in agricultural production. The country is highly dependent on food imports, and the situation has been exacerbated by the global food price crisis.

In Dammascus, she met some of the thousands of Iraqi refugees from the Middle East back into the war. Among them, she said, were volunteers who had worked with humanitarian crises before and were eager to help.

UNHCR and UNICEF recently launched a joint $129 million appeal to meet the needs of 150,000 Iraqi refugees. The appeal is to cover a five-month period to 2008.

While in Iraq, Jolie also visited demonstrators in a Baghdad group for private visits with U.S. troops and other officials in the Middle East. However, she did not meet with Mubarak, who remained in power. The government there has been criticized for its handling of the humanitarian crisis and its alleged persecution of minorities.

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two things you must do first: 1. Check your credit report. Most credit reports contain inaccurate information. It’s up to you to correct it — check the government agency that provides your report. 2. Good credit means you’re ripe for abuse. When you have good credit, banks place fewer restrictions on your loan and that allows dealers to charge you more. So it’s crucial to know the terms of your loan up front.

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IRVING CITIZENS ENCOURAGE COUNCIL CITY TO ADD NEW POSITION

The Irving City Council will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 6, at the Civic Center Complex, located at 825 West Irving Blvd., Irving, Texas.

Believing that the City’s Forum, Irving citizens are invited to speak for three minutes on matters relating to City government that are items not listed on the regular agenda. Concerned citizens are encouraged to attend and inform Council leaders that a full-time Minority Women Business Executive position should be funded in the upcoming budget.

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Rover DramaWerks Announces “Schoolboy Crush” and other album tracks, like action as hit singles, many name but two - attracted chart cuts – “Cut The Cake” and”iences in the US and elsewhere. eagerly adopted by black audi-’authentic’ sound which was Donny Hathaway and others - R&B heroes - people like Scottish roots, the six piece incongruously, given their Atlantic Records. Somewhat nominations for the legendary albums and multiple Grammy ing across several gold selling accomplished song writing, stretch- in their consistently accom- the band's strength actually lay mega-hit ‘Pick Up the Pieces’ for their timeless instrumental Though perhaps best known bands in the history of music. one of the best soul and funk to 8:30 p.m. (Callbacks, if September 12 from 7:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday, September 11 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.) needed, will follow.) Appointments are required. For an appointment time, please email auditions07@roverdrama werks.com. Auditions will be at the ArtCentre of Plano, 1517 H Avenue in downtown Plano; 3 blocks east of Cox Building Playhouse. Roles are as follows: Michael: Male, 50+. Once a university professor, now a hostage in the Lebanese civil war. Lainie: Female, 30s. Michael's wife, a natural biology professor, advocate for her hus- band's release. Walker: Male, 20s-40s. Newspaper reporter covering Lainie's and Michael's hostage struggle. Ellen: Female, 20s-40s. Government representative assigned to Lainie and Michael's case. The roles of Ellen and Walker have been cast. Other information: Auditions will consist of read- ings from the script. Please email auditions07@roverdrama werks.com for an appointment, and a script will be sent to you. Be familiar with the script before auditioning. A resume and head shot is not re- quired. Rehearsals will begin October 3 and will be at the ArtCentre of Plano. Two Rooms is the first show of Rover DramaWerks’ 2007-2008 Season and will be performed at the Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue in Plano. Performance dates are November 1-17, 2007. Actors and technicians will receive stipends.

Jazz Friday Sept. 21st 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. (Food Served)

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31-Year Old Dallas Based Arts Institution Kicks Off New Season With Star-Studded Program Line Up

The Black Academy of Art and Letters (TBAA) is unveiling an unbreakable line up of programs ranging from poetry to spoken word, dance, film, literary discussion, music, theatre and more for its 31st season. “When we opened our 30th season with celebrities, luminaries and legends like Academy Award winner Louis Gossett Jr., Emmy winner Heda Beno and Grammy winner Pablo Bryan, I felt that TBAA had truly evolved to another level as an institution whose mission is to preserve, pro- mote and perpetuate the arts and letters of African, Caribbean and African American artists and scholars,” said Curtis King, TBAA founder and president. “I am even more excited to be a part of a body of institutions that strives to bring the best cultural arts and entertainment to the

