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Millions to Vote in Historic Election on Tuesday



By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

For the first time in American history, millions of voters will cast their ballots on Tuesday in an election in which an African-American is the nominee of a major political party, fulfilling the long-held dreams of civil rights veterans.

"I've always hoped so and I've also worked for this idea," says 96-year-old Dr. Dorothy Height, president emerita of the National Council of Negro

Cal party, fulfilling the long-held dreams of civil rights veterans.

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Halloween Night at The Art Centre Theatre Plano

From staff reports

Written more than 160 years ago, 'The Raven', and Edgar Allan Poe will be haunting The Art Centre Theatre in Plano, on Halloween - just in time to send shivers down your spine.

Presented by Teatro

delle Muse, "The Mystery of Edgar Allan Poe", a family-friendly event, will play one night only - this Friday, October 31.

A Costume contest parade will start the evening - at 8:00 P.M., followed by the performance. Created and performed by Ken Freehill, "The

Mystery of Edgar Allan Poe" is a forty-five minute one-man show. "At the moment of his death," said Mr. Freehill, "Edgar has his life passing before him - using his life and work as justification for his transfer to the next level of existence."

Teatro delle Muse will

be donating all proceeds of this event to the Brittany Stene Medical Fund, set up to assist the medical needs of the 15-year old actress. Ms. Stene was diagnosed last April with osteo-sarcoma a type of bone cancer. The donation of \$10 is recommended.

Leppert, partners launch program to put refunds back in the hands of hard working families in need

From staff reports

At a press conference today, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas (UWMD), Citi and other community partners answered Mayor Tom

Leppert's call to action to help increase financial stability for low-income Dallas residents during these difficult economic times by launching Earn It! Keep It! Save it!. This program will help qualify-

ing families file for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) which could add up to a refund of \$4,800. United Way also announced it is seeking hundreds of volunteers to serve in the program.

"At a time when hard working Dallas families need every dime, this financial stability initiative, Earn It! Keep It! Save It!, is intended to improve a family's household

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Ongoing play examines race relations, America's sordid past

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COMMENTARY

Vote! - Don't be Fooled by Weapons of Mass Deception

By Marc H. Morial
NNPA Columnist

In this time of unprecedented economic peril and historic change, we need to arm ourselves with clarity and unity as weapons of mass empowerment. Instead, there is a concerted effort on the part of some to deploy weapons of mass deception to confuse and cloud the economic and

political landscape before us. Let me give you just two examples.

Last week, in this space, I told you about efforts by some commentators and politicians to deflect blame for the financial crisis from Wall Street and Washington where it belongs onto the backs of African-Americans and other minorities -

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Ericka D. Jackson

Whether she was attempting to tackle skating down the hill of her cul-de-sac when she was four years old or running against a Senior to become Student Body Vice President as a Freshman in college, Ericka has been a student of fearlessness since she was in diapers. As an 18 year-old, she started her own leadership training business when most of her peers were concerned with partying

and dating.

This fearlessness continued as a single mother working in corporate America, yet knowing that God had planted a work within her far greater than a job. She decided enough was enough and gave her notice with nothing more than faith and a will to succeed. Seven years ago she began fully living God's vision for her life by creating The Convergence Center & Ministries to

share her gift and passion for teaching others to live fearlessly.

While she grew up in the church and gave her life to The Lord at the age of 18, it has been over the last ten years that God has taken her through a process of being broken and "emptied out" so she could be rebuilt in accordance to His will. She shares with her audience that fear is NOT False Evidence Appearing Real and reveals the blueprint God left us that goes beyond quoting scriptures to living in fearlessness.

She skillfully blends spiritual insights with practical knowledge that clears away anything in the way of knowing and acting on God's path for your life. Her 19 years of experience in guiding people in living their greatest lives, her anointing as a speaker, and talent and humor as a natural entertainer converge to create a life-changing experience for her audiences. It is not just Ericka's profound delivery, she is a catalyst for action and leaves her audiences transformed. Ms. Jackson



shares her gifts, talent and expertise with ministries and conferences across the nation.

