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Lawmakers: Pardon first black boxing champ

Associated Press

The first black heavy-weight champion should be granted a presidential pardon for a racially motivated conviction 75 years ago that blemished his reputation and hurt his boxing career, the House

recommended Friday.

Jack Johnson became world heavyweight champion in 1908, sparking a search for a white boxer, dubbed "the Great White Hope," who could beat him.

In 1913, Johnson was convicted of violating the

Mann Act which outlawed the transportation of women across state lines for immoral purposes. Authorities had first unsuccessfully tried to charge Johnson over his relationship with a white woman who later became

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Obama supporters rally at the Angelika Theater



From staff reports

Join ObamaDallas and Obama supporters at the Angelika Theater at Mockingbird Station for the final two presidential debates, Oct. 7 and Oct. 15, live on the big screen.

The Oct. 7 debate will be a town hall meeting, and the

Oct. 15 debate will focus on domestic policy. Food and drink will be available for purchase, and area restaurants are offering discounts to supporters in Obama/Biden gear. Pick up a yard sign or bumper sticker, too. RSVP soon to reserve a seat. at my.barack-obama.comsh3g4.

Ghouse: The politics of Ramadan

By Mike Ghouse

Second of two part series

Since the beginning of Islam, there have been debates as to what constitutes moon sighting. Some interpret that there has got to be a minion to declare

that they have seen it themselves with their own eyes, where as others do not accept it unless they have seen it themselves. In the United States there is an organization that monitors moon sighting called the Hilal committee. At

one time it was acceptable if the moon was sighted elsewhere, but now, each group has to have their own moon sighting.

Politics run our community lives, be it a temple, synagogue or church, Muslims are no different.

A few scientifically-inclined-Muslims have adopted NASA's calculation, believed to be precise. Today, four different traditions prevail concurrently; i) Strictly Calendar, ii) NASA and iii) Sighting with bare eyes and iv)

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Take it Personally

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

I keep wanting to write something totally erudite about the economic crisis that will cause our country to bail out banks to the tune of a trillion dollars, but I cannot.

There is something deep in me that I want to say about how egregious this bailout is, but words escape me. Even as I search for special words

I see myself looking eyeball to eyeball with a student whose parent is now unemployed, which means her tuition and fees will go unpaid.

Or, I see myself having a conversation with my financial aid officer, a phenomenal young woman named Keisha Ragsdale, who will tell me how much money she needs to keep some of our highest achieving students enrolled. There

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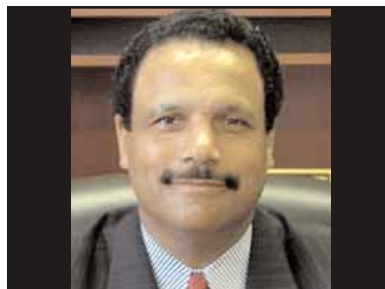
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Vincent "Young Heartbreak" Tucker

You only have to google him once to realize without a doubt, Vincent "Young Heartbreak" Tucker is one of the up-and-coming forces in the entertainment business today. In addition to being a rising music & entertainment executive, Vincent is a promoter, event host, radio personality, entrepreneur & philanthropist.

In addition to collecting music from his favorite artists, he started tracking record releases and music & entertainment trends. Before, during and after

school, Vincent would surf the internet constantly as he tried to learn as much as he could about the executive aspect of the business.

Vincent eventually founded CWC Entertainment Group and in the first five months, signed an artist, sold 50% of the newly formed company all while promoting the company's first event and music release. Dedicated to leading the movement for Unsigned Hip-Hop and R&B acts, the collective's resume included local weekly

artist showcases and promoting concerts for various national recording acts like Slim Thug, Scarface and Devin The Dude. Building on a new set of contacts, Vincent has went on to expand the CWC Entertainment Group enterprise to encompass a broad range of other businesses including artist management, public relations, event promotions and cd duplication.

Other music & entertainment entities have embraced Vincent Tucker as well. In February 2007,

Mr. Tucker joined the advisory board for a fledgling business publication, T.O.M.I. Magazine and became a booking agent for The Harlem Starz Basketball Team in September. November of the same year, Vincent became an online radio personality for The 360 D Radio Show and then was given a spin-off show in December, The Vincent Tucker Radio Show, which is now the highest-rated show on the 360 D Radio Online Network (www.360DRadio.com).



Making a community & cultural difference by giving back is valued heavily by Vincent. He has participated in various community service activities including the Salvation Army Adopt-A-Angel Tree Program buying Christmas

gifts for unfortunate children.

Young, Charismatic, Focused and Ambitious: these are traits that many people use to describe Vincent Tucker. Just so happens to also be some of the same traits people used for his idol Sean "Diddy" Combs so long ago. Living in a city with an ever-growing hip hop community searching for a leader, "Young Heartbreak" is more than ready to lead the charge. And as long as you have an opinion of him and you call him something....then he knows he's doing something right!

Dr. Calvin D. Jamison

Dr. Calvin D. Jamison, a seasoned university administrator, businessman, and municipal government leader, has served one year as the vice president for business affairs at The University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to joining UTD, Jamison served as senior vice president and chief administrative officer at Hampton University in Hampton, Va., and is the former city

manager of Richmond, Va.

The Office of Business Affairs is responsible for administering UT Dallas' operating budget, which exceeds \$279 million in the current fiscal year.

The unit consists of the vice president's office and major functional departments involved in the day-to-day operation of the university, such as financial management, budgets and reporting,

facilities maintenance, planning and construction, land development, police and administrative services including human resources, payroll, purchasing, the print shop, food service and the university bookstore.

The vice president for business affairs also is the designated custodian of records for the university, acts as the university's ethics officer and oversees the university's historically underutilized business program. The office employs more than



280 people.

