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NAACP Must Realize Its Own Strength

By: **Hazel Trice Edney**
NNPA

Standing before his first NAACP convention as president and CEO-elect, 35-year-old Benjamin Todd Jealous recalled a pivotal moment in his life. It was during a birthday party when someone toast-

ed a Black male friend for having survived until the age of 21, he said in prepared remarks.

"I went to my grandmother and said, 'Tell me the rest of the story Grandma. Tell me what happened... things aren't getting better'", he recalled before the audi-

ence of thousands gathered this week in Cincinnati.

"She just looked at me and said, 'It's simple, baby... we got what we fought for, but we lost what we had.'"

When that, Jealous, with a background of civil

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Halle Berry pays tribute to fellow actor Don Cheadle

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Race deemed a factor in decision by Wells Fargo

From staff reports

When businessmen Saravanan Rathinasabapathy and Yvonne Derrill Ewans met with Wells Fargo personal banker Matt Palmer to transact

business, the meeting was called to a halt after teller Cindy Pirrello alerted security that the two men, one Indian and the other African American, looked and acted suspiciously. This initial action started

an entire chain of events that involved multiple Wells Fargo employees.

The men, along with Mr. Rathinasabapathy's wife, Nithya, and Mr.

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Editor's Note: The North Dallas Gazette has recently conducted research on Wells Fargo Bank and their lending practices within the minority community. If you would like to offer any special comment regarding your interactions with Wells Fargo Bank – pro or con – please contact our Publisher, Mr. Thurman Jones at publisher@northdallasgazette.com. Please include "Wells Fargo" in the subject line of your email. You may also send any comments to P.O. Box 940226, Plano, Texas 75094-0226.

Dallas Firm Celebrates Christmas in July for Non-Profits

From staff reports

The office is decked out in red, white and blue, but they are no't celebrating the nation's birthday all month. President and CEO of the company, Don Crawford, arrived for work in a Santa Claus suit. Those who have worked at

Delta Dallas for more than a year knew Christmas in July had arrived.

Delta Dallas, a Dallas-based leading provider of staffing and recruiting services specializing in administrative, accounting and call center staffing, last week announced the launch of the 10th annual

Christmas in July. Throughout the month of July the company will sponsor a 31 day program of giving that it hopes will touch the lives of over 2,000 children in need.

It is common to see companies sponsor charitable giving opportunities during the Christmas holi-

days. But not many go all out to celebrate Christmas in July. With lights strung, a Christmas tree decorated in red, white and blue and the receptionist answering "Merry Christmas" every time she receives a call, Delta Dallas has thrown

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Musings on the 4th of July

By: **James Clingman**
Blackonomics

My thoughts on the 4th of July were centered on independence, Black independence. I thought about Black strength, Black resolve, and Black determination. I considered the valor required for independence, the sacrifice and, yes, the possibility of losing one's life for independence.

I thought about freedom and what it means

to human beings, so much so that they will go to any length to attain it. I thought about Harriet Tubman, Medgar Evers, and Steven Biko. I thought about Haiti.

That's right, of all the thoughts I had that day Haiti was the dominant thought. Why? First of all, I am constantly disheartened about the lack of attention this country gives to Haiti; even more, I am angered by the fact that a Black

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Charlotte Berry

Charlotte Berry, a graduate of Leadership Southwest's Class of 2005, will serve as Chair of the Leadership Southwest (LSW) Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 program year.

Leadership Southwest, Inc. is a leadership training program in cooperation with the Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, and Oak Cliff Chambers of Commerce.

Berry is a resident of

DeSoto where she serves as the Vice President of the Park Development Board. As a member of the LSW Board of Directors for the past three years, she has served on or chaired several class day planning committees including Orientation/Team Building, Economic Development, Education, Health and Human Services and Graduation. Active in her community, Berry

serves on the board of the African American Museum in Dallas, and as a facilitator for DeSoto Dining and Dialogue. She is also a member of the business and professional organization, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., serving as its Southwestern Region Assistant Director for Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Berry holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North



Texas at Dallas and an Associate of Arts degree from Cedar Valley College in Lancaster. She is also a 2006 graduate of the Non-Profit Leadership class from SMU in conjunction with the Center for Non-Profit Management in Dallas.

Applications are being accepted for the Class of 2009. Applications are available on the LSW website at www.leadershipsouthwest.org to be printed off and sent in or that can be submitted on-

line. For more information about the upcoming class year, potential candidates can contact Karen Wilson at kwilson@leadershipsouthwest.org. Deadline for application submission is July 18; class sessions will begin in September and run through May of 2009. Tuition for participation is \$600. Potential class day sponsorship information can be obtained by contacting Patricia Coleman at pcoleman@bankdesoto.com or 972-780-7777.

Donna Byrd

Donna Byrd was recently named the Publisher of The Root, a smart, savvy online hub of thoughtful news and commentary for the post-Civil Rights generation.

Byrd is the former CEO of BlackAmericaWeb.com, where she was instrumental in launching one of the first leading African-American news



and lifestyle websites. She developed marketing and sales strategy for The Coca-Cola Company and Procter and Gamble before co-founding Kickoff Marketing, a strategic planning and brand firm. Since joining The Root, Byrd has leveraged her expertise and background in marketing, business planning and digital innovation to grow the fledgling site.

Byrd says her vision is for The Root to introduce up and coming black thought leaders, engage a community of forward thinkers in both serious and lively debate, and to showcase the diversity of viewpoints currently shaping the black experience.

Donna Byrd is a strategic marketer with a keen understanding for blending new technologies with proven marketing strategies. As

a founding partner of Kickoff Marketing, she brings extensive experience in brand development, marketing and strategic planning.

Byrd's interest and expertise in the internet space began in 1999 when she served as Vice President of Marketing for Ezgov.com. Ezgov.com facilitated communication and interaction between governments and their constituents and pro-

vided Donna the opportunity to utilize her marketing and strategic expertise with governments at the state and local level.

Donna has a B.A. in American Government from the University of Virginia, an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. She also serves on the Board of the University of Virginia Alumni Association.

Arnett Lanse Waters

Arnett Lanse Waters is a dynamic financial/wealth speaker who has quickly and strategically risen to the top of the investment industry. At age 24, he created a budget of \$30 million to employ and train adults in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. He was also personally selected and oversaw a 25 person team that was responsible for managing the program and its two hundred additional employees.

He was later selected by former Governor Edward J. King to operate a statewide program serving 30,000 individuals and employing a staff of approximately 600 people. Mr. Waters went on to serve as the Executive Director of the Private Industry Council (PIC) and as an aide to former

Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of Bank of Boston, Dr. James Howell.

Mr. Waters subsequently shifted from his role in the public service sector and moved into the investment arena at Merrill Lynch. He quickly rose from the ranks of trainee stockbroker and was later named Assistant Vice President of Sales at Merrill Lynch, and later went on to serve as both Assistant Vice President and Vice President of Sales at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette. Prior to founding his own ventures, he served as Vice President and Senior Vice President of Sales at Shearson, Lehman.

The dramatic increase in rare coins in the 1970s and 1980s convinced Mr. Waters that a value-invest-



ing approach existed in the growing marketplace. Therefore, in 1990, he founded Windsor Park Ltd., an international purveyor of high mint state United States gold and silver coins. His recommendations and anticipation of market trends have enabled some clients to receive returns in excess of 17% per year since 1990, which differentiates

his performance from that of other private dealers.