She is a natural innovator and has developed more than 15 tele-classes, workshops, and CD's including The Success Salon®, Fear No More, Baggage Free! and Dream Again. She is the author of Self Coaching, When God Calls, The Fearless Living Challenge, and The Power of Vision. She is advancing in ministry currently as a licensed Evangelist. She is in the process of completing her fifth book. She lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with her daughter, Kali.

James A. Dula, PhD

James A. Dula, PhD, is President and CEO of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce. Originally from North Carolina, he is a retired Air Force Major who served as a leader and administrator around the world. He is known as a social-anthropologist due, to the positive results he has accomplished when working with organizations, children, youth, and families. Dr. Dula spent nearly four decades as a senior manager and public

administrator at various locations world-wide.

After 30-years of military duty, Dr. Dula taught in the Prince George's County Public School System where he influenced young lives by introducing a challenging college preparation and assistance program. Further, he introduced the W.E.B. DuBois National Honor Society to the school; which now bears his name, and created additional education pro-

grams that ensured a 100-percent college acceptance rate for participating students.

Dr. Dula served as the Health and Human Services Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Prince George's County from 2002 - 2006. He led the effort to open six new health centers, strategically placed health, youth and family centers in schools and communities, and created additional programs that enhanced the quality of life for more than 865,000 residents who depending on health and



social services. Also, he created and opened a Youth Strategies Office to address gang issues and youth programs, a Veteran Services Center to address

the needs of the 80,000 veterans located in the county; the largest concentration of veterans in the State of Maryland; and was responsible for opening the first Women's Resource Center in Prince George's County. Dr. Dula received numerous awards for his work with children, families, communities and women's organizations during his appointment as the DCAO of HHS.

Dr. Dula currently serves on the DuBois Honor Society Board of Advisors for the Hampton University Honors College

and holds a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration, a Masters Degree in Public Relations and Communications, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Public Administration. Dr. Dula attended American World University, the University of Oklahoma, Upper Iowa University, and the University of Maryland.

Dr. Dula has been married for 36 years to his wife Phyllis and has one daughter Tanya, son-in-law Andrew, and two grandchildren: Maxwell and Morgan.

Dr. Anthony B. Bradley

Dr. Anthony B. Bradley has been appointed to the Francis Schaeffer Chair of Apologetics at the World Journalism Institute for the academic year of 2008-2009. Bradley will retain all his full time teaching responsibilities at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, and will teach for WJI in its 2009 journalism course at The King's College in New York City.

WJI Director Robert Case said, "We're honored to have Bradley as our Schaeffer Scholar, a high standard set by Nancy Pearcey, Bill Edgar and others. He's one of America's brightest young theologians; the students will be blessed to learn from him."

Dr. Bradley is assistant professor of apologetics and

systematic theology at Covenant Theological Seminary, where he joined the faculty in fall 2005. Bradley serves as a research fellow for the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty in Grand Rapids, Mich. His doctoral work focused on the intersection of black liberation theology with economics. His interests include the Scottish Reformation, the emerging church, welfare, education, and modern international forms of social injustice, slavery, and oppression. Bradley brings a wide range of ministry experience to his teaching, including leadership in youth ministry and Christian high school education and administration.

As a research fellow, Dr.



Bradley lectures at colleges, universities, business organizations, conferences, and churches throughout the U.S. and abroad. His writings on religious and cultural issues have been published in a variety of journals, including: the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the Detroit News, and World Magazine. Dr. Bradley is called upon by members of

the broadcast media for comment on current issues and has appeared on numerous news programs. He studies and writes on issues of race in America, hip hop, youth culture, issues among African Americans, the American family, welfare, education, and modern international forms of social injustice, slavery, and oppression.

Dr. Bradley holds a bachelor of science from Clemson University, Master of Divinity from Covenant Seminary, and PhD, from Westminster Theological Seminary.

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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

Blacks and the Politics of Transition

By Ron Walters

NNPA Columnist

In many ways, this has been a difficult time for Blacks who believe that a presidential election is an opportunity for policy accountability that must be taken advantage of, because they are afraid that such policy demands would be seen by potential White voters as Blacks playing on a racial connection that they might resent and use to vote against Barack Obama.