During his administration as Richmond, Va. City Manager, the com-

munity saw an increase of over \$3 billion in new development, three bond rating upgrades in two years saving over \$25 million, a reduction in the tax rate, and an increase in citizen satisfaction with city services. He spent nearly two decades in higher education with faculty and administrative roles at Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech including assistant to the President at Virginia Tech. He is also a former "Cadmus Leader

in Residence" at the University of Richmond.

A native of Martinsville, Va., he is a graduate of Virginia Tech where he received his Bachelor's, Masters and Ed.D degrees. He is a former member of the board and past chair of Virginia Tourism Corporation and Leadership Metro Richmond, a former member of the board of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, and past-president of the Arts Council of Richmond.

Cecil Hayes

Acclaimed as one of the top 100 Interior Designers in the World, Cecil Hayes also known as Designer to the Stars (Samuel L. Jackson, Wesley Snipes, Timbaland) and many more. Cecil is currently working on a TV show called Decorology and will be sharing the secret formulas she uses in her own work for celebrity clientele to transform viewers ordinary rooms into dreams spaces.

Decorology is a new do-it-yourself show for viewers that want to achieve the high end look of a professionally decorated home without the professional price tag. Cecil Hayes is the country's most prominent

African American interior designer.

She is currently touring, lecturing extensively and appearing on numerous TV and radio shows. She is the author of 2 books, published by Watson Guptill of New York. Cecil shares her vast 30 year design knowledge with her latest release The Art of Decorative Details.

The glamorous hard cover coffee table edition of 9 Steps to Beautiful Living was released in 2006 and is now available in a paperback version. A must read for consumers who truly desire a beautiful life.

Cecil teaches how to achieve this through design with foolproof methods.



Cecil points out: "We spend 75 percent of our lives in our home, which makes interior design the most influential art form there is."

Cecil Hayes is a true History Maker in the field of Interior Design:

- The 1st African-

American to grace the pages of Architectural Digest.

- The 1st African-American In the Architectural Digest Top 100 designers in the world (3 times).

- The 1st African-American Robb Report Top designer.

- The 1st African-American interior designer to create and manufacture her own furniture line, Mikala Inc in 2002.

- Inventor of Cecil Hayes Get It Right Furniture Templates.

- Inducted into the Smithsonian Institute's Design Museum.

- Inducted into The History Makers Archives.

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- Designer for the

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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!



The North Dallas Gazette, formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

COMMENTARY

Cure Your Own Economic Woes

By Farrah Gray
NNPA Columnist

The Three Musketeers, Bush, Paulson and Barnack demand urgent approval of the nearly Trillion Dollar bailout for Wall Street at the expense of upwards to \$6,000 per taxpayer.

What time is it? A time in history for you to consider becoming a butcher, baker or a candle stick maker. It is time for you to stop procrastinating about becoming self-employed, and become proactive now! Your ideas at first may not appear to you as "big" ideas that can go to market.

A young man living and working near a college campus could see the opportunity wanting to open a small chicken wing restaurant. What is great about his idea? He was selling "the sizzle" and not "the steak" with 18 different hot sauces flavors to choose from kept the college students coming back for more.

When I arrived in Jackson, Miss. for our meeting and taste test I was convinced along with him that he has every opportunity for market entry product success.

Success can't be the goal. It is not the hope of a great achievement or a plan to accomplish a specific goal. Rather, success is an attitude that affirms worthiness of who you are and the things you are doing. It is an attitude that keeps you open to new discovery and continual growth.

Choosing a business idea that will work well for you is paramount to starting a business. For now however, we will concentrate on choosing an idea for starting your own business. The best place to start is to look at the skills and knowledge

that you do have. For instance, if you are in employment could you do your job working for yourself rather than being employed by someone else?

Other ideas are listed below.

Could you turn your hobby into a business?

Maybe in your spare time you have gained a skill or knowledge, which could be turned into a business. It could be hair styling, gardening, cooking or writing. With the business know-how, something you take pleasure in doing, could be earning you money!

Copy an idea?

An idea does not have to be novel or even original; in fact very few businesses are based on original ideas. Observe what happens abroad, you could get an idea that has not been tried where you live. Look around, watch the news, observe things around you and think how it could be translated into a business idea.

Look for inspiration

You could be inspired with an idea by looking at trade magazines, attending business expos or trade shows. This could provide the seed for a new idea or give you an idea to do it better.

Identify the best market

Apart from choosing an idea based on your skills, you could research markets you believe to be profitable. The ideal market would, for example, be a growing market and have a niche.

Still no idea?

Try brainstorming with friends and family. Invite them to come up with any ideas (it does not matter how silly some of them may sound). A brainstorming session should last no longer than fifteen minutes.



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, left, walks out of the West Wing of the White House in Washington to brief reporters after his meeting with President Bush regarding the defeated a \$700 billion bailout bill, Monday, Sept. 29, 2008. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

It should be a starting point to help you think about the opportunities available.

New product or process?

Maybe you are a bit of an inventor and have invented a new product or process that you wish to create into a business. If that is the case, make sure you patent your invention with the Patent Office (see address below).

Making it a good e-idea

Whatever business idea you decide, you should also be thinking of how it would translate on the Internet. Your business idea should therefore be an e-idea with the following attributes:

Public appeal - It should be an idea that can be marketed to attract customers and appeal to their imagination.

Easily transportable - As the Internet is a world wide medium accessed by people from all over the world, you

will need to bear in mind how your product will be transported. This is particularly important in determining the success of your business.

Hopefully, this should be enough general information to help you make up your mind about your business idea and the important attributes needed to make your idea work. Go for the success that has your name on it!

Farrah Gray is the author of *Get Real, Get Rich: Conquer the 7 Lies Blocking You from Success* and the international best-seller *Reallionaire: Nine Steps to Becoming Rich from the Inside Out*. He is chairman of the Farrah Gray Foundation. Gray can be reached via email at fg@drfarrahgray.com or his web site at www.drfarrahgray.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.

