Report Compares McCain, Obama Tax Plans

By Van Wilson
Special to the NNPA from the Capital Outlook

The analysis seems to bolster Obama’s assertions that, at least when it comes to taxes, John McCain is offering essentially four more years of President George Bush’s tax policies. “The two candidates’ tax plans would have sharply different distribu-
tional effects,” the report says. “Senator McCain’s tax cuts would primarily benefit those with very high incomes, almost all of whom would receive large tax cuts that would, on average, raise their after-tax incomes by more...

Comptroller Introduces Texas Tuition Promise Fund

From staff reports

Texas families trying to save enough money for their children’s college education no longer have to worry about how high tuition will rise. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says Texas’ all new pre-paid college tuition plan, the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, lets families lock in tuition and required fees at current prices of public colleges in Texas and offers many flexible options to prepay those expenses before a child is ready for college. “The Texas Tuition Promise Fund gives families an exciting, flexible way to save for college that makes sense for their financial situation and higher education goals,” Combs said. “You can pre-pay for a four-year degree, or you can prepay in small bites — for just a few classes or semesters. And, best of all, you don’t have to worry about future tuition increases, because you lock in current prices.”

Surviving the Storm in Houston and Dallas

By Ruth Ferguson
North Dallas Gazette

TV newscasts were filled with scenes showing the damage from Hurricane Ike. Then, almost as quickly as the storm blew across Texas media attention waned and moved on to the US Presidential election and the financial storm on Wall Street. However, the lives of people...

People In The News...

Eva Poole
Johnnie B. Sanders, Jr.
Lesley D. Nurse

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Eva Poole

Eva Poole, Director of Libraries for the City of Denton, will be among 30 librarians honored as ALA-APA Angels at the American Library Association’s annual conference in June. The American Library Association-Allied Professional Association is celebrating five years of service by honoring some of the many people and organizations that have helped it grow and flourish.

Ms. Poole has participated in the development of ALA-APA since 1998. She served as chair of the Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification Review Committee in 2005 and 2006. Ms. Poole also participated in the Joint Task Force of the Public Library Association (PLA), Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), and the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) to develop the nine comprehensive competencies that define the skill sets necessary for a post-MLS management-focused curriculum.

"She never ceases to amaze me with her grasp of all issues, local, state and national relating to libraries and how enthusiastic she is about her profession. More than this, I am absolutely in awe of the many civic organizations she has put her stamp on here in Denton. She is a well respected and extremely capable leader in our community," said library board member, Pat Langa, upon hearing about the award.

Ms. Poole holds a Master's in Library Science from Texas Woman's University. Prior to her work at Denton Public Library, she held the position of library director at San Jacinto College, South Campus, in Houston. In recent years, she has devoted much of her professional energy leading state efforts to update standards for public libraries.

"As a public and academic librarian for more than 25 years, and as a parent involved in school libraries, I understand the challenges librarians experience striving to communicate their worth to their constituents," commented Ms. Poole. "We must represent libraries as the symbol for quality of life in a community."

ALA-APA angels were instrumental in the creation and development of ALA-APA. They represent thousands of library employees who gave their time, energy, ideas and contributions to shape the work that ALA-APA is doing through the Certified Public Library Administrator Program and in advocating for fair pay.

ALA-APA: the Organization for the Advancement of Library Employees is a service organization to the American Library Association and the library community. It has two missions: providing certification in specializations of librarianship and advocacy for salary improvement efforts.

Johnnie B. Sanders

Preacher, Teacher, Counselor, Educator and Author are just a few of the words to describe the life changing ministry of Elder Johnnie B. Sanders. For over three decades Johnnie Sanders has honored and shaped a lifetime of strong character, integrity, and morality into a ministry that is poised to change the lives of the body of Christ, as well as the unsaved.

Johnnie Sanders sharpened and refined his many gifts through various educational vehicles. He completed his ministerial training at The Potter's House in Dallas, TX. From there Johnnie studied psychology, sociology, and counseling before receiving his Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree in Management Information Systems from Dallas Baptist University.

Johnnie Sanders continues to study and has also received credentials from the American Association of Christian Counselors since 2004.

Since the launch of this life-changing book, Johnnie Sanders travels around the country to minister, inspire and uplift people to change. Amongst his traveling schedule, he has performed in the stage play, "Dance for Him" in Las Vegas. He has been the guest speaker to singles and men ministries with the notion to develop higher standards and to strive for excellence.

Johnnie Sanders has devoted his life to seeing the transforming power of Jesus operate in the lives of people crossing every cultural, social, and economic divide. From his work with the Potter’s Institute in Dallas TX. He has recently been ordained as an Elder at his home church, the Potter's House, under the pastoral leadership of Bishop T. D. Jakes.

Elder Sanders is joyfully married to his equally gifted and anointed wife, Marcene Sanders.

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Lesley D. Nurse

Author Lesley D. Nurse has released her first self-published book, “19 Reasons Why He Really Left You Honey! (and how it may not be too late to get him back).” What makes Lesley D. Nurse’s relationship advice unique? Lesley has created a melodramatic relationship book that’s loosely based on her own life. Straight-talking and diplomatic—her book does not disappoint. It’s entertaining and it provides an inspirational change for the independent woman.

Honey is the main character in this easy and addictive read. Each chapter consists of a short story, with one issue being discussed and then advice is given at the end. Some of the issues at hand are making—excuses, arguing, egotism, defensiveness, and poor communication... just to mention a few.

“19 Reasons Why He Really Left You Honey!” is sure to take you on a journey of unexpected twists and turns, that will be sure to keep you wanting more. “19 Reasons Why He Really Left You Honey!” is exciting, empowering and the Relationship Bible for the Independent Woman, and their men to enjoy. It’s edgy, and an easy addictive read, with advice based on part fiction and real life experiences.
THE TRUTH CLINIC

9/11: Rattling the Foundations Of A Nation

By James W. Breedlove
Special to North Dallas Gazette

On the seventh anniversary of Sept. 11 the nation paused to hold its familiar rituals of grief and ceremonial moments of silence to commemorate and remember the nearly 3,000 that were killed. The attack was one of the most observed catastrophes in history.

in New York, a hushed silence fell over the crowd gathered in a park just east of the trade center site at 8:46, 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m. - the times when two hijacked jets slammed into the World Trade Center and the twin towers fell.