But if Obama wins, it would seem to me that the process of agenda presentation to the new president should begin and the immediate opportunity will be the transition period from the end of the election on November 5 to the point at which he takes office on January 20.

By law, both of the major candidates have met with George Bush and covered such issues as: what federal financial and other resources are available to the winner of the election, what responsibility the sitting president has to assist the winner, when and how the sitting president should vacate the White House, etc.

Then, each of the candidates has met with their own staffs to begin the internal transition process. And while John McCain has given minimal attention to the Transition, preferring to spend his meager resources on the campaign, Barack Obama has begun an extensive process that has taken into consideration, the logistical issues discussed with Bush, but also the personnel who will run key initial functions of government and the issues they will begin to address.

The Transition train is moving very fast now with respect to how the Obama



Early voters brave chilly weather including Mary Grace Allenchey, right, Kelly Wernick, and Kathryn Ericson, left, who all brought their own chairs in anticipation of a long wait outside the polling place at Spruill Oaks library Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008, in Johns Creek, Ga. On Monday, big crowds and computer problems slowed voting to a crawl at this location and others in Fulton county. (AP Photo/John Amis)

government will be structured and the New York Times recently proposed a lineup of probable appointees to posts such as: White House chief of staff and the secretaries of treasury, defense, state and the president's national security adviser featured three candidates none of whom were African-American with the sole exception of Susan Rice for national security adviser.

And while there may be some African-Americans being considered for other agencies, my distinct impression is that the cadre of close policy advisers who are African-American is thin as witnessed by the surrogates who have participated in various policy discussions on behalf of the campaign.

On the issue front, the Obama campaign has presented several policy issues that have been close to those that feature either barriers or opportunities for the Black community. They are social policies such as K-12 education, higher education, universal health care, urban policy, job training and development using the environmental engine and infrastructure repair.

These and other initiatives are promising which, together with the passage of a substantial Stimulus Package, will help to begin the change toward human development policy that is needed by the middle class and poor, black, white and otherwise.

The concern I have heard is whether Black leaders will attempt to work with in the Transition process, which would be a natural move, or would there be a continued attempt to keep them at arms length in order to construct a "race-neutral" style of governance.

Then there is also concern that the specific issues that are of prime interests to the Black community will be received by the transition process. It would appear that the transition period would be an important time to test these assumptions rather than hanging back and celebrating while the governing structure and agenda of the President are being set in stone.

I remember that when Blacks helped elect Jimmy Carter, contrary to all signs that Carter was not a Lyndon Johnson, Black leaders stood by for over a year without making any

demands upon his administration until Vernon Jordan who was then head of the Urban League said at a press conference, "where's the beef?"

Now is not the time to sit and wait. With the massive problems confronting the nation and therefore, the president, if Black leaders do not signal their concerns early in the formation of the administration, the policies of those who need government most could be put under a pile in the Oval Office.

In response to a question in the last debate about their priorities, Barack Obama himself said that presidents had to do more than one thing at a time. So, we should be confident in putting forth the Black agenda now that we will not be asking one or two years out, "Where's the beef?"

Ron Walters is the Distinguished Leadership Scholar, Director of the African American Leadership Center and Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest book is: *The Price of Racial Reconciliation*.

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.

Land Disputes Could Upset Liberia's Fragile Peace

NNPA

In a new report by the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission, disputes over land ownership were named as one of the most

serious threats to peace in this West African nation of Liberia.

A six-month survey also found concerns about a lack of information from the government and over management of the country's

resources.

There's a "strong likelihood of reversion to violence" if such conflicts are not addressed, the report said.

Government spokesman Laurence Bropleh said President

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was already taking steps to address the issue, including plans to appoint a land reform commission.

"We welcome the report because it enhances what we are trying to do as a gov-

ernment," Bropleh said. "Now that we have brought to an end this bloodletting, killing one another, Liberian people will have to pressure each other" to keep the peace, he said.