Today Windsor Park is the umbrella organization under which its affiliate companies operate: A.L. Waters Capital LLC, a FINRA/SIPC broker dealer company focusing on investment banking and corporate finance; and Port Huron Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership organized to buy and sell precious metals, coins, energy funds and securities focused on precious metals.

Mr. Waters served as the Secretary for the Boston Latin School Association. An avid lover of classical music, he also served as Director and Chairman of the Opera Company of Boston—a distinct honor, as he was the first black person to be named Chairman of a major Boston cultural institution. He currently serves

as an overseer to The Boston Museum of Science. Mr. Waters retired from playing polo in 2004, where he was a

member of the Newport, RI Polo Club. He also has played at Palm Beach, Aiken, SC and in the Dominican Republic.

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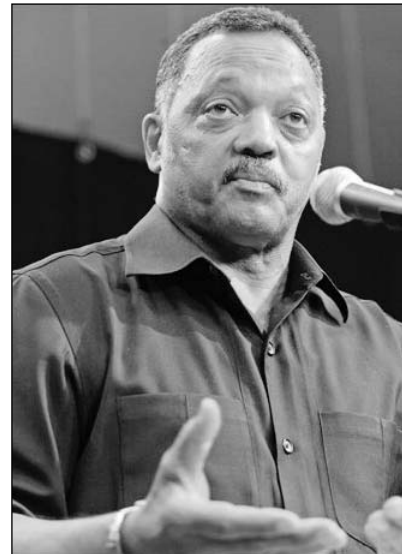
Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?
While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based Renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north. Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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Jackson Repents for His 'Locker Room, Trash Talk' About Obama

By. Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

Calls His Perspective 'Loving Criticism'



Rev. Jesse Jackson speaks during a news conference in Chicago, Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Jackson apologized for comments he made about Barack Obama's speeches in black churches during what he thought was a private conversation with a reporter.

(AP Photo/Russell A. Daniels)

"By 'talking down', I did not mean he was talking in a contempt way, but, talking with a message that did not correspond to the size and depth of our crisis. We're in crisis. We're in crisis," Jackson stressed.

Part of the criticism from Jackson – also a former presidential candidate – was sparked by Obama's Father's Day message that strongly urged Black fathers who are absent from their homes to be more responsible to their children.

In an NNPA interview two weeks ago, Obama explained that he did not mean to stereotype Black males and stressed that he has been talking about America's sins against the Black community.

"The fact that I made one speech about the very real problems of the fathers not looking after our kids doesn't negate everything that I've been talking about during the course of this campaign, about people lacking health care about the problems of the unjust criminal justice system. I've given multiple speeches on these issues and I will continue to," he said.

But Jackson, whose 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns focused almost solely on the need for the "rainbow" of America's cultures to hold government accountable for disparate treatment of the underserved and disadvantaged, says the senator's message is not balanced enough.

"Personal responsibility will not offset the impact of plants closing, jobs leaving, drugs and guns coming. We are simply overwhelmed by the structural collapse. We believe in faith-based if faith-

based means day care and after school programs," Jackson says.

Despite the crude remark, Jackson described his scrutiny of the Obama campaign as "loving criticism."

He says, "Our appeal is a loving criticism because I voted for Barack as a state senator, as a U. S. Senator, and as president I have endorsed him unso-

lited and unequivocally," he said. Nevertheless, he says his expectation is that Obama will speak to African-American groups with the

same balanced and pointed messages that he brings to other groups.

"You go to a Latino group and speak about the road to citizenship, bilingual education and wages. You go to labour and you talk about the right to organize, the task of securing jobs. When you go to business leaders, you talk about tax benefits, incentives and market growth. You go to women and you talk about self-determination, Title 9 and Row v. Wade. So there's an attempt there to make a message that has broader application to speak to the particulars of those group situations," he says.

"We have chronic levels of unemployment...There are 2.3 million Americans in prison. A million are Black. There are 900,000 young Black men in jail. We're number one in infant mortality, number one in life expectancy, number one in unemployment, number one in the home foreclosure crisis," Jackson said. "So, we have a malfunction of structural inequality that must be addressed if America is to grow. And so my only appeal was that the message must appeal to the nature and size of our problem. That's the point."

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rights achievements even at his young age, cited one gain – then loss – after another.

"We gained the right to send our children to any school, but local schools are falling apart and they seem to be resegregating by the day;

"We gained the right to live in any neighborhood, but the cost of housing in too many cities and towns has become exclusively high;

"We gained the right to join the local union, but it is harder to unionize and

union jobs are hard to find;

"We gained the right to go to any hospital, but the cost of health care is exorbitant, good coverage is too scarce, and too often the act of saving your own life...

"We gained the right to not be terrorized by the Klan, but street gangs are now bigger, more widespread, and just as deadly."

But, Jealous, who will star next year as he leads the organization into its 100th anniversary, said the answer to the dilemma lies in the NAACP embracing its own legacy and realizing

its own strength and the pivotal moment in which America finds itself.

"We are the NAACP. We are the direct descendents of the abolitionists," he said. "We are the boldest, most successful band of nonviolent agitators in the history of this country. And for almost 100 years we have built bridges to the future...better, more efficiently, and against great odds."

Those bridges started from then NAACP's founding in 1909, through Jim Crow in the 1930s and

'40s, through desegregation in the 1950s and the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

"We are the biggest grassroots army for human rights in this nation. We have presence not just in every state. But in thousands of cities, counties, and campuses. We have the ability to pull deep support from the ranks of the religious community, labor, the media, and small and big businesses," Jealous said. "We know what we must do...and we know how to do it."

Haitian Death Squad Leader Stands Trial

NNPA—A trial is getting underway in NYC for Emmanuel "Toto" Constant, a former Haitian paramilitary leader who carried out the military's "dirty work" in committing widespread human rights abuses.

Constant now faces charges of grand larceny and mortgage fraud. On Aug. 16, 2006, he was found responsible for torture, crimes against humanity and the systematic use of violence against women, including rape, for the purpose of terrorizing the Haitian.

The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and International Support Haiti Network (ISHN) will be joined by members of the New York City Council rallying outside of New York's Supreme Court in Brooklyn where the trial takes place.

Kenyan Leader's Ally to Step Down

NNPA — Kenya's Finance Minister Amos Kimunya is exiting his job in a cloud of controversy after allegedly overseeing the sale of a luxury hotel for a third of its value.

His departure, called 'temporary', has widened a split between the government of unity — President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga. Kimunya is a close ally of the President.

The hotel was allegedly sold for about \$45 million, instead of its recorded value of \$115 million.

A round of layoffs has begun and the Unilever Tea Kenya Ltd, with 20,000 employees, has agreed to a takeover by rival Brooke Bond.

The Basics to Every Day Essential Health

From staff reports

"He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything." -Arabian Proverb

1. Move More Make it a daily challenge to find ways to move your body. Climb stairs if given a choice between that and escalators or elevators. Walk your dog; chase your kids; toss balls with friends, mow the lawn. Anything that moves your limbs is not only a fitness tool, it's a stress buster. Think 'move' in small increments of time. Thought for the day: Cha, Cha, Cha.... Then do it!