Other ceremonies were held in Shanksville, Pa. at the site where one of the hijacked airliners crashed and at the Pentagon, where 15,000 people turned out for the dedication of the first permanent memorial built in remembrance of 9/11.

September 11, 2001 was a day of many incredible and shocking stories: stories of survivors and stories of heroes. But there was one story that people didn’t and still don’t want to face. The story of the victims who jumped to their deaths is probably the most sensitive and disturbing aspect of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

At first, it seemed like debris falling from the top of the World Trade Center’s north tower, just a few minutes after American Airlines Flight 11 hit.

One observer who was looking out of a window on the 72nd floor of the south tower said it took three or four sightings before he realized that these were people.

Photographs of people falling to their deaths shocked the nation. Most newspapers, magazines and TV stations ran only one or two photos then abruptly stopped. The videotaped and photographic images were expunged as if they had never existed.

Yet, the images of the jumpers still resonate. Many who survived or witnessed the attack say the sight of victims jumping is their most haunting memory of that day. USA TODAY estimated that at least 200 people jumped to their deaths that morning, far more than were revealed during the short time the media showed images.

Most of the jumpers were from the north tower, which was hit first and collapsed last.

The jumping started shortly after the first jet hit at 8:46 a.m. People jumped continuously during the 102 minutes before the north tower crumbled. They emerged one or two at a time from a blanket of smoke and fire that obscured the mass death.

For those who jumped, the fall lasted approximately 10 seconds. They struck the ground at just under 150 miles per hour — not fast enough to cause unconsciousness while falling, but fast enough to ensure instant death on impact. They jumped alone, in pairs holding hands, and in groups.

Rescue workers say those jumping appeared to make a conscious choice to die by falling rather than from smoke, heat or fire. The blurred images provided the starkest most harrowing evidence of the desperate conditions inside. One firefighter surmised, “How bad is it up there that the better option is to jump?”

The soul wrenching rattling thuds that the bodies made on impact was recorded on a video taken by French cameraman Jules Naudet, whose footage was broadcast on CBS on March 11, 2002. Blood covered the glass walls and revolving doors that led to the plaza. The windows were dripping red and bits of bodies were outside. Escaping survivors had to walk past this horrific scene as they fled to safety.

America launched its misguided Iraq war for World Imperialism in March 2003.

On this strangely subdued seventh anniversary, with none of the dramatics that characterized the original 9/11, we are now no closer to defeating — or even finding — bin Laden than we were on that fateful day.

Michael Scheuer attempts to explain this in the opening paragraph of his book, Imperial Hubris: 

"U.S., British, and other coalition forces are trying to govern apparently un governable postwar states in Afghanistan and Iraq, while simultaneously fighting growing Islamist insurgencies each — a state of affairs our leaders call victory. In conducting these activities, and the conventional military campaigns preceding them, U.S. forces and policies are completing the radicalization of the Islamic world, something Osama bin Laden has been trying to do with substantial but incomplete success since the early 1990s. As a result, I think it fair to conclude that the United States of America remains bin Laden’s only indisputable ally.”

Without bin Laden, the Neocons in their quest for an American Imperium would have nothing.

Without the Neocons, bin Laden would be a marginal figure, with no following and little hope of attracting any. The two forces coexist in a dynamic symbiosis, each reinforcing and feeding the other — allies in all but the formal sense.

The sheer fragility of the vaunted American Imperium is what is now apparent to the world. And it must be especially painful to the U.S government whose inability to defend the country while claiming the mantle of the world's only superpower is exposed for all to see.

There is a dire need for political sanitization. The political garbage piles up in the public square, visible to all and stinking to high heaven, but no garbage truck arrives to take it away. The law breaking is exposed, but the legislative body does not respond. The damning facts are documented, and protests are made, but little is reformed.

The problem is not the attempted censorship, but the deafening noise of the official megaphone and its echoes infesting our sens es with a profusion of unchallenged lies and half lies.

All over the world, autocratic-minded rulers have learned that it does not matter politically if 15% or even 25% of the public is well informed as long as the majority remains complacent.

Perhaps the propagandized public needs to be rattled into action by the shock and horror of the surreal jumpers tumbling silently to their deaths while witnesses on the ground scream.

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

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.
Mbeki, Chavez Shake on Oil Deal

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Venezuela and South Africa signed a pact this week to strengthen cooperation between their oil and gas industries. Oil-rich Venezuela is expected to supply crude to the South African oil firm Petro SA at preferential rates.

The deal is particularly important for South Africa, which has been plagued by energy short-
ages.

Both Presidents Mbeki and Chavez termed the deal an example of southern nations cooperating in a new strategic alliance.

"It will be a wonderful day, the day when the first Venezuelan tanker will stop by to leave oil for South Africa," Chavez said. He also encouraged Petro South Africa to explore oil resources in Venezuela.

Liberia Hosts Forum on 'Decent Work'

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A “decent work agenda” is the goal of a high-level forum in sub-Saharan Africa on better pay and working conditions for Africa’s workers.

The forum is taking place in Liberia's capital Monrovia.

Sponsors of the event include the International Labor Organization and the NYC-based group “Realizing Rights”. Speakers include corporate leaders from Coca-Cola, Newmont Mining, Cadbury Schweppes, along with the World Bank, and Unicef, among others.

Mary Robinson, former Irish president and UN high commissioner for human rights was the first to address the forum. She is also the founder of the NY-based rights group.

After 14 years of civil war which shattered the country’s infrastructure and economy, the Liberian government estimates 85 percent of formal workers are unemployed or underemployed and 76 percent of the country’s 3.3 million people live on less than US $1 a day.

Meanwhile, a new U.S. study puts the price of an electricity-generating facility at more than $300 million. President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has called the project crucial to the economic recovery program of Liberia.

Somali Traders Fear Purge in Western Cape

NNPA

In a new outbreak of xenophobia, some 200 Somali traders in South Africa’s Western Cape reportedly received letters from a local business group telling them to close their shops by Sept. 21 or face physical violence.

The letters, from a chapter of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Nafcoc), seen by local media, were sent by a group from Khayelitsha, operating as the Zanokhanyo Retailers Association.

Nafcoc insisted the letter “has nothing to do with Nafcoc nationally. It’s a local campaign and we are not part of anybody evicting people from the townships.”