Int'l Banks Line Up to Aid Zimbabwe

NNPA

Following a signed settlement to the long-running dispute between Zimbabwe's two elected leaders, international lenders signaled that financial support for the ailing country could be approved shortly.

Under terms of the

long-awaited agreement, Prime Minister-designate Morgan Tsvangirai will head a council of ministers responsible for the day-to-day managing of the country's affairs.

President Robert Mugabe will remain head of state and head of the cabinet as part of

a 50-50 division of power.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, managing director of the International Monetary Fund said the signing of the power-sharing accord was a chance to reverse the economic crisis, where inflation is more than 11 million percent, the

world's highest rate.

"We stand ready to discuss with the new authorities their policies to stabilize the economy, improve social conditions, and reduce poverty," Strauss-Kahn said in a statement.

The World Bank has also expressed interest.

UT Medical Center Study Seeking Participants

From staff reports

UT Southwestern Medical Center dermatologists are seeking potential patients for a study on whether surgery and light-therapy treatments can help patients with vitiligo, in which patches of skin lose their color. UT Southwestern researchers are seeking potential patients, 18 years of age or older, and whose vitiligo hasn't changed much during

the past six months. The surgery takes about 30 minutes and involves only local anesthesia. Call 214-645-2443 for information. "Those afflicted with the condition feel a lot of distress psychologically," said Dr. Amit Pandya, professor of dermatology and director of clinical studies. "If we could find a combination that would work, it would have a big impact on these patients."

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his wife.

They then found another white woman who testified that Johnson had transported her across state lines in violation of the Mann Act.

Johnson fled the country, returning in 1920 to serve nearly one year at Leavenworth. He tried to renew his boxing career

after leaving prison, but never regained his title.

The House resolution, passed by voice, states that Johnson paved the way for black athletes to participate and succeed in integrated professional sports and that he was "wronged by a racially motivated conviction prompted by his suc-

cess in the boxing ring and his relationships with white women."

It urged the president to grant Johnson, who died in 1946, a posthumous pardon.

"He was a victim of the times and we need to set the record straight -- clear his name -- and recognize

him for his groundbreaking contribution to the sport of boxing," said Rep Peter King, R-N.Y., author of the resolution.

The measure now goes to the Senate, where Republican presidential nominee John McCain, a senator from Arizona, has a companion resolution.



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Ordinances Limiting Number of Pets, Banning Tethering

From staff reports

Two new ordinances affecting Dallas pets and their owners went into effect September 25th.

The ordinances—limiting the number of dogs and cats Dallas residents can have and regulations that essentially prohibit the tethering or chaining of dogs—were part of a package of amendments approved by the Dallas City Council on June 25. Pet owners were given 90 days to comply with most of the new regulations.

Now residents of single-family homes are limited to a total of six dogs, cats or any combination of the two. If the resident's lot is a half-acre or larger, the number increases to eight dogs, cats or any combination.

Pet owners who had more than six animals on June 25 had until today to apply for a "grandfather"

exemption for any cats and dogs over that number.

The limit for dwelling units that share a common wall, such as apartments, townhouses or duplexes, was not amended and remains at a total of four dogs, cats or any combination. The pet limitations do not apply to puppies or kittens younger than six months of age, or for pet foster parents approved by Dallas Animal Services.

The new regulations on tethering ban the practice of chaining or tying up a dog unless it is in the owner's immediate possession and control. The only exemption is if the dog is properly tethered while the owner completes a temporary task of less than three hours. The ordinance also sets requirements for the type of collar or harness used as well as the length—a minimum of 10 feet—of the tether.

In addition, dogs con-

finned outdoors must now be in a fenced yard or pen structure that provides at least 150 square feet per adult dog as well as access to a dog house or shelter.

Another ordinance approved by the City Council on June 25—requiring an Intact Animal Permit for unaltered dogs and cats—does not go into effect until Oct. 25. Pet owners must have their cats and dogs spayed or neutered unless they obtain a permit for each unaltered animal. The cost of the Intact Animal Permit is \$70 per animal per year.

Exemptions include puppies or kittens younger than six months; service, assistance and police dogs; purebred competition animals; and animals exempted by their veterinarians.

Applications for Intact Animal Permits are available at Dallas Animal Services, 1818 N. Westmoreland, Dallas

75212, or on the city's website, <http://www.dallascityhall.com/>.

"These new ordinances do not force owners to spay or neuter their pets, nor was anyone forced to give up their pets," said Jonnie England, Director of Animal Advocacy for the Metroplex Animal Coalition. "But there are simply too many unwanted, abandoned and stray dogs and cats in Dallas. These ordinances finally place the responsibility for our animals where it belongs—with their owners."

Last year, Dallas Animal Services put to death almost 27,000 dogs and cats.

For more information, call Dallas Animal Services at 214-670-8246. To view all of the regulations regarding animals in Chapter 7 of the City Code, log on to <http://www.dallascityhall.com/>.

The Democratic Party of Collin County announces Voter Protection Seminar

From staff reports

The Democratic Party of Collin County is pleased to announce that they will be presenting a seminar on VOTER PROTECTION on October 11, 2008, at CollinCountyCommunity College, PrestonRidgeCampusEvening Center, 11 to 12:30.

Frederick Barrow, an attorney who is experienced with the Election Protection Coalition, will conduct this seminar. The Election Protection

Coalition is the nation's largest, non-partisan voter protection coalition. Their interest is to ensure that every voter, regardless of party or candidate preference, is able to cast a ballot that counts for the candidate of their choice.

Although the seminar is planned to assist in educating Election Workers for the upcoming election. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

RSVP: Office 972-578-1483 or office@collindems.us

Cancer Awareness Seminar

From staff reports

Each year it is estimated that nearly 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will die. Approximately 1,700 men will also be diagnosed with breast cancer and 450 will die each year. (National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.)