2. Cut Fat Avoid the obvious such as fried foods, burgers and other fatty meats (i.e. pork, bacon, ham, salami, ribs and sausage). Dairy products such as cheese, cottage cheese, milk and cream should be eaten in low fat versions. Nuts and

sandwich meats, mayonnaise, margarine, butter and sauces should be eaten in limited amounts. Thought for the day: Lean, mean, fat-burning machine.... Then be one!

3. Quit Smoking There is a recent surge in smoking in adolescents and teens. Warn your children of the dangers of smoking. Thought for the day: Give up just one cigarette.

4. Reduce Stress Easier said than done, stress busters come in many forms. Some techniques recommended by experts are to think positive thoughts. Spend 30 minutes a day doing something you like. Thought for the day: When seeing red, think pink clouds....then float on them.

5. Protect Yourself from Pollution If you can't live in a smog-free environment, at least avoid

smoke-filled rooms, high traffic areas, breathing in highway fumes and exercising near busy thoroughfares. Exercise outside when the smog rating is low. Exercise indoors in air conditioning when air quality is good. Plant lots of shrubbery in your yard. Thought for the day: 'Smoke gets in your eyes'...and your mouth, and your nose and your lungs as do pollutants....hum the tune daily.

6. Wear Your Seat Belt Statistics show that seat belts add to longevity and help alleviate potential injuries in car crashes. Thought for the day: Buckle down and buckle up.

7. Floss Your Teeth Recent studies make a direct connection between longevity and teeth flossing. Nobody knows exactly why. Thought for the day: Floss and be your

body's boss.

8. Avoid Excessive Drinking While recent studies show a glass of wine or one drink a day (two for men) can help protect against heart disease, more than that can cause other health problems such as liver and kidney disease and cancer. Thought for the day: A jug of wine should last a long time.

9. Keep a Positive Mental Outlook There's a definitive connection between living well and healthfully and having a cheerful outlook on life. Thought for the day: You can't be unhappy when you're smiling or singing.

10. Choose Your Parents Well The link between genetics and health is a powerful one. But just because one or both of your parents died young in ill health doesn't mean you cannot counteract the genetic pool handed you.

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Council of Negro Women, Inc. to meet in Duncanville

From staff reports

Thursday, August 7th thru Saturday, August 9th, the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) Texas Sections will convene in Dallas, Texas, at the Hilton Garden Inn Duncanville Hotel to conduct the business of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. founded by Mary McLeod Bethune and chaired by President/Emeritus Dr. Dorothy I. Height. The Texas State Convener, Dorothy Allen Chimney of Lufkin, Texas, presides over the entire state of Texas.

The Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section will host the 3-day event chaired by Dr. Mollie A. Williams. All NCNW Dallas Sections have joined together to make the 2008 Texas Unity theme: "Yes We Can" unity conference a success. "Highlights" of the conference include: the Welcome to "Big D" Barbeque Reception, the Sisters Luncheon, and the Bethune Recognition Program, which will culminate on Saturday morn-



Dorothy I. Height



Ann Williams

ing, August 9, 2008, to recognize Bethune Achievers, Life Members and Legacy Life Members of the organization. Three distinguished

women of the community will be recognized. Dr. Mary E. Beck for Education, Ann Williams of the Dallas Black Dance Theater for the Humanities and Dr. Gayle Smith Blair in the field of Health.

The mission of the National Council of Negro Women is to advance opportunities and the equality of life for African American women, their families and communities. NCNW fulfills this mission through research, advocacy, national and community based services and programs in the U.S. and in African countries. NCNW translates its philosophy of public education, community service and advocacy through activities designed to focus on those issues affecting the African American Family, Economic Development, Health and Wellness, Education and Political Empowerment. The national headquarters of NCNW is located in Washington, D.C.

For additional information, please call 214-337-5817.

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Ewans good friend, Dr. Camille Lewis, found themselves staring down the barrels of guns and responding to the orders of many law enforcement officers.

Today, Attys. Royce West and Mike Gruber filed a lawsuit against Wells Fargo Bank, alleging gross negligence, false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, defamation and assault.

Following the filing, a press conference was held to discuss the allegations and how race appeared to be a major factor in how the plaintiffs were treated at the branch, located at 4851 Legacy Drive in Frisco, TX.

"These are very serious charges we are bringing," said Atty. Gruber. "We took the unusual step of doing pretrial discovery and we were able to get videotapes and depositions."

"It was clear from everything that we reviewed that there was no other factor other than race that was used to call the police and state that someone was committing a robbery. There was a chance for the bank to make a rebuttal and they did not, so we filed this lawsuit."

What subsequently transpired as a result of Ms. Pirrello's initial actions is the basis for this lawsuit against Wells Fargo Bank, said Atty West.

"About a half hour after they sat down in the Wells Fargo branch, Mr. Ewans received a phone call on his cell phone from a person who identified himself as a Frisco police officer and demanded that Mr. Ewans go outside the bank," he explained. "As soon as he walked out of the bank, Mr. Ewans was charged by about a dozen Frisco police officers wielding automatic rifles

and ordering him to 'get on the ground and don't move.'"

According to witnesses and a video captured by a passerby—that now appears on www.youtube.com (Frisco Bank Visit Gone Bad)—Mr. Ewans was ordered to crawl on the ground and eventually lie face down in 96 degree heat while the police searched him.

"Eventually the police learned the truth: that my clients were innocent and had presented no threat to the bank or its employees," continued Mr. West. "They were released to go and, to this day, the bank has refused to apologize to any of them or to take responsibility for the horrifying actions of their employees. By filing suit on behalf of our clients here today, we intend to ask a Dallas jury to force Wells Fargo bank to answer for its wrongful conduct."



COMMUNITY RECRUITMENT/EVENTS COORDINATOR

Big Brothers Big Sisters, a premier non-profit agency whose mission is providing one-to-one mentoring relationships have open opportunities for the roles of Community Recruitment Coordinator / Events Coordinator in Collin County, Texas.

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AmeriCorps*VISTA member will receive an annual living allowance of approximately \$800-900 monthly, vacation & sick leave, along with extensive training, basic individual health insurance, and student loan deferment, as well as a post-service education award of \$4725 to help pay for student loans or future college courses. Work week is 32 hours with a flexible schedule.

Candidates must be self-starters, at least 18 years of age and have their own reliable transportation. They must love working with people, be highly organized and have good leadership, writing and computer skills. Some college preferred with experience with marketing, PR, or human services helpful. AmeriCorps VISTA members cannot be current students. If interested, promptly submit a resume to tbirstow@bbbsstx.org or call 972-423-9559 Ext. 382 for more information.



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Two Local Students Receive Teen Graffiti Magazine's Book Scholarships

From staff reports

Victoria Doucet of Garland, TX and Darranica Cuffie of Sachse, TX are the recipients of this year's Teen Graffiti Education Scholarships for their outstanding commitment to education and community service. Victoria and Darranica will each receive a \$250.00 Book Scholarship.

Victoria Doucet is a 2008 graduate of Naaman Forest High School, and she will be attending Collin County Community College in the fall majoring in Nursing. Victoria is the daughter of David and Cathy Hill of Garland, Texas. And Darranica Cuffie is a 2008 graduate of Sachse High School, and she will be attending the University of North Texas in the fall majoring in Psychology. Darranica is the daughter of Reverend Darrius and Monica Cuffie of Sachse, Texas.