But, Nafcoc’s Western Cape secretary, Mandisa Njoli said: “We’re all members of Nafcoc and we are dying here, my sister. Our children are hungry. These people work for two cents and when we complain about the unfair advantage, then we’re called xenophobic.”

Sydwell Citwa, chairperson of Zanokhanyo Retailers, who signed the letter, echoed Njoli’s sentiments.

“These people come into the country with nothing and the next minute they have stocked shops and fridges. We’ve done our research and we know that the Muslim Judicial Council is helping them because they’re Muslim.”

“We are the ones who fought for freedom and democracy and now these Somalis are here eating our democracy,” Citwa said.

Xenophobic attacks displaced about 20,000 foreign nationals in the Western Cape. About 1,400 remain in camps in Cape Town resisting reintegration because they say they fear for their lives.

Somali traders moved back into Khayelitsha after anti-foreigner upheavals in May, when the Western Cape government promised it was safe for them to go back.
**Voters Given Opportunity To Protect And Defend The Vote**

**From staff reports**

With margins of victory razor-thin in past presidential, congressional, state, and local elections, Advancement Project—a national civil rights group—wants voters to know they have the ability to tip the balance in favor of electing officials who care about balance in favor of electing officials who care about the fight to protect their voting rights.

Advancement Project’s new online campaign complements its Voter Protection Program, which strives to ensure the administration of elections does not intentionally or accidentally deprive eligible Americans of the ability to vote and the right to have that vote accurately counted. The program was established in the wake of the blatant and widespread irregularities of the 2000 election. It focuses on increasing democratic participation in low-income and minority communities by investigating obstacles to voter participation and providing mechanisms for removing those obstacles, generating reform efforts that seek to expand opportunities for democratic participation, building support for a more transformational solution for re-enfranchising formerly incarcerated people, and facilitating alliances among multi-racial groups.

For more info visit www.justvote08.org.

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four-year-state universities. The money may also be used at out-of-state or private universities, with students and their families making up for the difference in cost.

Texas Tuition Promise Fund prices will change as state colleges and universities adopt new tuition rates. Families have several payment options, including lump sum or installments with an annual interest. For the current enrollment period running from now until Feb. 28, 2009, parents of a newborn can pay as little as $15.16 in a monthly installment plan until high school graduation to prepay a year of tuition at a community college. Parents of a 7-year-old who want to prepay the average cost of one year’s tuition at a four-year Texas public university could spread the payments over 10 years for $81.53 a month. (A more detailed explanation of Texas Tuition Promise Fund pricing is attached.)

Prepaid tuition accounts must be paid in full and open for at least three years before tuition benefits can be paid, a feature that encourages parents to begin saving early. Once enrolled with an account in the plan, a payment as low as $15 could be made at any time. “Starting early makes saving for college more affordable, and it also has another very important benefit,” Combs said. “Studies show that regardless of a family’s income level, the children of parents who start saving early are more likely to have higher academic achievement throughout their school years. It increases the children’s expectations of going to college and achieving their dreams.” Today, the well-paying, high value jobs boosting the economic engine of Texas require more than a high school diploma. Texas’ top 25 occupations and educational requirements for various fields.

The good news is, Texas offers two college savings plans, the Texas College Savings Plan and the LoneStar 529 Plan, to help families save for college expenses not covered by the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, Combs said. “These plans let college savers invest in a variety of funds geared toward families’ different financial situations and savings timelines.”

To help families sort out the many options to pay for college, Combs today debuted a new Web site: Every Chance, Every Texan. The Web site is a portal to everything parents need to know about paying for college, including the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. Texas’ state-sponsored college savings plans and other sources of funding such as scholarships and student loans. The site is a one-stop resource for Texas college and technical school admissions requirements and financial aid contacts. It also includes tools to help families calculate college costs and determine whether they are saving enough money to meet their goals. A section on tomorrow’s careers shows the careers that will be in demand in the future and the education requirements for various fields.

“Being ready for college when your children are takes time and careful planning,” Combs said. “Every Chance, Every Texan offers clear, easy-to-understand information to help families stop feeling overwhelmed and get moving toward their goals.”

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Plano ISD Challenges Proposed Changes to Uniform GPA Guidelines

From staff reports

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto has authorized members of his administrative team to present a list of concerns regarding changes to the “Uniform GPA (Grade Point Average) Guidelines” that have been proposed by an ad-hoc committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

Plano ISD Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Susan Modisette and Director of Counseling and Guidance Paul Weaver wrote to the ad-hoc committee this week, stating the following concerns with provisions set forth in the Texas Register affecting Texas Education Code §51.807:

1. A four-point scale is used in computing the uniform grade point average with the exception of AP, IB, and Dual Credit Courses.
   - Current structure provides students the opportunity to earn higher grade points for completion of more challenging courses, such as AP, IB, and International Honors. The removal of this provision will likely result in students choosing to not participate in the most appropriately challenging learning environment. These honors courses are the necessary bridges that connect our students with the opportunities found in AP, IB, and Dual Credit.

2. Equal weighting of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and academic Dual Credit courses.
   - Both AP and IB courses have national and international standards respectively, and AP courses follow a national curriculum. Additionally all students in these programs must pass national exams to receive credit. Conversely, the rigor of course content in Dual Credit courses may vary greatly as there are no national standards, curriculum, or required exams.

This provision may encourage students to not enroll and take advantage of our AP and IB programs.

Introduction

Application of these provisions begins with first-time freshman for admission in the 2009 fall semester.

Students have made course selections based on the standards set forth by their local school districts; academic planning for students often begins in the spring semester of their eighth grade year. Setting a new, uniform standard at the end of a student’s high school career disadvantages the student who thoughtfully selected courses based on information that would now be invalidated.

Parents can send their comments to:

Natalie Coffey, Senior Program Director Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board P.O. Box 12788 Austin, TX 78711 natalie.coffey@thecb.state.tx.us

Congresswoman Johnson announces Paul Quinn College grant

From staff reports

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson today announced that the United States Department of Education has made a two-year, $500,000 grant to Paul Quinn College. The grant is part of the Education Department’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program, which provides financial assistance to HBCUs. HBCUs can use the grants to strengthen their academic resources, financial management, endowments and physical plants.