In Celebrating Cancer Awareness Month, cancer survivors will conduct a free workshop to discuss information about survivors' battles and their victories with Breast Cancer. A Fashion

Show featuring cancer survivors will follow the workshop.

Sponsored by the Greater North Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club of Plano, Texas, and the City of Plano Douglass Community Center the event will be held 10:00 a.m. – Noon Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Douglass Community Center located at 1111 H Avenue, Plano, TX 75074.

Giveaways will be distributed and refreshments served. For more information call, 972-941-7174

Plano Community Forum

From staff reports

The Plano Community Forum announces its 27th Annual Awards Banquet. Our theme is "Education: The Key to Success"

This event will highlight the achievements of the Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship recipients, and recognize the special contributions of individuals in the for their personal service to achieving the goals of the Forum.

Charles Wolford Executive Director of City House will emcee. This evening offers a wonderful evening of dining followed by an exciting Jazz vocalist "Martha Burks."

This Banquet will be held on Saturday October 11, 2008, 6:30 pm, at Southfork Hotel, 1600 north Central Expressway, Plano.

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From staff reports

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black colleges in South Carolina : Benedict College , Claflin University , Morris College and South Carolina State University. To provide even greater opportunity and access, students have the option of first attending

one of our two-year partner colleges before transferring to one of the four-year institutions to complete their baccalaureate degree. In addition, the project has limited enrollment in the middle school Master of Art in Teaching program.

The project provides: Tuition for admitted students pursuing approved programs of study at participating colleges. An academic support system to help assure their success. A cohort system for social and cultural support.

Visit www.callmemister.clemson.edu/index.htm for more details and the online application or call (800) 640-2657.

More Fruit and Vegetables Reduce the Risk of Cancer?

From staff reports

Women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer often pay extra attention to their diet as a way to prevent recurrence of their cancer. Healthcare professionals and researchers alike have long suspected a correlation between healthful eating patterns and reduced risk of chronic diseases such as certain forms of cancer and heart disease.

Recently, several studies related to these issues have been making the headlines, and you may feel as though you have heard conflicting information about what role a plant-based diet, specifically, plays in your risk of developing cancer. It may help to take a look at one of these studies-the Women's Healthy Eating and Living (WHEL) study-and see how the research can help you make decisions about your own nutrition plan.

Participants in the WHEL study, which was conducted at seven different medical centers and enrolled a total of 3,088 women ranging in age from 18 to 70 who had been diagnosed and treated for breast cancer (Stages I

to IIIA), were divided into two groups at the start of the study. The control group participants (1,551 women) were educated to incorporate the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) 5 A Day (www.5aday.org) program to increase consumption of fruit and vegetables to five servings per day, with the intent of achieving a daily intake of 20 grams of fiber each day and less than 30 grams of fat, which follows the USDA's guidelines for healthy Americans.

The remaining participants (1,537 women) were part of the intervention group and were instructed to consume at least three servings of fruit, five servings of vegetables, 16 ounces of vegetable juice, and 30 grams of fiber per day and to limit fat to 15 to 20 percent of daily calories.

At the end of the five-year study, significant differences between the two groups were noted. Participants in the intervention group were consuming 65 percent more vegetables, 25 percent more fruit, 30 percent more fiber, and 13 percent less

fat than the control group. Even with these significant changes in dietary patterns, however, there were no significant changes in the rate of breast cancer recurrence or diagnosis of a new primary cancers between the two study groups.

According to lead researcher John Pierce, PhD, the limitations of the study could have contributed to the lack of statistically significant change noted among participants. Although the intervention group on average consumed more fruit, vegetables, and fiber, they did not meet the lower fat percentage that was initially recommended in the study. Another problem noted was the slight increase in weight over the course of the study, which indicated that the caloric content of the diets in both groups was greater than initially reported. As with many studies involving nutrition, dietary recalls of the participants are often skewed, leading to problems with their validity.

Fruits and vegetables are packed full of powerful antioxidants and food components called phytochemicals. Both phytochemicals

and antioxidants work to protect cells from damage from free radicals. A practical tip to remember is to eat from the rainbow: aim to add a variety of color to your diet every day to ensure that you are getting a mix of these powerful anticancer substances. As a rule of thumb, aim for at least five servings of fruit or veggies every day, with the goal of having at least three different colors represented.

Until further research has been completed, women can still benefit from the information we have gained from the WHEL and WINS studies, both of which describe a strong correlation between body weight, fat content, and breast cancer risk. Lowering the fat content of your diet, adding fiber, and starting an exercise program or increasing the intensity of your current practice-all can reduce body fat and help you reach a healthy body weight.

EDITORS NOTE: *North Dallas Gazette will run a series of stories highlighting the Breast Cancer Awareness month throughout the month of October.*

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Linda Lael Miller Scholarships for Women

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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.

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.

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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).

September 30 -

October 19

Oprah Winfrey Presents The Color Purple at Fair Park featuring stars of the Broadway production, Jeannette Bayardelle, Felicia P. Fields and Angela Robinson, along with American Idol alum Latoya London. Tickets are \$25-\$77 at the Box Office or any Ticketmaster. Call 214-631-ARTS.s

October 2-3

National Association of Black Social Workers Southwest Regional

Conference at the Holiday Inn Select, 3300 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. The conference theme is: "Reclaiming Minority Youth: Are We Listening? Visit NAB-SWDALLAS.COM or Audrey Brown, 214-670-6739 or Abtbinc@aol.com, or Treva McDaniel, 214-915-4610, tmcdaniel@ulgdnetx.com.

October 3rd

Supreme Warrior Championship (SWC 2 - Battlegrounds) -Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) SWC is presenting sanctioned cage fighting. Our 10 bout fight card will host some of the most exciting cage fighters in the Dallas / Fort Worth Area. Come watch hometown stars prove their supremacy. Doors open at 6PM, Admission: \$40, Parking: \$15. Sales@swcmma.com or (972) 704-2950 or <http://www.swcmma.com>.