Last year's scholarship recipients were Maurice Dorsey a graduate of Sachse High School; Julia Little a graduate of Bishop Lynch High School; and Tiffany Wilson a graduate of North Garland High School. The 2006 recipients were Warren Seay, Jr. a graduate of Cedar Hill High School; Margaret Smith a graduate of All Saint's Episcopal High School; and Kristi Walton a graduate of Lincoln High School Humanities Communications Magnet. The 2005 recipients were Erin Graham a graduate of Lincoln High School Humanities/Communications Magnet, Brandon Jay a graduate of Cedar Hill High School, Leticia Kelly a graduate of Naaman Forest High School, and Clarissa Rumphs a graduate of North Garland High School. And the 2004



Darranica Cuffie

recipients were Crystal Harper a graduate of Lake Highlands High School and Brian Irvin Chapman a graduate of Justin F. Kimball High School.

Teen Graffiti's Education Scholarship was founded on the principle that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. We believe that in order for youth to become strong leaders they must be comfortable with who they are, be well-rounded, possess a strong desire to make a difference in their



Victoria Doucet

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Teens Reaching Teens, Incorporated, is a 501 c3 organization whose mission is to provide quality community-based programs and services that motivate and empower teens to develop and enhance their educational, social, leadership and professional development skills.

Students interested in applying for Teen Graffiti's 2009 Education Scholarships can review eligibility requirements, download application forms, and explore Teen Graffiti's website at <http://www.teengraffiti.com/> or by writing to Teens Reaching Teens, Inc.; c/o Teen Graffiti's Education Scholarship; P.O. Box 452721; Garland, Texas 75045-2721.

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The North Dallas Gazette staff apologizes for the misspelling of Mr. Don O'Bannon's name of pages 1-2 of the July 10, 2008 issue.

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Plano Offers Job Shadow Day for Douglass Youth

On July 1, the City of Plano Workplace CARES (City Advocates Recruiting Employees into Service) Program hosted a special Job Shadow Day for participants at the Douglass Community Center. Twelve participants, ages 14 to 17, shadowed employees to learn about careers in City government.

The goal of the Job Shadow program is to help participants see available careers opportunities, to inform them about the education and skills required, and to encourage and motivate the participants.

The City normally offers Job Shadow days in



February in conjunction with Groundhog Day. This year students from Fairhill School and Williams High School were involved.

Job Shadow Day is a national effort to encourage young people to explore the connection

between learning and working and encompasses

many fields of work including government.

Job Shadow Day is promoted through the City's Volunteer Resources Group, an ongoing program that allows City of Plano employees to reach out to the community through volunteerism and partnership.



Get the Party Started with Circus-Sized Celebration

The Greatest Show On Earth® and American Airlines Center are hosting a FREE elephantine party and the guest list includes you! On Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 PM, you and your family are cordially invited to celebrate the arrival of the circus to the Metroplex. The party will be located on AT&T Plaza, which is located on the south side of American Airlines Center off Olive Street.

Festivities begin with a performance from the world famous Ringling Bros. clowns, who will delight young and old alike with their silly antics. Then, the ponderous pachyderm stars of the circus will stroll to the party and revel in the excitement by snacking on a colossal salad and delectable fruits.

Immediately following the elephantine feast, the 2004 blockbuster animated hit "Shrek 2," Courtesy of the Get Reel Summer Movie Series at Victory Park, the hilarious antics of the famous green ogre will delight young and old alike.

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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting is every 2nd Thursday, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. McKinney Housing Authority 1200 N Tennessee St McKinney 75069 The general public is welcome. For additional information call 469-424-0120.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11 am-1 pm, For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 469-952-0809 or www.meetup.com/378.

Marriage Prep Class 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

SHARE! PISD International Exchange

Student Program is in the process of finding new host families to share their hearts and home with an exchange student for the 2008/2009 School Year. For more information on or how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or www.share-southwest.org.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) hosts monthly lunch and learn workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. For more information www.nbwen.org or info@nbwen.org.

Wit Women Conference Call join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7 pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

SUCCEEDING AT LIFE: "Developing the Winning Edge Community Success Series," free life-skills and personal-development workshops for ages 10 and older, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 26, Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Register at www.davidlarricksmith.com or at the center.

PARENT SUPPORT: Group to help parents deal with family problems meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, First Presbyterian Church, 930 W. Ave. B., Garland, 214-356-3879 or www.standupp.org.

NEW LIFE NEW HOPE: Breast cancer survivors group meets 7 p.m. first Tuesdays, Room 103-105 of First United Methodist Church, 801 W. Ave. B. 972-272-3471.

STARGAZERS: Texas Astronomical Society sponsors free star parties with telescopes. First Saturdays on Jonandrea Lane, in Garland's SpringPark neighborhood. www.texasastro.org.

The Texas Renaissance Festival is located on FM 1774 between Magnolia and Plantersville, 45 minutes northwest of Houston.

Group tours of the gardens and venues are held at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of each month, March through September. Private tours can also be pre-arranged by calling the festival office, 1-800-458-3435, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information please call 1-800-458-3435, email Shelly Lee at weddings@texrenfest.com, or visit our newly renovated website at www.texrenfest.com.

July 18

GotMotivation Public Speaking program The class will be located at the Sheraton Hotel starting July 19 at 9:00 a.m. Register for the class by going to www.ajfosterassociates.com or call 972-248-0101.

July 19

Vino 100's Anniversary Celebration "Wine, Blues and Bar-B-Que" a festive afternoon of fine wines, beer and tasty barbeque beginning at 3:00 p.m. Vino 100 is located in Uptown Dallas at 2909 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, 75204, reservations can be made via 214-969-9463 or www.vino100dallas.com

July Jazz in Addison at Esplande Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive, The Jazz will keep on playing from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Admission to July Jazz is free and the event is open to the public. For further information email webmaster@addisontx.gov

African Community Home Buyer Seminar Educational program located at Michelle's Homestyle Cooking Restaurant, 9203 Skillman Road #100. 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., RSVP is required to chuck@nena-homes.com. Call 214-228-6202 for more information

July 21 - 25

New Beginning Center Teen Conference The conference is free for students and includes lunch. The conference will be held at North Garland Baptist Fellowship Church 5840 North Garland Avenue, Garland 75044. number is 972-276-0057. Throughout the week the teens will be learning about leadership skills, peer counseling and how to help prevent teen dating violence. For more information please contact Becky George at bgeorge@newbeginningcenter.org or call the 972-414-1494.

July 23

Dallas Peace Center Summer Dinner Lecture Series Colonel Ann Wright is the senior U.S. official to publicly resign in protest of the Iraq War. as reasons for her departure. She will be speaking on world peace issues at FunAsia 1210 E. Beltline Road in Richardson from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Admission is \$75 - \$1,500. For ticket information email tickets@dallaspeacecenter.org or call 214-823-7793.

July 24

Vino 100 Offers Tasting of Fine Wines and Art Recognizing Talents of Local Artists "Art of Wine," a monthly exhibition featuring the works of talented local artists, while benefiting selected local charities. The distinctive works of this month's featured artist, Dallas-native and cancer survivor, Stacy Tomlinson, will benefit The Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society. Ten percent of the proceeds made from the sales of this exhibit will be donated to the local chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Vino 100 is located in Uptown Dallas at 2909 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, 75204. www.vino100dallas.com. For additional information, please call 214-969-9463 or visit www.vino100dallas.com. To learn how to become a featured artist, please call 214-635-3133.