“In its long history, Paul Quinn College has demonstrated its commitment to producing well-rounded leaders,” Congresswoman Johnson said. “It is a vibrant school that has adapted to the needs of today’s workforce, with innovative programs and a dedicated faculty and administration. I congratulate Paul Quinn on receiving this grant.”

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State Winners

Fifty-two winners – one from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico – are selected by our nonprofit partner, Scholarship America, to receive one-time scholarship awards of $10,000 each.

National Winners

From the pool of 52 state winners, ten are selected as national winners and earn an additional one-time scholarship of $15,000. This brings the top AXA Achievers total scholarship awards to $25,000 each. These top ten also receive a laptop computer and the offer of an internship with AXA.

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**Essay contest winners to receive scholarship**

*From staff reports*

The Don’t Believe the Hype Foundation has announced its inaugural Asante Award Scholarship Essay Contest for high school seniors and college students. Each year students will enter their 1000-word essays on an outstanding journalist who will be honored for journalistic excellence.

Veteran journalist, Norma Adams Wade, of the Dallas Morning News has been selected as this year’s recipient of the Asante Award and subject of the essay contest. Asante is the Swahili word meaning “thanks” or “thank you.”

The Asante Award recognizes a journalist who has had a significant impact on the communications industry, their community and the world.

Ms. Wade was chosen because of her outstanding contributions to journalism and the community. “Too often we fail to recognize how important a person is until that person is no longer with us,” said Cheryl Smith, founder of the Don’t Believe the Hype Foundation. “Norma Adams Wade has made significant contributions to the field of journalism and the community.

Once the storm passed, Dugay did communicate with her friends and neighbors in the area and learned her home was fine, at least externally. Her family is enjoying the opportunity to visit with long time friends while they await word on when power will be restored. The official word is two to three weeks; unofficial reports say it could be next week.

Dugay, a probation officer, admits that dealing with the evacuation and storm aftermath is stressful. To the point that she is willing to consider relocating, however she knows that her older relatives will never leave their hometown.

“I am still without lights,” ChaRhonda Thompson, shared by phone from Houston. Thompson, was born in Dallas, but grew up in Garland before relocating to Houston several years ago. A single mother with two sons, she was among the estimated 140,000 that remained in the area to weather the storm. She decided to remain in the area, “The air level is not good and that affects our ozone level.”

“Giving people their flowers while they are alive is one of the mantras of The Don’t Believe the Hype Foundation. Instead of waiting for a person to die to talk about how wonderful they were and to show appreciation for the work they produced, annually we are recognizing someone while they are here to accept our thanks.”

Applications can be downloaded from www.cherlysmithonline.com. The deadline to enter is October 3, 2008 and winners will be announced at a special reception in December.

**STORM, continued from page 1**

those who live in the storm damaged communities do not snap back in place as quickly. An estimated two million people evacuated Houston and the coastal area. Many of the gulf coast residents returned to Dallas for a second time within a month, following the weaker Hurricane Gustav.

Angela Dugay along with family and friends were among those who made the trek. With here spread out in three vehicles were Angela, her parents, two children, sister and uncle. Dugay was born in Port Arthur, but lived in Dallas for nearly five years in the early 1990s, in addition to a number of vacations in the city. Growing up her family never was forced to leave home, now unfortunately it is becoming almost commonplace. Her family now has a plan of action when storms are forecasted.

“We stay together,” according to Dugay. They monitor the storm path and by the time it appears it will head their way, hotel reservations are already made. Several co-workers and friends went to Mississippi and Louisiana and with the storm going eastward, they had a more challenging experience than Dallas.

When asked if climate changes are contributing to the increased frequency of tropical storms and hurricanes, Dugay feels it is indeed a factor. “I have always believed how we deal with the environment affects the climate. A lot of land that would have provided a shield has now been cleared off,” so the trees no longer provide a barrier to break up the wind. She also noted that with the oil refineries in the area, “The air level is not good and that affects our ozone level.”

Many did not evacuate and financial concerns were likely a key reason. Although Gustav was forecasted to impact the area, it did not. As a result those who evacuated did not receive any reimbursements for their expenses. With Governor Rick Perry and President George W. Bush declaring parts of the state a disaster area, FEMA has assured residents assistance will be coming this time. Their hotel rooms will be billed to FEMA and each household will receive up to $1,500 to cover other expenses. If they have registered the money will be sent via direct deposit.

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Ongoing African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm (Doors will open at 6:30 pm) Collin County Republican Party Headquarters 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney Call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or fred@tes.com for more information.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting is 2nd Thursday monthly, 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, 11:00am-1:00pm. 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.


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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 how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or visit www.sharesouthwest.org.

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The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) hosts monthly lunch and learn workshops 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.nbw.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 1098 (may change each week).

September 18-20, 2008 at Tennessee St McKinney Tears of Joy Ministries, Inc. will host its first women's conference September 18-20, 2008 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Irving, Texas. Theme is “Come Aside and Rest for a Time of Refreshment and Restoration.” Contact Pastor Vanessa Smith at (609) 556-5656 or (214) 407-7946.

September 19 & 20 Harkey Production Auditions for Upcoming Gospel Musical Play Singers, rappers, and actors are all welcome to come to Greater Saint John Baptist Church 3633 Atlanta Street, Dallas, TX 75215 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Call 214-670-7802 or harkeyproduction@yahoo.com.

September 20 My Second Chance Foundation, a women who make a difference in the lives of girls and women. The “Living the Dream’ banquet will be held at Christ for the Nations 3516 Conway St., Dallas, TX from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person and $300 per table. Call 214-448-3106 or email royceadam@mysecondchanceinc.org.

September 20 National Association of Black Social Workers Southwest Regional Conference at the Crowne Plaza at Holiday Inn Select, 3300 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. The conference theme is: “Reclaiming Minority Youth.” Are We Listening? Visit NABSWDALLAS.COM or Audrey Brown, 214-670-6739 or Abthcm@aol.com, or Treva McDaniel, 214-915-4610 , tdmc9@tmc.net.

September 20 Prairie View A&M University Alumni 13th Annual Scholarship Gala at the Westin City Center Hotel 650 N. Pearl St., Dallas, TX. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner program will proceed at 7:30 p.m. Call 972-979-9000. Ticket deadline is September 25, 2008.