October 4th

"The 6th Annual Back To The Yard" Grambling State University vs. Prairie View A&M The Official Alumni Post Game Party! Blue Mesa in Addison Village on the Parkway, 5100 Beltline, Dallas, TX 75240 Beltline and the Tollway Party starts @ 10:30 pm.

Home Business Expo 10am - 4pm, BISD Athletic Club, 9200 Mid Cities Blvd. North Richland Hills, TX 76180 <http://www.giftederrands.com/>

October 5

V Events Presents Non-Profit Organization of the 3rd Quarter, AIDS Arms Inc. join AIDS Arms and LifeWalk and LifeBark from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. for entertainment, food, games, and more. The walk will be held at Lee Park In Dallas, Texas. Registration begins at noon. Visit www.life-walk.org.

Vote or Die: Political and Fashion Experience, at The Bone Pavilion in the Deep Ellum Entertainment District, 3-6PM. This unique afternoon of fashion shows and political networking will offer the public an exclusive first look at some of the most creative designers Dallas has to offer. Attendees will have the opportunity to register to vote. Event at 2724 Elm Street, Dallas, free to the public. Visit www.myspace.com/politicalexperience or email politicalexperience@gmail.com.

October 7

I need a job . com Professional and Diversity Career Fair from 10am to 2pm - Meet the hiring managers ready to make a decision that can change your future! Dress professionally, bring plenty of resumes and come with your best handshake and a smile. Free Admission - Free Parking For more information contact Bill Mueller at 817-685-9850, bill@ineedajob.com or visit www.ineedajob.com.

October 10

COOL JAZZ @ THE PARK® with Dallas jazz guitarist, Montrose, featuring vocalist Rhonda Nicole at 6 pm on October 10, 2008 in the Christian Life Center of the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church (11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas, Texas).

October 11

Girls Empowerment Luncheon Saturday, October 11, 2008 11am - 2:00pm Believe IT is Possible Single Ticket: \$20 girls/parents/individuals of all ages, colors and creeds are invited to attend Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria 4099 Valley View Lane - Dallas, TX 75244 (635 & Midway Rd) . For more information please call Leslie@214-457-3026

Plano Community

Forum 27th Annual Awards Banquet. Our theme is "Education: The Key to Success" This event will highlight the achievements of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Awards recipients, and recognize the special contributions of individuals in the community for their personal service to achieving the goals of the Forum. This Banquet will be held on Saturday October 11, 2008, 6:30 pm, at Southfork Hotel, 1600 north Central Expressway, Plano. For additional information call 972-260-4208.

October 18

Douglass Community Center Fall Talent Showcase invites local rappers, singers, poets and dancers to showcase their talents 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, Douglass Community Center, Outdoor Basketball Pavilion 1111 Avenue H, Plano, for more information, call: (972) 941-7174.

Cancer Awareness Seminar 10 a.m. - Noon at Douglass Community Center 1111 H Avenue, Plano, TX 75074 Cancer survivors will conduct a free workshop to discuss information about survivors' battles and their victories with Breast Cancer. A Fashion Show featuring cancer survivors will follow the workshop. Call 972-941-7174

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October 23-35

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a tell-It-like-It-Is look at five friends as they re-live their past at the Eisemann Center. Visit <http://www.eisemanncenter.com/tickets/>

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Dallas Black Chamber Of Commerce 82nd Anniversary Awards Banquet Friday, October 24, 2008 Reception-6:00 P.M. / Dinner Program-7:00 P.M. Dallas Convention Center - Ballroom A. Tickets \$60, (214) 421-5200 or log onto the DBCC Website at www.dbcc.org.

October 25

Frisco Arts Gala Supporting all the fine arts In Frisco Funding grants and scholarships at the Westin Stonebriar Resort. Visit <http://www.eisemanncenter.com/tickets/>

Garland Neighborhood Summit Saturday, October 25, 2008 8 a.m. -2 p.m. The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center 300 N. Fifth Street. The cost is ONLY \$15 for Garland stakeholders and \$20 for those outside of Garland (this includes the continental breakfast and lunch). Registration ends October 20. For more information, call 972-205-3864 or e-mail fconner@ci.garland.tx.us. You may also register online at play.garland-parks.com.

October 27

Charity Golf Tourney at the Cowboy's Golf Club In Grapevine, Texas. The money raised will provide scholarships for Latino Students In the DFW area. Registration deadline is September 19, 2008. Call 202-296-5400.

November 1

The Boys and Girls Club of Collin County Chrysalis Ball featuring Fan the Flame with LeAnn Rimes at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Frisco, TX. <http://fantheflamegala.com/sponsorshiplevels.html>

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Not Registered to Vote – Inexcusable

By Ruth Ferguson
North Dallas Gazette

Are you registered to vote? If not, it is inexcusable. Given the fact our country is engaged in military action in two theaters of war, our economy is in a tail spin – if you cannot be motivated to participate in 2008 – then when?

In the event you “elect” to stay at home on November 4th, then simply stay at home in January when the local MLK parades are held to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s contributions to America. Do not join in with the congregation singing “Life Every Voice”, the national Negro Anthem at churches across the Metroplex in February. Those celebrations are important but to honor the sacrifice of those before us, you cannot sit on the sidelines in 2008.

Many were surprised to learn last month that approximately eight million eligible African Americans were not registered to vote at that point. Given the historic nature of Senator Barack Obama’s race for the White House, it was believed more African Americans were involved in the political process this election season.

Given the latest poll numbers which show the faint possibility that Texas could go blue, the idea of more African Americans and Hispanics registering to vote could add a very interesting twist to this election.

The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey in the state finds Senator Jon McCain ahead 52% to 43% over Senator Barack Obama. Possibly as a sign of how frustrated Texans are even the US Senate race between incumbent Republican John Cornyn and teacher Rick Noriega

has narrowed from 48% to 37% respectively to now 50% to 43%.