July 25

Barack Obama Turning Red to Blue Fundraiser event located at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, 75202 from 6:00 - 11:00. For information eresad@dfwobama.com now! For more details visit www.DFWObama.org.

Kimbell Art Museum Evening Lecture: 'A Night On The Town With Toulouse-Lautrec' Explore the modern French painter Toulouse-Lautrec at the Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard in Fort Worth at 6:00 p.m. Admission to this educational event is free! For further information please call 817-332-8451.

TBAAL VIP Red Carpet Affair will take place at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex, 650 South Griffin Street Dallas, 75202 (At the corner of Canton and Akard Street) from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds are benefiting The Maxey House, The Dallas International Street Church and Hotel Fund. All Tickets sold in advance on line only. Purchase your tickets now by visiting www.redcarpetaffair.org. Volunteers needed to help support this event. If you are interested please email

event@redcarpetaffair.org subject should read volunteer

July 26

The Children's Film Festival Presented by People with a Message Production at the Magnolia Lounge at Fair Park 1121 1st Ave, Dallas, 75210 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For ticket or vending information email larome@juno.com or call 972 426-3400; visit www.dallasblackfilmfestival.com.

July Jazz in Addison at Esplande Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive in Addison. The Jazz will keep on playing from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Cost is free, email webmaster@addisontx.gov for more info.

August 1

Break Through Praise Fest 2008 Break on through at the Gospel Music Workshop and Concert located at 1720 W Northwest Highway, #350 in Garland. The Break Through Praise Fest is presented by City of Miracles Music Ministry. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$15. For more details about the program email rozbooker@yahoo.com or call 972-279-8266.

August 2

Hip Hop for the Homeless featuring: Big Daddy Kane with Little Brother and Strange Fruit Project A portion of the proceeds will go to All Church Home for Children, a DFW-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe, alternative housing for families and youth in crisis. The charity concert will be located at the Granada Theater, 3524 Greenville Avenue; in Dallas starting at 8:00 p.m. Admission to the event is \$15. Call 214-824-9933 for more information.

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Denton Municipal Electric & Dallas Water Utilities Provide Customers with Tips to Conserve Resources and Save Money

By Ruth Ferguson
North Dallas Gazette

Over the last decade, Metroplex residents have grown accustomed to the annual reminders and tips regarding conserving energy and water. This year, with skyrocketing gasoline prices, the public's awareness and mindset toward "going green" is heightened.

Each local municipality is charged with the responsibility of ensuring their customers have adequate water and in some cases such as the cities of Denton and Garland, are charged with providing electricity. The electrical rolling blackouts in California in recent years have prompted utility providers across the country to take precautionary steps to avoid a similar situation from occurring in their communities. Yet in the end, it is important to remember that customers are a key partner with the utility agencies.

Earlier this summer, in anticipation of record high electricity demand, Denton Municipal Electric (DME) issued a conservation alert to its customers. Noting that as temperatures rise, households rely on their air conditioners more, increasing the electricity usage and demand on the electrical grid. DME assured the public that although adequate levels of electricity have been projected for the state, energy conservation helps utilities meet necessary demand while also helping customers save

money on their monthly electric bill.

"We are asking our customers to be aware of their electricity use to prevent any unnecessary increase in their usage," stated Phil Williams, DME general manager. Rate increases were implemented to offset increased fuel costs, however according to Williams, "DME rates are still 21 percent below the average of North Texas retail energy providers. By conserving electricity, customers can cut down on the impact of that rate increase."

DME provided the energy conservation tips:

- Turn off all unnecessary lights, appliances and electronic equipment.

- When at home, close blinds and drapes that get direct sun, set air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees or higher and use fans to cool the air.

- When away from home, set air conditioning thermostats to 85 degrees and turn all fans off before you leave. Block the sun by closing blinds or drapes on windows that will get direct sun.

- Avoid opening refrigerators or freezers more than necessary. Use microwaves for cooking instead of an electric range or oven. Crockpots are another option.

Energy conservation is a partnership between the customer and utility agency. Therefore it is standard for virtually all providers to offer a free energy audit consultation, often a representative will visit your home or office.

Contact your local provider for more details.

DME has taken this one step further by providing an online service that walks residential or commercial customers step by step through an audit of their home or business energy usage. Energy Depot is designed to help customers find energy savings and become more energy efficient. Visit www.dmepower.com for more information.

Although we perhaps think of water as an endlessly available resource, it is in fact, not. The Save Dallas Water initiative from the City of Dallas Water Utilities is designed to share water saving tips with the community. The identified main goals of the program are to extend the life of existing water supplies, and to reduce water waste and per capita consumption. There is a sense of urgency for the residents to take action because by 2050, 25 percent of all Dallas water will need to come from conservation and reuse.

Speaking by phone, Art Torres discussed the city's effort to encourage water conservation. "With the population scheduled to double by 2060, the city has a strategic plan to help save water for the long term," according to Torres. "Water is a renewable resource – if we take care of it."

"The biggest waste of water is outside," Torres stated. Overwatering lawns is a key culprit. He cautions, "Bermuda grass does not require watering daily or every other day. It only needs one inch of watering a week."

Rather than watering for an extended time, Torres shared a good tip on determining how long it will take for your yard to receive the needed one inch of water.

"Take an empty tuna can, which is about an inch, the amount of time it takes for the can to become full, is the amount of time required to water your lawn with an inch of water," Torres shared.

For example, if it takes 20 minutes to fill up the empty tuna can sitting on your lawn,

than you should only schedule your sprinkler to run for 20 minutes – this time will not fluctuate once calculated.

Knowing the right time to water is also important. Wasting water due to evaporation, which occurs at a much higher rate when you water during the heat of the day, is so critical Dallas and other communities issue fines when a homeowner or business run the sprinklers between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. effective from April 1 through October 31st.