September 26 SOLUTIONS: Youth Violence is Real! Now is the time for Real SOLUTIONS’10:30 AM Bookner T. Washington High School, 2501 F1ora St, Dallas, TX 75201. No Admission fee but donations appreciated and pre-registration required. 972-218-1921.

September 27 NOCC and Poreology 5K Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer Join hundreds In the Dallas-Fort Worth metro community at this fundraising event at the Baylor Regional Medical Center 1650 W. College Street, Grapevine, TX. Call 212-973-5351 or email jfigueiredo@poreology-usa.com.

September 30 - Oct. 19 Oprah Winfrey Presents The Color Purple at Fair Park featuring stars of the original Broadway Cast, Jeanette Bayardelle, Felicia P. Fields and Angela Robinson, along with American Idol alum LaToya London. Tickets are $25-S77 at the Box Office or any Ticketmaster. Call 214-631-ARTS.

October 2-3 National Association of Black Social Workers Southwest Regional Conference at the Crowne Plaza at Holiday Inn Select, 3300 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. The conference theme is: “Reclaiming Minority Youth.” Are We Listening? Visit NABSWDALLAS.COM or Audrey Brown, 214-670-6739 or Abthcm@aol.com, or Treva McDaniel, 214-915-4610 , tdmc9@tmc.net.

October 2 Frisco Arts Gala Supporting all the fine arts in Frisco through grants and Caviar dreams at the Westin Stonebriar Resort, Frisco, TX. Visit http://friscoartgang.com/members/2401d8dae4921a09022671f7cadd94c4.htm . Tickets are $100. Call 817-923-2800.

October 25 WorldFest from noon to 10 p.m. at Addison Circle Park featuring stars of the TV show Dallas, Addison, TX 75001. Festival guests will be immersed in the cultures of Asia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas as they visit each of the five pavilions. Admission Is $5 for anyone 4 and older. Volunteers are needed. Call 1-800-addison or visit www.addisontexas.net.
RISD's Change Maker
Lorine Burrell leads Richardson ISD's Christa McAuliffe Learning Center

By Jacquinette D. Murphy
North Dallas Gazette

School is in session at the Christa McAuliffe Learning Center (CMLC) located at 900 S. Greenville Avenue in Richardson, Texas. This campus has the unique task of providing an educational alternative to students from first through twelfth grades that arrive on its campus throughout the year. CMLC is said to be “The place where the change begins” in the Richardson Independent School District, and with Lorine Burrell, an RISD change-maker, at its helm this year, the next 8 months are sure to see some students being pointed back in the right direction.

Burrell is the former principal of Lake Highlands Junior High School and has a strong track record of success and innovation throughout her 30 years in the educational arena. Her decision to oversee this campus may have puzzled some, but to her the mission is clear.

“Students come here from another campus and may be having [difficulty],” Burrell began. “I can be the person that will make a positive difference and help to turn lives around by providing guidance in a way that they may not have otherwise received it,” Burrell said.

Being a catalyst of change is not new to this principal, she has already been noted for implementing programs that created a new way of learning through the use of technology.

“It was called AVID, which stands for Advancement via Individual Determination,” she began. “This was a class elective for students that needed an extra push, to encourage and help them with organizational skills. We picked kids that were the first person in the family [to graduate high school or go to college].” The program caters to students who have the capability, but may be falling a little below their potential, to move beyond the average and to even take honors courses such as pre-AP classes.

Burrell is also credited with using technology to improve the school's math and science programs. Through this success, she became a national speaker for Texas Instruments and soon began sharing the curriculum and implementations of this program with other educational professionals in organizations such as the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) and National Associations of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

At CMLC, Burrell aims to create a positive expectation of excellence and change this year. Her personal goals are closely aligned with the school's mission to “create an instructional environment that encourages appropriate behavior, that fosters positive socialization and motivates academic achievement.”

To more closely facilitate this goal of successful re-direction, the CMLC divides the students into small learning communities divided by grade and sometimes even subject matter.

“We focus on academics, discipline, and social skills. We offer one-on-one counseling and individualized instruction,” said Burrell.

Her heralded banner for change is deeply rooted in her reason to begin a career in teaching in the early 1970s. “We were a sharecropper family in Wilcox, Alabama. There was not a lot of careers to go into. It was either health care, education or the clerical field,” she shared.

“I had a lot of people mentoring me. My mother for one, who had not received a high school diploma was a sharecropper. She did not have a high school education but taught us to be better than she was. For this to happen, I had to be diligent to make the grades,” Burrell explained.

Reflecting on her experience, she knows that she was empowered to succeed by a community of people who cared. She was in the sixth grade when she knew what she wanted to do in life. “I liked what I saw in a science teacher. You look for people to emulate and I had a teacher to ensure that I was challenged and was learning. I felt like I cared. I knew that I wanted to give back as someone had given to me.”

When she graduated from high school, her finances were short, and she needed a helping hand to actually pursue her dream. A local pastor and a teacher ensured that she was accepted to a college preparatory program at Wilberforce University, located outside of Dayton, Ohio. Burrell continued on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Kent State University in 1974.

A few years later, she attended Governors State University in Illinois to obtain a Master of Science degree in Reading in 1978. “My goal was to be an administrator. I wanted to impact change on a larger scale than a classroom. I said if I can be a principal then I can[make that type of change].”

Care transformed into motivation and determination for Burrell and she wants to pay it forward for the next generation. Children may not know what they want to do, but she knows first hand what can happen if they just feel that some cares.

“I want to let the children know that I care, that they are valued and are my future. I am investing in them to make sure that my future looks brighter. We are preparing them now to be productive citizens. Then, we will not pay for it when they are adults.”

As an educator for about 33 years and now an experienced leader in education in RISD, the change promised at CMLC is likely to be delivered on a grand scale by Burrell and her staff of about 35 educators.
From staff reports

R&B sensation and reality TV star Keyshia Cole is Cathy Hughes’ guest in an all-new TV One on One interview Sunday, Sept. 21 from 10-11 PM. The 26-year-old singer, songwriter and record producer talks with Ms. Hughes about her childhood, her future aspirations, her faith and what inspires her music in the revealing interview, which repeats at 1 AM ET.