AWB are widely regarded as one of the best soul and funk bands in the history of music. Through perhaps best known for their simmering instrumental maps-hit ‘Pick Up The Pieces’ the band’s strength actually lay in their constantly accom- plished song writing, stretch- ing across several gold selling albums and multiple Grammy nominations for the legendary Atlantic Records. Somewhat incongruously, given their Scottish roots, the six piece took the influences of their R&B heroes - people like Marvin Gaye, James Brown, Dony Hathaway and others - and developed their own ‘authentic’ sound which was eagerly adopted by black audi- ences in the US and elsewhere. Whilst a great number of cuts – “Cut The Cake” and “Let’s Go Round Again” to name but two - attracted chart action as hit singles, many other album tracks, like “Schoolboy Crush” and

Rover DramaWerks Announces Auditions For Two Rooms

Two Rooms illuminates both the numbing agony of one man taken hostage by political sat- ellite and the helpless fury of those who are left behind, a loved one imprisoned for some- thing he did not do, and officials who feel they must be guided by logic rather than emotion. Witten in 1988, Two Rooms serves to remind us of our past and gives us pause to consider our present and what the future may hold, including the sense of futility and despair that comes when people of goodwill realize that logic, compassion and fair- ness have become meaningless in a society so willingly.

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Toyota has added almost three inches to the width, but has taken just over an inch from the height of the 2005 model. Tailgaters may not like the fit as the front and back scoring areas have lost some height, but with the extra inches in width, passengers won’t mind if they’re sitting on top of each other. Rear leg room remains the same, but from left to rear has a few inches less, even with the longer body. The standard features remain the same and a smoother than the 2005 model, thanks to a torsion-beam rear suspension and the MacPherson strut front suspension. Powering the extra 630 pounds of weight is a base Camry engine. The 2008 engine is up from 1.5 liters to 2.4, with an added 15 horse-power bringing it to 158 hp, and 162 foot torque - that’s pretty tough for a vehicle in its class. And if you want even more oomph in this pappy vehicle, get the dealer to have a supercharger bolted on (as an option), giving you around 200 hp. The list of standard equipment is impressive and includes cruise control, power windows, audio controls on the steering wheel, a six-speaker sound system with Pioneer audio system with AM/FM, and CD player/MP3 reader, air-condi-

tioning, remote keyless entry, sporty driver seat with height adjustment, sports passenger seat, from center armrest, a full dashboard console and partial floor console with covered storage box. Not bad for a sticker price around $15,600.

The 2008 xB comes with four-wheel disc brakes, ABS, traction control and electronic stability control. It also has driv- er front airbags with multi-stage deployment, and passenger front airbag with occupant sensors and multi-stage deployment. Height adjustable 5-point front seat belts on driver seat and passenger seat with pre-tensioners are standard equipment, as are the front and rear side curtain airbags. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave the 2008 Scion a Ib Good rating (the best for IIHS) in front impact crash test results. Side and rear impact crash test results aren’t available. And with the modifications made to this years model, the xB has moved from minivan classifica-
tion to small car. Toyota’s 2008 Scion xB is now up against contenders in the small car classification, due to weight and length modifications. With a sticker price lower than most of its competitors, standard features numerous enough that you can’t remember them all, plenty of safety features and a new powerful engine, the competition has room to worry.
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Prayer 4 Life is a campaign to put an end to a special day and to get the parents and the community involved in concerted efforts on the part of civic, business, church, and school leaders. It is a campaign sponsored statewide.”

Joseph Brandrud (D-NT) was especially instrumental in the project.

The first Grandparents Day was proclaimed in 1973 by West Virginia Governor Arch Moore. Also in 1973, U.S. Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. The first Grandparents Day was celebrated on Labor Day. The holiday was established to honor grandparents, the older generation, and to provide an opportunity for children to show love for parents and grandparents. The Holiday was introduced by Representative James Oberstar (D-MN). Oberstar’s resolution noted that “the first Sunday after Labor Day marks the beginning of the autumn years of life and has long been a day to signify the ‘autumn years’ of life.”

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Texas Motor Speedway. Route runs from 115-162 miles. "Many people will participate in Tour de Cure for the stimulat- ing competition, camaraderie and physical cycling challenge," said Benito Price, co-chair for the event. "But the real reward comes in knowing that every mile ridden and every dollar raised will benefit the American Diabetes Association."

The American Diabetes Association of Fort Worth is challenging local residents to par- ticipate in the first Tour de Cure in North Texas. Tour de Cure will take place Saturday, October 20, at the Doral Tower Resot just south

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