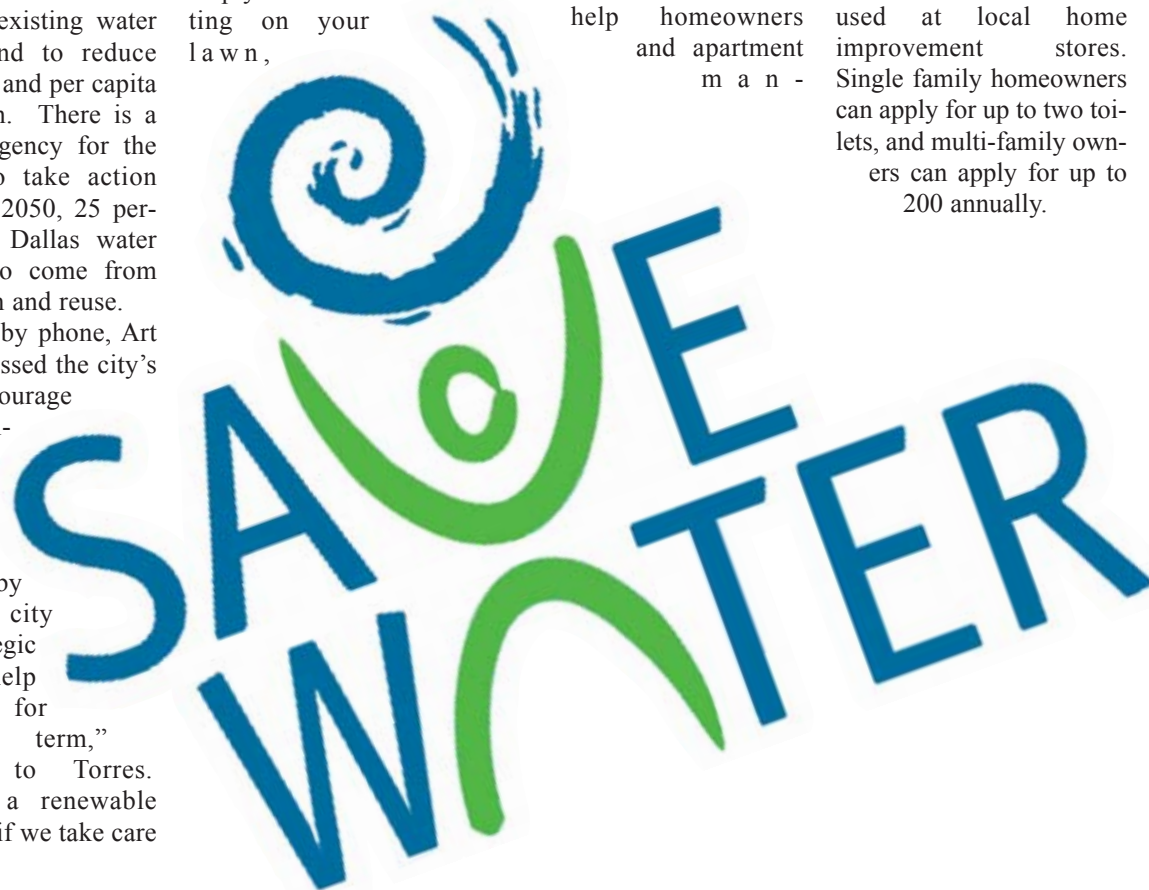
To encourage water conservation indoors, Dallas launched The New Throne for Your Home toilet voucher program last summer. The program offers \$90 vouchers if your home was built before 1992, to help homeowners and apartment managers and owners purchase water-saving low-flow toilets.

Older, high-flow toilets are one of the highest water users in the home, accounting for about 30 percent of water used indoors," said Water Conservation Division Manager Carole Davis.

"The low-flow toilets and high-efficiency toilets can save a typical household more than 10,600 gallons per year," according Davis.

Torres indicated vouchers for over 10,000 new toilets were issued during the first year of the program to Dallas Water Utilities customers.

The average toilet which complies with the program is available for \$100 - \$140 each. The vouchers can be used at local home improvement stores. Single family homeowners can apply for up to two toilets, and multi-family owners can apply for up to 200 annually.



Jubilee Theatre Presents: Ain't Misbehavin': The Fats Waller Musical Show



by
Rick Elina

Jubilee Theatre closes its 2007-2008 season with the Tony Award winning *Ain't Misbehavin'*: The Fats Waller Musical Show based on an idea by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby, Jr. Directing Jubilee's production of *Ain't Misbehavin'* is Ron Himes the Founder and Producing Director of the St. Louis Black Repertory. The show will begin previews July 11 and opens July 18.

"The joint is jumping!" The Harlem Renaissance was the Golden Age for venues like The Cotton Club and The Savoy Ballroom; a time when the

dives along Lenox Avenue were ablaze from stride piano players banging out a new beat – swing. *Ain't Misbehavin'* is a vibrant musical revue and tribute to the black musicians of the early 1900s that centers on the music of one of the most prolific musicians of the time, Thomas "Fats" Waller.

Fats Waller was born in New York City on May 21, 1904. The son of a Baptist lay preacher, his mother played organ and piano in the church. At age 6 he began playing the piano and by age 18 had his first recording with Okeh Records. In addition to his virtuosic playing Fats was also known for his sly comedic quips during his performances.

Bold, bright, and told with the cheeky humor for which Fats Waller was known, this award winning musical has become a classic of African-American theatre that is sure to bring the house down and keep you singing, and swinging, into the street. The musical is named after the 1929

Waller song *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Five performers present an evening of rowdy and humorous songs that encapsulate the various moods of the era. This production is appropriate for all ages.

With musical direction by Joe Rogers and choreography by Sheran Goodspeed Keyton, *Ain't Misbehavin'* features a cast that includes Major Attaway, Ashley Duplechain, Sheran Goodspeed Keyton, Tiffany Mann, and Cedric Neal. Designers include set design by Brynn Bristol, lighting design by Michael Pettigrew, and costume design by Drenda Lewis.

Ain't Misbehavin' previews July 11, 12, 13, and 17; the show opens July 18; and the show runs July 18 through August 10, 2008. Performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Preview performance tickets are \$10; tickets range from \$16 to \$25 for the run of the

production. Post performance discussions will be offered on July 13 and July 24. Season tickets for Jubilee Theatre's 2008-2009 Season go on sale to the public July 11. Tickets

can be purchased from the Jubilee Theatre Box Office by calling 817-338-4411 Tuesday through Friday between noon and 6 p.m. or online by visiting the Jubilee website:

<http://www.jubileetheatre.org>.

Rick A. Elina is a playwright based in Plano, Texas and is the Theatre Critic for The North Dallas Gazette

Halle Berry Pays Tribute to Don Cheadle at Spirit of Independence Awards

Last Sunday Don Cheadle was honored at the Spirit of Independence Awards. The critically acclaimed actor received the award complete with a tribute from Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry.

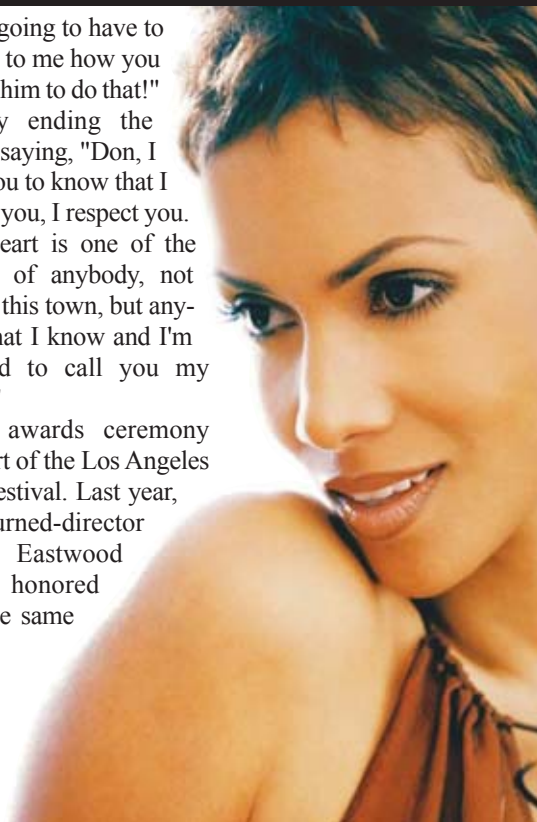
In addition to heaping praise on her colleague, whom she also calls her friend, Berry shared some personal tidbits about the Ocean's Eleven actor:

"I'm here to tell you tonight what you don't know about Don Cheadle," she said. "He loves to iron. He loves to iron so much he went and got one of those steamers, like a professional steamer. "He makes breakfast for his children and then he drives them to school while Bridget stays home in bed. Yes Bridget!