President George W. Bush prevailed over Sen. John Kerry with a little over three million votes. Florida was again very close; in some districts merely 100 votes separated the two. As of last month up to 35% of the African Americans were not registered in major cities such as Tampa and Miami. Think about the impact of five million registered vot-

Monday, October 6th.

The NAACP recently announced a new online voter registration initiative, Upload to Uplift. This initiative uses Web 2.0 technology to encourage visitors to register and upload the email addresses of family and friends that are not registered. It also uses a text message feature to remind registered voters to go to the polls on Election Day.

"Online voter registration is a natural extension of the

office, health and human services office or county registrar’s office

All currently registered voters of Dallas and Collin County are eligible to request and receive a by-mail ballot if any of the following conditions prevents them from either voting in-person during the early voting period or on Election Day:

1. Expected absence from the County during both the early voting period and



ers.

It is important to note that Obama does not deserve the African American or Hispanic vote simply because of the color of his skin. His policies, character, and positions must be carefully considered. Each voter should decide will Obama and the Democratic Party’s platform or Sen. John McCain and the Republican Party platform benefit their family. Given the current financial crisis a question to revisit is: “are you better off today than you were eight years ago?”

In nearly half of the states across America, including Texas, to participate in the November 4th election, your voter registration card must be postmarked

NAACP voter empowerment programs,” said Benjamin Jealous, National NAACP President. “We will continue to employ successful strategies, like door-to-door canvassing and phone banking; however, this tool adds the power of viral voter registration to our mix,” he added. For more information visit www.naacp.org.

Texans can register to vote in any of the following ways:

- By downloading and printing an application online at www.votexas.org and mailing it to your local county registrar (listed on the website)

- Picking up an application at any public library, drivers license

Election Day.

- 2. Disability
- 3. 65 years of age or older
- 4. Confinement in jail and not finally convicted of a felony

For more information, including confirming your registration and voting location contact the Collin County Elections Department at elections@collincountytx.gov or (972) 547-1990 or Dallas County Elections Department at <http://www.dalcoelections.org/> or (214) 637-7937

The ballot will include important local initiatives such as the bond proposal to build a new Parkland Hospital. This is the first bond program for Parkland in 29 years



The \$747-million Parkland bond package will help fund a new 862-bed adult inpatient hospital (including a Level 1 Trauma Center and Burn Center), outpatient center, office building and parking.

The enthusiasm of young voters is expected to have a large impact on the outcome. Locally Collin College has scheduled a second presidential election Debate Watch for 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Central Park Campus Pike Hall in McKinney. The Debate Watch is free and open to the public. The Central Park Campus is located at 2200 W. University Drive. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. The community is invited to watch the second presidential debate on a big-screen TV.

ObamaDallas invite the public to the Angelika Theater at Mockingbird Station for the final two presidential debates, Oct. 7 and Oct. 15, live on the big screen.

The Oct. 7 debate will be a town hall meeting, and the Oct. 15 debate will focus on domestic policy. Food and drink will be available for purchase, and area restaurants are offering discounts to supporters in Obama/Biden gear. Pick up a yard sign or bumper sticker, too.

RSVP soon to reserve a seat.

Oct. 7: <http://my.barack-obama.com/page/event/detail/gsh3gv>

Oct. 15: <http://my.barack-obama.com/page/event/detail/gsh3g4>

There are those who would like to discourage voters and news reports across the nation show the efforts of the Republican Party to contest the eligibility of voters who lost their home in foreclosure in Michigan. The Michigan Messenger reported the Republican’s planned use of foreclosure lists is an attempt to challenge ineligible voters as not being “true residents.”

In Virginia, in a move many considered as a scare tactic to college students, the county registrar of elections issued a press release stating: “A legal residence can be either a student’s permanent address from home or their current college residence. By making Montgomery County your permanent residence, you have declared your independence from your parents and can no longer be claimed as a dependent on their income tax filings — check with your tax professional. If you have a scholarship attached to your former residence, you could lose this funding. And, if you change your registration to Montgomery County, Virginia Code requires you to change your driver’s license and car registration to your present address within 30 days.” The legality of this statement has been challenged.

Perhaps they no longer charge a poll tax, but there are those who still seek to block the rights of African Americans and others at the ballot box.

Are you registered to vote – if not – it is inexcusable.

Bach to Books presents Lyn Ford

By Tom Keener
Special to North
Dallas Gazette

Lyn Ford shares "Home-Fried Tales" at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 19, Allen Public Library, 300 N. Allen Dr. This free program of stories spiced with humor, hope and wisdom for all ages is sponsored by the Friends of the Allen Public Library Bach to Books Cultural Arts Series and the Allen Public Library. No reservations are required.

During the week of October 19, Lyn will tell stories at four of Allen's elementary schools. The Allen school performances will be sponsored in part by Jeannette's Story, a special Foundation for Allen Schools fund established in memory of 2003 AHS graduate Jeannette Marquis.

A fourth-generation sto-

ryteller, Lyn is a member of the Greater Columbus Arts Council's Artists-in-Schools Program. Performing on stage, radio and television, libraries and museums, at folk and storytelling festivals, and conferences, she has traversed the country sharing stories. In addition, in 2007, the National Storytelling Network honored Lyn with their Oracle Award for leadership and service.

Lyn has been a featured teller at the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival in Orem, Utah, and the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee, as well as a storyteller-in-residence at the International Storytelling center in Jonesborough, TN.

Lyn's stories are participatory experiences for her listeners. Many are enhanced with call-and-



response or choral-response activities, sound effects and rhythms from small percussion instruments, songs, or rhymes. Her adaptations of folktales, fables, and legends from diverse storytelling traditions provide lessons in character development, English language arts, fine arts (drama/theatre), historical, social, and cultural experiences.