Raised in Oakland and adopted by her foster mother because of her mother’s drug addiction, Keyshia met prominent rappers like M.C. Hammer, Snoop Dogg and Tupac at a young age and credits the late rap star as one of her early influencers, saying that Tupac told her at 13 that she was “going to be huge.” She also credits Mary J. Blige as one of her greatest inspirations and says, “if I could walk in her footsteps just a quarter of the mile that she has already walked, it would be a blessing fulfilled.”

Ms. Cole talks to Ms. Hughes about her upcoming CD, saying it’s going to be very different, than her previous two albums “cause I’m not talkin’ about being so...heabroken.” She tells Hughes…”it’s time to lighten up and have a good time for this album.”

Ms. Hughes and Ms. Cole talk about her huge BET hit reality series, The Way It Is, the way her whole family is involved, how unusual it is to show African American families in therapy, and how important getting her family back in order is to Ms. Cole. She tells Ms. Hughes that she would like for the upcoming season to be the last one. When asked why, Ms. Cole says “Well, I’ve shown the beginning. I’ve shown the way that we’re tryin’ to change, and now this is what we’ve become.” When asked if there’s a side of Keyshia Cole that we have yet to see, the singer tells Ms. Hughes that in the next five years she definitely wants to become a mother and a wife. She also talks about her love of animals and her lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian, one she still hopes to fulfill later in life, and perhaps open a veterinary hospital.

Ms. Cole talks about her relationship with God, saying, “...He’s a part of my life, and He’s the only thing that has kept me strong. And when there’s nothing else, when there’s nothing else, when -- you know, when everything’s gone, and has been gone, I’ve called on him, and I always will.”

She is joined at the end of the interview by Ron Fair, the chairman of Geffen Records, who has been instrumental in Ms. Cole’s successful career.

“What makes Keyshia great is the same kind of thing that great stars like Sylvester Stallone and Madonna have,” Fair says. “...she knows who she’s supposed to be to her audience. No one knows her more than her.”

“I think, in the future, I don’t want to speak for Keyshia, but, we talk about movies, fashion, continuing the musical pursuits, her wanting to bring other artists along and develop other talent. “I don’t know about the veterinary business,” he adds.
New Beginning Center Hosts upcoming Business Summit

From staff reports

Every year, domestic violence contributes an estimated $8 billion in productivity losses to companies and businesses around the country. The effects of stalking, physical assault, rape, and homicide are directly related to employee absenteeism, diminished job performance, and lower job morale. To calculate the annual cost due to domestic violence for your company visit the New Beginning Center website at www.newbeginningcenter.org. The half-day Family Violence Prevention Summit will increase awareness of the effects of domestic violence as well as educate employers and managers on the most effective preventative measures.

New Beginning Center, Garland Chamber of Commerce, Richland College of the Dallas County Community College District, Texas Health Resources, Garland Independent School District, City of Garland and KARLEE will be teaming up to host this half-day training on October 1, 2008 at the Special Events Center at 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd in Garland. For the cost of $10 per person, attendees will receive the training necessary to recognize signs of domestic violence and to implement a family violence prevention program in their own workplace. The Family Violence Business Call to Action has been approved by Human Resources Certification Institute as general continuing education credits for all attending Human Resources professionals. This program has been approved for 3.25 (General) recertification credit hours toward PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification through the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI). For more information about certification or recertification, please visit the HRCI homepage at www.hrci.org.

Each company can send up to five representatives. Check-in and refreshments will begin at 8:00 AM. Registration is available online at www.newbeginningcenter.org, www.garlandchamber.com, or by calling (972) 272-7551 ext. 0.

Black Enterprise Ranks Liberty Tax Franchise A Top Pick

From staff reports

Black Enterprise magazine has named Liberty Tax Service (www.libertytax.com) as one of the most affordable and best franchise opportunities for minorities for a fifth time since 2001. “B.E.’s Most Affordable Franchises: 25 Hot Franchises You Should Buy Now!” names Liberty Tax a top choice for a business services franchise, according to the September 2008 issue. Black Enterprise researchers franchise opportunities annually to compile a superlative list for its readers of the best franchises for African Americans, and to measure the pulse of the franchise industry. The results this year are based on “recession-resistant industries and low start-up costs.”

“Taxes are a certainty of life in good and sluggish economic times and our industry provides a growing market of taxpayers,” said John Hewitt, CEO and Founder of Liberty Tax Service. “We are honored by this accolade as we keep striving to keep the American dream of business ownership an affordable reality.”

Liberty Tax Service is a member of the International Franchise Association’s MinorityFranchise initiative (www.franchise.org/minorityfran). The Liberty Tax franchise opportunity was listed on the National Minority Franchise Initiative’s “50 Top Franchises for Minorities in 2007.”

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wanted to sleep through it, but the wind was a bear,” naturally Thompson’s sons slept through most of the storm. However, they were sequestered in a closet for safety.

“The lights went out about 1:30 a.m. [Saturday] about thirty minutes later the rain began and was constant until 8:00 a.m., when it became intermittent. Even so, Thompson said the storms were strong enough that it was not safe enough to venture outside to check on the damage.

When asked, if faced with the same decision would she make the same decision, Thompson was undecided, “I still have to weigh my options.”

Until Thursday forecasters predicted the storm would hit Corpus Christi instead, by the time the announcement was made, “at that point it was too late for me to get on the road and not be stuck in the traffic,” she was concerned with potentially being on the road when the storm hit.

“You do not know how hard it is to be on the road,” she shared. The uncertainty of will you find gas before running out, how much will it cost are factors Thompson faced when returning to Dallas in 2005 seeking refugee from Hurricane Rita. “Then coming back you have the uncertainty all over again.”

When Thompson evacuated for Rita it took her 24 hours to get from Houston to Dallas, as she ran into stacked up traffic when attempting to use backroads.

Although Thompson’s home did not sustain any damage, it was a challenge coming home on Sunday. With sections of I-45 being underwater, and service roads being partially flooded; her thirty minute drive became three hours.

Initially, it was OK being at home, grateful that her family was safe and her home was spared. “The neighbors pitched in Monday and helped each other clean up debris from their yards,” Thompson said, but as time stretched on without electricity it became more of a challenge. A current is in place, and the children get restless without TV and games.

Esther Dugay admits that dealing with the evacuation is a challenge. “It is disheartening to have to pack up and come to Dallas – or go anywhere.” Yet through it all like ChaRhonda Thompson, her daughter Angela Dugay, Ms. Dugay is grateful to weather the storm.