You're going to have to explain to me how you trained him to do that!"

Berry ending the speech saying, "Don, I want you to know that I admire you, I respect you. Your heart is one of the biggest of anybody, not only in this town, but anybody that I know and I'm honored to call you my friend."

The awards ceremony was part of the Los Angeles Film Festival. Last year, actor-turned-director Clint Eastwood was honored with the same award.



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Six Steps to Repair Your Credit

By Michael G. Shinn
NNPA Columnist

We've all seen the ads. "Bad credit--no problem." "Create a new credit identity." "We'll fix your credit."

"These are scams that promise, for a fee, to lead the consumer to credit heaven. Don't believe them! Save your money and possibly avoid a rip-off scheme, which may later cause major financial and legal problems," says Solomon Harge, executive director of the non-profit Consumer Protection Association in Cleveland.

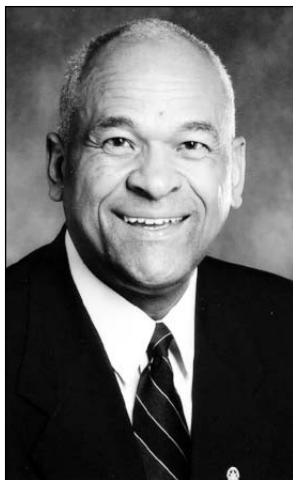
There are two ways to repair damaged credit; either do-it-yourself or work with a legitimate non-profit credit-counseling service.

An individual can have damaged credit for two reasons. The most obvious reason is a poor payment and credit history. However, according to a 2004 study by the Public Interest Research Group, 25 percent of the credit reports surveyed had serious errors that could result in credit denial, 79 percent contained other serious mistakes and errors and 30 percent contained credit accounts that had been closed by the consumer, but remained listed as open.

Six Steps to Credit Repair

The Fair Credit Reporting Act sets the standards that credit reporting bureaus and creditors must follow in reporting credit files. The act also gives individuals the right to challenge the accuracy of their credit report, request a reinvestigation within a reasonable amount of time and have errors corrected or deleted.

•Get a copy of your credit reports. You can get a free copy from all three reporting agencies by going to www.annualcreditreport.com. You can also get your credit score for a small fee. Review your credit reports and look for



Michael G. Shinn

errors, inaccuracies and negative credit items.

•Write dispute letters to the credit bureaus on the items you believe are errors or inaccuracies. Send your letters by certified mail with a return receipt requested. Keep copies of your letters and mail receipts. The Federal Trade Commission has sample dispute letters and more detailed information on the website www.ftc.gov.

•The credit bureaus must reinvestigate the disputed items by contacting the information provider and requesting an investigation of their file and a follow-up report.

•The credit bureau is required to report the results of the reinvestigation to the individual. If

there is an error or inaccuracy it must be corrected. However, if the information provider confirms the original information, the individual has the right to appeal. If there is no response from the information provider in a reasonable amount of time, the disputed item must be corrected or deleted.

•After the reinvestigation is completed, the credit bureau is required to provide the individual with

written results and a free updated copy of their credit report.

Dealing with Real Debt

If an individual has damaged credit because of a poor payment or credit history, there are two primary options. The self-help option works for most people. The first step of this option is to create a realistic budget. Then, develop a twelve-month plan to

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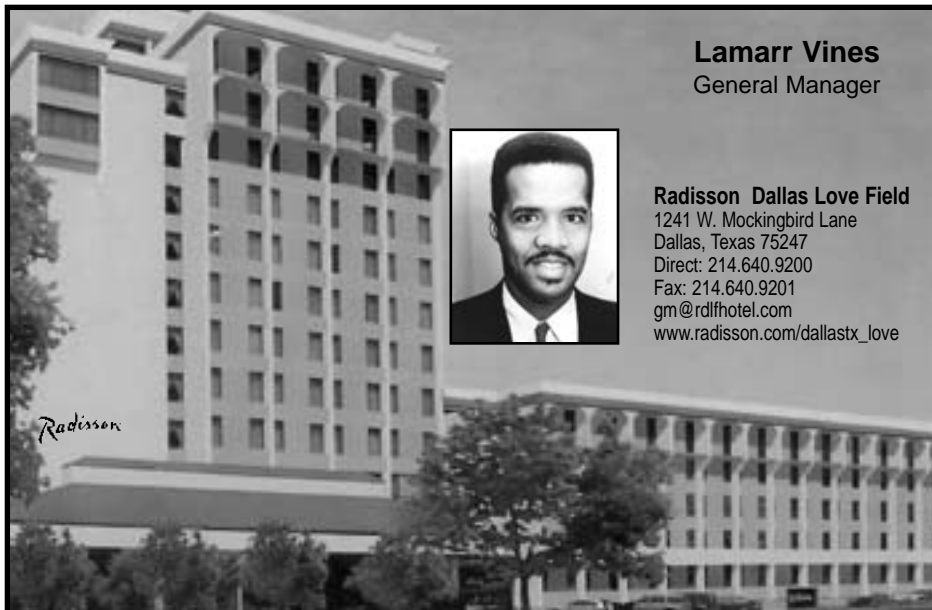
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country, one hundred miles off our shores, gets so little economic assistance. Compared to what we give other countries around the world, the paltry sum we give Haiti should embarrass us all.

We have seen the rickety boats filled with Haitians trying to get to America, only to be turned around by the U.S. Coast Guard or, even worse, capsized and those aboard having drowned. Seems we can take care of almost anyone else except Haitians.

The other very important consideration is our historical connection to this Black nation. Do some research and you will find a couple of incidents that took place in 1779 and 1803 that have connected our two countries forever.

In October of 1779, the largest contingent of soldiers of African descent to fight in the Revolutionary War converged on Savannah, Georgia to defend it from the British. The Siege of Savannah included about 700 brave, committed, dedicated, strong, Black men who fought, and some of whom died. They were from Haiti. Although there are various reasons offered for their sacrifice, the fact remains that although that particular battle was lost, under the leadership of French Admiral, Count Charles-Hector Theodat d'Estaing, the men of African descent fought bravely on behalf of this country.

For more information on this little known piece of American History, go to Savannah, Georgia and visit the monument in honor of the Haitian soldiers who fought, or see : www.haitianhistory.org.

The other significant piece of history that connects us to Haiti is the defeat of Napoleon's army by the Haitians. A feat barely mentioned in history books and seldom if ever given the proper attention in our schools, Haiti became the second independent state in the

Western Hemisphere and the first free Black republic in the world. Napoleon Bonaparte grew so weary of fighting the Haitians, knowing he could not defeat them anyway, he gave up and left the western hemisphere, and even cut a deal to sell the U.S. 828,000 square miles of land known as the Louisiana Purchase for what amounted to just a few cents per acre. Who knows what language we'd be speaking had Napoleon defeated those strong-willed Black men of Haiti?

So why don't we take better care of Haiti and Haitians? Why don't we give them more financial assistance? Why do we disproportionately exclude them from entering this country?

How do our politicians stand idly by and allow Haitian children to eat dirt, while they make pompous speeches about how great and benevolent this country is? How do we, Black people, allow Haiti to go unnoticed, neglected, and its people abused, without outrage that raises the rafters of the Halls of Congress?