Lyn calls her stories "Home-Fried Tales" to

honor her father. She describes him as a terrible cook whose only culinary successes were his home-fried potatoes and barbecued ribs doused with her mother's special sauce, but the best storyteller she ever heard. Lyn learned to "stir up, season, and simmer" her folktale adaptations and original stories while sitting knee-to-knee with elders who passed on their own special gifts from the oral tradition.

Lyn states, "I hope that listeners will be encouraged to seek more storytelling experiences, and to share stories with one another. Storytelling is the key to language skills and literacy, and a way to make strong connections with our families, our community, our history, our hopes, and our world."

For information, call 214-509-4911.



Color Purple opens with critical acclaim

From staff reports

Tuesday night was a successful opening night for the dynamic National Touring production of "The Color Purple." The play enjoyed a successful run on Broadway and nationally in Chicago and other cities and now finally arrives for the enjoyment of Dallas theatergoers. The Color Purple is the featured production during the annual

State Fair of Texas through October 19th.

The star of opening night was Felicia P. Fields in the role of Sofia. Ms. Fields natural pizzazz commanded the audience's attention and applause throughout the evening. Even fans of the movie walk away enjoying the stage production even more, not only because of the music but you gain a deeper appreciation for the characters.

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How to Raise Startup Capital in the New Economy

From staff reports

Raising capital is a competitive situation in any arena, couple that with a New Economy that operates at light speed and technology that can make an idea obsolete, the days of the 80-page business plans are over.

Based on his experience raising millions of dollars for various business ventures, Jeff Wofford offers his invaluable knowledge for "fund" raising in the new book, **THE BUSINESS PLAN IS DEAD: How to Raise Capital in the New Economy**. He skillful-

ly guides experienced entrepreneurs who want to start a business or those that need more capital on what's important to focus on within their business plan. "Raising capital is a competitive proposition. Your new economy business plan will help build a concise compelling story. Traditional business plans are long-winded, no longer used and frankly irrelevant for raising startup capital."

Using author Jeffrey Wofford's proven New Economy Framework called the, "M and N Model", he shares the reality of what investors truly

need to see before they invest. It simplifies business goals in a limited number of slides, assists the investor in understanding the business opportunity, and shows everyone involved how they will make a profit and provide business value to customers.

Jeffrey Wofford (Fremont, CA) is the founder of Level 6 Partners (www.l6partners.com), a Technology Consulting and Staffing firm. A seasoned business strategy and execution expert, Jeffrey brings over fifteen years of information technology

and enterprise business application implementation experience to the group. Jeffrey has worked for and had successful consulting engagements with companies such as Cisco Systems, Sun Microsystems, Microsoft, and Oracle Corporation. Jeffrey holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from California State University, San Jose CA, and a Masters in Business Administration from Pepperdine University in Malibu CA, where he graduated with Beta Gamma Sigma honors.

Sen. Cornyn in Support of the Economic Rescue Bill, Cost of Inaction too high

From staff reports

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Senate Budget Committee, made the following statement this evening regarding his support for the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act.

"Over the last several weeks, we have been presented with a complex and difficult choice about how to repair our faltering economy and prevent a very serious financial collapse. Like many Texans, I am incredibly frustrated and angry that we find ourselves in this situation.

"Those who got us into this economic mess must be held accountable. Heads ought to roll starting with the Wall Street executives who engaged in irresponsible, risky, and perhaps even illegal conduct. That is why I've called on the Attorney General to conduct a swift and immediate investigation. I will also insist that the Department of Justice and FBI have all the necessary resources to investigate and hold responsible

those who broke the law.

"Congress should also hold itself accountable. More than two years ago, a group of Senate Republicans, including myself, recognized the precarious financial situation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and tried to pass real reforms that would protect taxpayers. Unfortunately, our efforts were blocked by partisan politics and backroom deals. That was unacceptable then, and it's unacceptable now. With passage of this economic rescue bill, Congress must now work together on bipartisan economic reforms to prevent this from ever happening again.

"But right now, we cannot allow taxpayers, families and small businesses in Texas to pay the steep price of inaction. A widespread financial collapse will have a domino effect throughout our State. It might begin on Wall Street but it will ultimately hit Texas families and small businesses the hardest. This is not a theory or

hyperbole or a scare tactic. It is a fact.

"If credit markets freeze, local banks will be unable to provide loans for small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. I've heard from small business owners across Texas in recent days and already credit is disappearing while interest rates are rising. As small business budgets tighten, paychecks for workers will be in jeopardy, and families across Texas may be unable to pay their bills, send their kids to college or even put food on the table. We cannot allow this to happen.

"Like most Texans, I'm always wary of bills that include little accountability and transparency. The President's initial three-page proposal that gave the Treasury Secretary unlimited authority to spend up to \$700 billion was unprecedented and absolutely unacceptable. That is why Republicans and Democrats in Congress worked together to make a number of improvements. This

bipartisan bill provides greater management oversight and transparency, limits executive pay and eliminates golden parachutes, and places strict conditions on the use of taxpayer money. It also extends expiring tax relief for families and businesses, including the state and local sales tax deduction, which effectively provides Texans with more than a billion dollars in annual tax relief. Incentives for energy conservation and renewable energy, and a provision to keep the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) from hitting millions of middle-income Americans this year are in the bill as well. Finally, it includes critical tax relief measures for those communities in Texas that were hit hardest by Hurricanes Ike and Dolly.

"As I said, I am as angry and frustrated as anyone by the current situation, but the cost of inaction is too great. The retirement accounts, college education funds, and budgets of families across Texas are at stake."

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is something to say about the way our economy is melting down, about those who benefited and those who did not. And then there is something else to say. This is not personal. But each of us needs to take it personally.

In other words, this is a wake up call for every American who has been careless with her money. This is a wake up call for anyone who needs to look at her portfolio and figure out how to balance it. This is a painful holler for anyone who doesn't know what she is worth or how her pension fund is invested. It is time, for all of us to take this crisis personally.