“I thank God that I still have my health, I am still blessed, my house had no major damage. The only thing I had was a split tree. So, I thank God that my family is safe, my kids and my grandkids. With that mind, I cannot complain, I really cannot.”
TAX, continued from page 1

than twice the average for all households. Many fewer households at the bottom of the income dis-
tribution would get tax cuts and those tax cuts would be
small as a share of after-tax income.”

McCain’s proposal, like the current policy of
George W. Bush, assumes that allowing businesses
and upper income individu-
sals to keep more of their
income will encourage
them to invest and expand
their business, thereby cre-
ating more jobs. Policies
which are modern versions
of former president Ronald
Regan’s “Trickle Down Theory.”

The problem with this
theory is if worker income
does not keep pace with
prices, consumers cut back
spending, which slows the
economy. The most recent
example being the recent
spike in fuel prices, which
caused consumers to spend
less on all but essential
goods and services.

As for Obama’s plan, the
report says, “In marked
contrast, Sen. Obama
offers much larger tax
breaks to low- and middle-
income taxpayers and
would increase taxes on
high-income taxpayers.
The largest tax cuts, as a
share of income, would go
to those at the bottom of
the income distribution,
while taxpayers with the
highest income would see
their taxes rise significant-
ly.”

The report also looked at
the possible effects of each
plan on the economy.
McCain’s plan would
limit the rate that top
money earners pay to 35
percent while Obama’s
plans would tax them at
39.6 percent. McCain’s
plan would tax corpora-
tions at a maximum rate of
25 percent compared to
Obama’s rate of 35 percent.

The report said that
while each plan could ben-
efit the economy in some
areas, the potential benefits
could be offset in others.

“McCain’s reduced indi-
vidual and corporate rates
could improve economic
efficiency and increase
domestic investment, but
the larger future deficits
would reduce and might
completely negate any pos-
itive effect. In contrast,
Sen. Obama’s proposed
new tax credits could en-
courage desirable behav-
ior, particularly if the child-
less [Earned Income Tax
Credit] and payroll tax
rebate encourage additional
labor supply among
childless low-income indi-
viduals. However, he
would also direct new sub-
sidies at an already favored
group — seniors — and an
already favored activity —
homeownership—which could probably be better
directed elsewhere.”

The report said the tax
plans that were analyzed
were found on the candi-
dates’ web sites and that
these plans were some-
times at odds with what
campaign advisors were
saying publicly.

“In several important
ways, the candidates’
speeches and web sites dif-
f er from the plans as we’ve
outlined them, and, in se-
veral cases, descriptions
of proposals provided by
campaign advisors strike us
as implausible.”

The report also says that
neither plan would, in itself
be sufficient to decrease
the country’s current
deficit.

“Sen. Obama’s plan as
described by his economic
advisers would increase the
debt by about $3.5 trillion
by 2018; Sen. McCain’s
plan would increase it by
$5 trillion. And the health
proposals and campaign
promises not in the official
descriptions could increase
the costs still further.”

As for their parts, the
campaigns have said that
the analysis fails to take
into account their proposals
for spending cuts in the
federal budget. But the
report said that without
complete information,
some of which is actually
changing during the cam-
paigns, it is hard to give a
definitive analysis of the
effects of the plans. In
some cases, assumptions
had to be made.

“One challenge facing
anyone who wants to esti-
mate the effects of candi-
dates’ tax plans is that no
one—not even inside the
campaigns—knows exactly
what the proposals are.
Stump speeches and cam-
paign white papers rarely
contain enough technical
detail to analyze proposals
fully. In addition, the can-
didates’ plans are often
works in progress that
change during the cam-
paign,” the report says.

“Because it is important
for the public to understand
as much as possible how a
candidate’s tax proposals
would affect them, their
neighbors, and the broader
economy, we have filled
in the blanks with assump-
tions about key missing
details. Some of the details
have been validated by
campaigns, but some have
not. We will update our
analysis when we learn
about revisions, modifica-
tions, or corrections.”

The full report can be
downloaded from
http://www.taxpolicycen-
ter.org.

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care system that doesn’t
cover everyone.

Still, lipstick is a
metaphor for the powerful
gender undercurrent in
this election. Hillary Clinton
energized women, but she
didn’t win the Democratic
domination, and Barack
Obama didn’t pick her as
his running mate. Some of
her supporters got over it,
but some were angry and
disappointed.

Then John McCain
grabb ed momentum and
and the spotlight by choosing
Sarah Palin as his running
mate. The woman fasci-
nates—she describes her-
sel f as a pit bull with lip-
stick. Because she is so
new to the scene, we’ve
had a crash course on her
life, her marriage to her
high school sweetheart,
also known as First Dude
in Alaska. We’ve learned
about her five children,
 including her disabled
infant son and her pregnant
teenage daughter.

We’ve learned about her
 commuting habits and the
fact that it costs the citi-
zens of Alaska about $60 a
night for her to stay home
(that’s on top of her
salary). Biographical
curiosity is only part of the
Palm fascination.

Neither party has yet to
do the right thing” by
women, either in terms of
elected public office and in
terms of the public policy
that supports working
women.

Still stuck in “the
mommy wars” between
women who work and
those who stay at home,
millions who either joyful-
ly or painfully juggle
household and work. 1992
was the so-called year of
the woman, when Patty
Murray (D-Wa.) ran for the
Senate describing herself
as a “mom in tennis
shoes”. Without a woman
on the Senate Judiciary
Committee when Anita
Hill was treated so poorly,
and Clarence Thomas was
confirmed to the Supreme
Court, women’s anger
translated into political
success. An unprecedented
five women were elected
to the United States Senate,
including Murray, Carol
Mosley Braun (D-III),
Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.),
and two Democrats from
California, Barbara Boxer
diane Feinstein.