Haitians have made significant contributions to this country just as other groups have made. Unfortunately, Haitians

don't get what others get in return for their contributions. Despite their willingness to sacrifice for this country, despite their bravery on the battlefield, despite their proud history of resistance to being enslaved, Haitian people are derided and cast aside as though they are little more than trash.

What happened to "Give me your tired your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore"? I guess that did not include Haitians, did it?

So much for Independence Day. The Haitians proved what independence was all about; they fought for ours, and they won their own. Not only should we be proud of them and proud of Haiti; we should be willing to help its people in any way we can.

During the weekend of October 10, 2008, in Savannah, Georgia, the Haitian American Historical Society invites you to celebrate the anniversary of our connection to Haiti. A commemoration of the anniversary of the Siege of Savannah and a remembrance of the soldiers who fought and died there will take place. Start planning your trip now.

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themselves into the Christmas spirit while temperatures outside are anything but wintery.

The purpose of the drive is to collect back-to-school supplies for children in underserved communities in Dallas and Plano. "We hope to make a significant difference in the lives of the children represented by the charities we have chosen to support this July," said Yvonne Abel, executive director of client services for Delta Dallas. "Our employees, clients, candidates and friends look forward to being able to contribute supplies or cash donations to the children in our community."

Delta Dallas' Christmas in July campaign will benefit four local charities: Dallas Concilio, The Samaritan Inn, Shared Housing, and The Wilkinson Center. Non-profits receive most of their charitable giving from individuals and the corporate community during the Christmas season.

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Tips for Getting A Government Job Continued...

The Federal Government uses a set of standard occupational titles, also called occupational series, to describe its jobs. Some titles—such as carpenter and chemist—are easy to understand. Others require interpretation. A person interested in marketing might look for positions with the title market analyst, for example, but he or she also might want positions with the more unusual title of trade analyst. Both involve marketing products.

So, how can you find all the titles that fit your skills? If you are a college graduate, start by scanning the list. It shows how different occupational titles relate to various college majors. If you have a degree in history, for example, titles such as archivist or historian could be a perfect match. But so might other titles, such as writer-editor or foreign affairs

specialist, that are mentioned under different liberal arts majors.

Some of the job titles you'll find are unique to the Federal Government. Program analyst is the most common example. Workers with this title evaluate Government programs, make recommendations for change, and tell decision-makers what resources programs need. If research, policy analysis, or business is your interest, try this title.

Jobseekers need to be flexible in their search because titles used by the Federal Government are often broader than private sector ones. One title that people often overlook is technical writer. In the private sector, that title usually refers to jobs writing about science or computers.

Recognizing the confusion that job titles can cause, the Federal

Government provides some help. The Government's employment website, www.usajobs.opm.gov, provides definitions for many job titles. The site also offers quizzes that relate career interests to job titles. And for more

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Sister Tarpley

I was asked, "How can some people act like they are happy everyday?" To this question I say that some people (Christians especially) are joyful each day because they have faith in God. It doesn't matter what the day may bring, Christians know that God is in complete control and nothing happens without His knowledge. "... for this day is Holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." **Nehemiah 8:10(b)**

One thing we can all be sure of is that anyone who has a genuine relationship with God has a consistent attitude of joy and outlook on life each day. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we

The Joy of The Lord Is Your Strength!

are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22 & 23.

A Christian doesn't always look at life as if the glass is half full, instead they are positive people. They see opportunity in the midst of challenges.

The light that shines in a Christian life is like a beam of a lighthouse to a ship that is seeking direction to other people. Christians are 'Christ like' and they have the fragrance of Christ. Because of Christians' trust in God, they should attract "lost souls" to God in their lives just as the bee is attracted to the nectar in the colorful flower. One of the overriding evidences to this fact is that Christians are joyful or happy each day, no matter

what their circumstances are.

The apostle Paul understood this when he said, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place." **2 Corinthians 2:14.**

There are some people that profess to be Christians but their attitude toward life is more like a porcupine. They are painful to be around. They are negative and they criticize the world around them. They don't have a positive outlook on life.

No matter what circumstance you may find yourself in, the joy of the Lord can be your strength, if you will only trust Him. Apostle Paul learned this truth even in the midst of his adversities. "Not that I speak in respect of want:

for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content..." **Philippians 4:11-13.** Now I have a question for you, my precious reader, "How is your joy measured?"

Things to Ponder: One of the key things for people as far as joy is concerned is not living a selfish, self-centered lifestyle where we live our lives expecting everybody else to do something for us. **—Joyce Meyer.** The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved — loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves. **—Victor Hugo.** Pain is never permanent. **—St. Teresa of Avila.** I don't follow Jesus because I think Christianity is the best religion. I follow Jesus because He leads me into ultimate reality. **—Rob Bell.** We may sing beforehand, even in our



Picture of The Week
Sister Tarpley and Mrs. Willie Mae Baker Thomas, the last born of James & Maggie Smith Baker children from Ft. Worth, Texas.

winter storm, in the expectation of a summer sun at the turn of the year... Let us then be glad and rejoice in the salvation of our Lord. **—Samuel Rutherford.** Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian. **—A. W. Tozer.**

Weave the unfailing fabric of God's Word through your heart and mind. It will hold strong, even if the rest of life unravels. **—Gigi Graham Tchvidjian.** Jesus Christ is God's everything for man's total need. **—R Halverson.**

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either eliminate or substantially reduce high interest rate debt. The overall objectives should be to reduce the total debt level, lower interest rates and reduce the number of creditors.

If self-help is not enough, contact a legitimate non-profit credit or debt counseling service. The counseling service can set up a payment plan, in

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"The Church with a Vision"

Longtime volunteer donates \$20,000 to Texas State Library

By Derick Hackett

AUSTIN - Twice a week for over 18 years Tom Sweazea has been heading to the fourth floor of the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building to volunteer his time to the Texas State Library and Archives

Commission's Talking Book Program as a monitor, reviewer and narrator.

Now Sweazea has donated \$20,000 toward the purchase of a new recording booth for the program through the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas. He is dedicating it to the memory of his mother,

er, Lou Hill.

"She was most proud of my work with the Talking Book Program," said Sweazea about his mother who was an Abilene native. Along with his father Bud, together they operated a horse cutting, breeding and prize show business in Georgetown for 40 years.

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Bud died in 1987 and his mother Lou passed away in December of 2007. An employee recognition ceremony will be held at TSLAC on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, to honor his donation to the Talking Book Program.



Artist's rendering of the renovated entry to the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives & Library Building.



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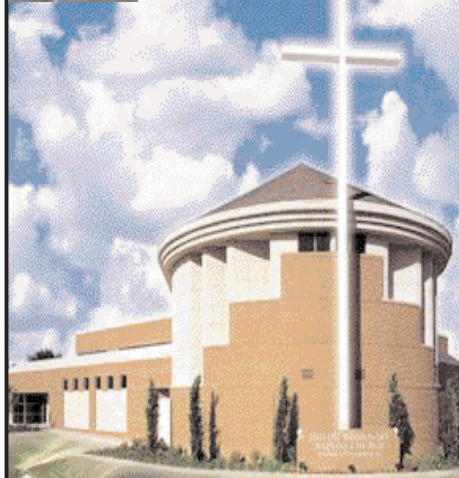
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