Most of the folks who read my words do not earn seven or eight figures. Most Americans are not millionaires; most of us work hard for the money. Most of us have issues and challenges, and many of us struggle with those challenges.

The mortgage is too high,

the paycheck is too low, the grown kids have moved home, the spouse has lost a job. It's a rough thing, being out there, trying to figure out how to make ends met. It is utterly galling that 535 people are rescuing bankers and nobody is rescuing us. And some of this crisis is utterly manufactured. No matter. We have to take this nonsense personally because it affects us.

Now is the time to pick up one of those personal finance books and implement a plan. Now is the time for each of us to be financial literacy warriors, pushing, focusing, fighting, fighting to make sure we understand everything we need to know about this economy. Put down the metro section of the paper, and pick up the business section. Now is the time for us to be as passionate about cash as we once were about celebrities.

When we take it person-

ally, we can get it~ we can get on program about the things that we must do to survive the next two years. Yes, two year. It is my humble opinion that it will take that long to turn the economy around, and that the new president, whoever he is, will be shackled by the funk of this economic crisis for awhile we don't need a drama king who suspends campaigns to deal with something he has no control over. We need a steady hand at the rudder. And even with a steady hand, we need, each, to take this personally.

Let me be clear. We didn't do this. Somebody is reading and chafing and saying why should I have to bear the burden of the banks. Why must I take the weight of irresponsible profiteers? If you are a renter, you are especially aggrieved. You are financing a go-go that you didn't even get to attend.

No matter. In this crisis

we are in the same boat. Were I a member of Congress I'd manage this very differently, but I'm not. My professional family, the faculty, staff, students, and parents at Bennett College for Women are in crisis around this madness and I'm writing as if they are reading. This is personal because survival is personal. This is a clarion call for all of us to immerse ourselves in the business of financial literacy, and to remember, as our ancestors did, to thrive, not just survive, in hard times. When we take it personally, we make prudent personal decisions. We spend prudently, we save, we invest, we exhale, and we remember that we are not defined by our possessions but by our hearts.

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sighting by others in the community.

The NASA oriented and the Calendar group misses out the fun, joy and exhilaration of waiting and watching the moon climbing anything above ground, including standing on some strong shoulders. It is like the belief in Santa Claus, Angels and other myths, each tradition fulfills one's emotional needs and none is superior.

In the tradition of Prophet, let every one celebrate the way their group feels, it is against the spirit of Ramadan to denigrate, diminish and devalue other practices. The essence of Ramadan is to become humble, simple and free from ill-will, anger, meanness and hate. Let's fill our hearts with goodwill and honor Ramadan by saying Eid Mubarak or Happy Eid to every one who celebrates on a different day in the same

town. The essence of Ramadan is joy and let's not prick any one's bubble; God has not signed a pact with any one behind others back, let's rejoice the differences. If you want to celebrate, go to every celebration.

In spirit of Ramadan, I pray Ramadan gets into our hearts and minds and make us embrace all factions of Muslims without undermining their tradition and further pray that we treat every human on the earth with dignity, respect and care.

That is indeed the wisdom expressed in Qur'an, Al-Hujurat, Surah 49:13: "O mankind! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. The noblest of you, in sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Allah Knows and is Aware."

Disclaimer: This essay has evolved in content,

essence and size over the last five years and continues to add value to it. It is a compilation of several ideas; similarities of thoughts are merely co-incidental. God willing it will be become a comprehensive document on the Spirit and Rituals of Ramadan for Muslims as well as Non-Muslims.

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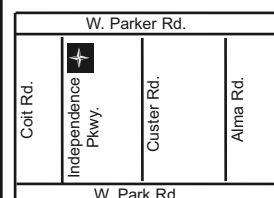
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Online Job Searches Attract Young, Educated, Consumers

From staff reports

Online Job Searchers, those adults who have conducted an employment search online during the past month, represent a youthful, educated, racially diverse group, according to consumer and media research firm Scarborough Research. Scarborough finds that Online Job Searchers are 62 percent more likely than the total adult population to be ages 18-34; 23 percent more likely to have at least some college education; and 47 percent more likely to be African-American.

Scarborough also finds that San Francisco and Norfolk, VA are the leading markets for Online Job Searchers. Sixteen percent of consumers in these markets searched online for employment during the past month, versus the national average of 12 percent.

People already employed full-time or part-time are more likely to conduct online job searches than those who are not employed. While the majority of employed Online Job Searchers are white collar (68 percent),

about one-third (32 percent, or almost seven million) are blue collar. Online Job Searchers tend to come from mid-to upper-income households. Even though they are already well-educated, Online Job Searchers have a thirst for more knowledge or career advancement. They are nearly two and a half times more likely than adults overall to plan to go back to school during the next year, and 63 percent more likely to have engaged in an adult continuing education program during the past year.

"Job search websites are used daily by all types of people seeking employment, especially the young, educated and currently employed," said Gary Meo, senior vice president, digital media services, Scarborough Research. "To differentiate themselves in a crowded marketplace, job search websites would do well to understand the job seeker's desired geography, in both local and expanded job searches. Knowing the local-market characteristics of the job searchers desired loca-

tion can help sites better position their services to both employers and applicants."

Online Job Searchers are more likely than other Internet audiences to be avid downloaders of digital content, such as music, television programs, video games and podcasts. In fact, they are heavy Internet users overall, going online to do everything from paying bills and making travel reservations to email

and weather.

From a lifestyle perspective, Online Job Searchers are more active and athletic than the average person and con-

siderably more likely to engage in activities such as basketball, jogging, tennis and yoga. They are also more likely to enjoy a wide variety of social

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Men's Ministry 7:00 pm
Women's Ministry 7:00 pm
Young Adult Ministry 7:00 pm

Wednesday Service
Intercessory Prayer 6:15 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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