Fast-forward 15 years.
There are now sixteen
women in the United
States Senate, which repre-
sents slow progress. Many
of the issues that outraged
women in 1992 are unre-
solved in 2008. Women
have not yet addressed
 challenges juggling
household and work. Many
who can

Most wonder that public
policy cannot do more to
address the concerns of
both a vital segment of
the population and an
important part of the produc-
tive labor force. At the
top, women bang their heads
against the glass ceiling
that Hillary Clinton spoke
for so eloquently.
U.S. Demand for Rehabilitation Professionals Grows

From staff reports

People reach significant milestones through the help and dedication of rehabilitation professionals, according to the National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation, which is holding the 2008 National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration on Sept. 21-27, 2008. Organizations, including Allsup, which represents people nationwide for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, are spreading the word about the significant contributions made by rehab professionals.

Rehab workers’ value to healthcare is illustrated in national job projections for the next decade. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, several rehabilitation fields are experiencing increasing demand through 2016, including:

- **Physical therapists**, with a 27 percent increase and 220,000 jobs.
- **Occupational therapists**, with a 23 percent increase and 122,000 jobs.
- **Respiratory therapists**, with a 19 percent increase and 145,000 jobs.

Professionals working in rehabilitation, including therapists, nurses and physicians, help people with disabilities achieve significant accomplishments in recovery and daily living. The examples are numerous, such as respiratory therapists who help individuals to reach independence from ventilators, and occupational therapists who help stroke patients regain mobility. Estimates show that for every $1 spent on rehab care, $11 in long-term disability costs is saved, according to the National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation (NRAF).

More than 6,000 rehabilitation providers and health and human services organizations across the country are helping recognize “the powers of rehabilitation,” according to Jim Brogna, NRAF executive director. This year’s theme is, “Rehab: The Power to Change Lives.”

Network Your Way into the Hidden Job Market

From staff reports

The key to make this premise work is to recognize that people you meet in both your personal life and professional life may help you get a job someday. The trick is to keep track of these people and know how and when to tap into them. This is the essence of networking, and Nursing Matters has some suggestions to help you harness it.

To get you in the right mindset, consider the story about the young woman who sat next to a stranger on a train. After chatting for an hour, she not only made a good impression, she secured a job interview for a non-advertised position. This is an example of networking into the “hidden” job market and it’s a key way people find jobs.
**Church Happenings**

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September 21, 6 pm - 9 pm
You are invited to our Angelic Choir Concert, come and praise God with us.

**NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS**
September 20, 7 pm
Married/Engaged couples are invited to “An Evening of Intrigue, Adventure and Fellowship at Dave & Buster’s. 8021 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, TX 75231. Call the church for Larry or Sus. Nash; Dennis or Michelle Holmes; Sherman or Melissa Flemmons; or Bryan or Jemjeta Fisher for details.

**CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME TEMPLE OF FAITH**
September 21, 1 – 3:30 pm
We will host our 3rd Annual Business Expo and Seminar (Spiritual Gas) to help you become acquainted with the person God created you to be; Call 972-437-3493 to register.

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Unforgiveness Hurts

For a few years, I have been reminded of a statement that a young lady said, “We didn’t realize how much that unforgiveness impacted our own lives.” She was making the statement after realizing how much she had missed in her life because she had been hurt and had not forgiven an individual.

We should become keenly aware that in our world and society, people need people. God created us with a need for fellowship and companionship. The Bible says, “And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” Genesis 2:18. “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion . . .” (KJV).

“…Our Father in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” Mark 11:25 & 26 “Heaven forgive your trespasses.” If your Father which is in Heaven will your Father also which is in Heaven forgive your trespasses. (KJV)

So, there is a question: who among us have not made a terrible mistake? Who among us haven’t wished that we could take back something that was spoken in anger to anyone, especially to a loved one or a friend? Who among us haven’t done something that we would be ashamed to confess to others? Who among us haven’t had to cry out to God for His help?

I have read and heard many stories of individuals finally forgiving after long periods of time; they talk about how much they have hurt and missed in their life because they waited so long to forgive. Life doesn’t stop when you don't forgive someone. Perhaps that person asked for your forgiveness and you refused. When God saw that they were remorseful, He allowed them to move on with their life while you stayed in a state of self-pity, you couldn’t see the forest for the trees.

Most people hate road constructions where they encounter them; it's an inconvenience and it takes us longer to get where we are going. Everything is in a mess, you are caught off guard when things are placed in unusual places and the natural flow of traffic takes you off the main road on bumpy surfaces. But what joy when the work is complete, how beautiful the scenery when the work is done. But, we must remember that until the work is done, how beautiful the scenery when the work is complete, how beautiful the scenery when the work is done. But, we must remember that until the work is done, how beautiful the scenery when the work is done.

God still loves and forgives us. There are times that someone in your life will say or do something that they need forgiveness from you. Just as we want God to have patience and forgive us, we need to have patience and forgive others. At times this is not an easy task, and you need God’s love and help to forgive, but if you ask Him, He can give you the love and strength to forgive.
Community Leaders Remember NAACP’s Goldie Locke

From staff reports

The Garland NAACP issued a statement over the weekend, “We are profoundly saddened to inform you that Ms. Goldie Locke, our beloved founding President, current 2nd Vice-President of the NAACP Garland Branch and legendary local civil rights leader passed away late Saturday, September 13, 2008. Final arrangements for memorial and tributes are pending. Please keep Goldie’s immediate family and the NAACP Garland Branch in your prayers!”

Throughout the week members have shared statements regarding how much Ms. Locke meant to them personally and the Garland community: “Garland has lost a legendary trailblazer, a person on the mission on for all children through education. Her contributions were numerous,” said Linda Griffin, Garland School Board Trustee, Place 3.

“Goldie was a Warrior for our children’s education. She is my friend, my mentor and she is my Sister. The world seemed a little dimmer when Annie told me that Goldie had passed. Goldie will shine down from where she stands with our Heavenly Father and as she always did she will fill my heart once again with faith for our future. I was so lucky to have been able to be with her last Sunday and share prayer. I got to kiss her cheek, squeeze her hand and whisper to her we will continue the fight for the children. My life has been blessed to have known Goldie; I thank God for the time he gave her to all of us,” said Terri Dunn

Ms. Locke’s service will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 214 South Garland Avenue, Garland, Texas 75040. Wake is 5:30P.M., Friday, September 19, followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:00A.M., Saturday, September 20.

In lieu of flowers, Goldie’s family and the NAACP Garland Branch would appreciate your donation to: Goldie Locke Scholarship Fund, C/o NAACP Garland Branch #625, 603 Main Street, Ste. 101, Garland, Texas.