Civil war and a

series of coups between 1989 and 2003 left about 200,000 people dead and displaced half the country's population of 3 million. Nearly 12,000 U.N. peacekeepers help maintain order in the West African country.

Munger Place to Present 'Many faiths, One Nation' Peace Concert

From staff reports

--"Many Faiths, One Nation" is the theme for the fall Interfaith Peace Concert hosted by Munger Place United Methodist Church, 5200 Bryan Street (at Greenville Avenue), Dallas, Sat., Nov. 8, 2008, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The purpose of the program is to promote peace, unity, and diversity through a celebration of the arts. The program is open to the public. Suggested

donation is \$10.

Representatives of many faiths will give presentations reflecting the value of peace. They include David Neal and Nina Red Cherries (Native American Traditional); Kalachanji's Temple (Hindu/Hare Krishna); Ordered Steps (Christian Praise Dance); S-Ankh Rasa & The Pan-African Spiritual Arkestra (Indigenous African Spirituality); Shirat Halley Chorus (Jewish); and Cantares

Chilean Ensemble. The event will culminate with a unity ceremony.

Organizers of the Interfaith Peace Concert said the date was purposely selected in order to be a sign of "peace and unification" after the 2008 presidential election.

"One significant feature of the Interfaith Peace Concert is when it will be held," said Ernest McMillan, program chairman. "It is immediately after the 2008 presi-

dential election.

"As a nation, we've gone through very tough and hard fought campaigns. Regardless of the election outcomes, we are still one nation. We need the strength, wisdom and faith to come together and be as One. This is the major reasoning for the gathering."

"We are extremely proud to host our second peace concert," said the Rev. L. Charles Stovall, senior pastor of Munger Place United Methodist

Church. "It comes at a time when our nation needs healing and wholeness. It is an opportunity for us to share through music, dance and spoken word."

"We realize that though we have many faiths, we are one nation. Our nation needs to find a center of hope. Nothing brings us closer together than to build upon our shared heritages and affirm our common destiny."

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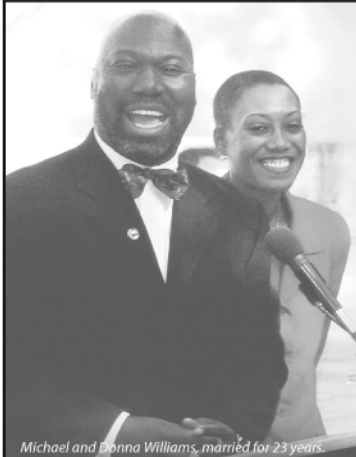
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Crossroads Family services partners with Constable Johnny Todd

From staff reports

Crossroads Family Services, a non-profit organization serving Collin County for 17 years, is partnering with Constable Johnny Todd of Precinct 4. Toys abandoned by families during home foreclosures and evictions are being recovered and used in play therapy to treat children affected by domestic violence.

A 2006 report by the Texas Council on Family Violence found that 74% of Texans have either witnessed or been a victim of domestic violence. So often, children who witness horrific acts of domestic violence are ineligible to receive publicly-funded victim assistance because they are not 'direct victims'. Crossroads Family Services has dubbed these young people as "shadow children".

Play therapy is a proven

technique to help treat children who witness domestic violence. These shadow children have a heightened likelihood of becoming victims or perpetrators of domestic violence in their adult lives, and play therapy is advanced treatment



Con. Johnny Todd

which helps break the cycle of violence – forever. Collin County is no stranger to home foreclosures and evictions in today's difficult economy, and, the unpleasant task of carrying out court orders of eviction and foreclosures is delegated to the office of the constable. Many times families leave their homes with many possessions left behind. Constable Todd has made it a priority to collect toys which are left

behind in these abandoned homes.

In partnership with Crossroads Family Services, Constable Todd is donating many of the recovered toys that are left behind due to a poor economic situation and giving them to Crossroads Family Services to use in play therapy. "The toys donated by Constable Todd are helping to make our play therapy initiative possible and to bring children out of the shadow of family violence," said Meredith Marsh, clinical director of Crossroads Family Services.

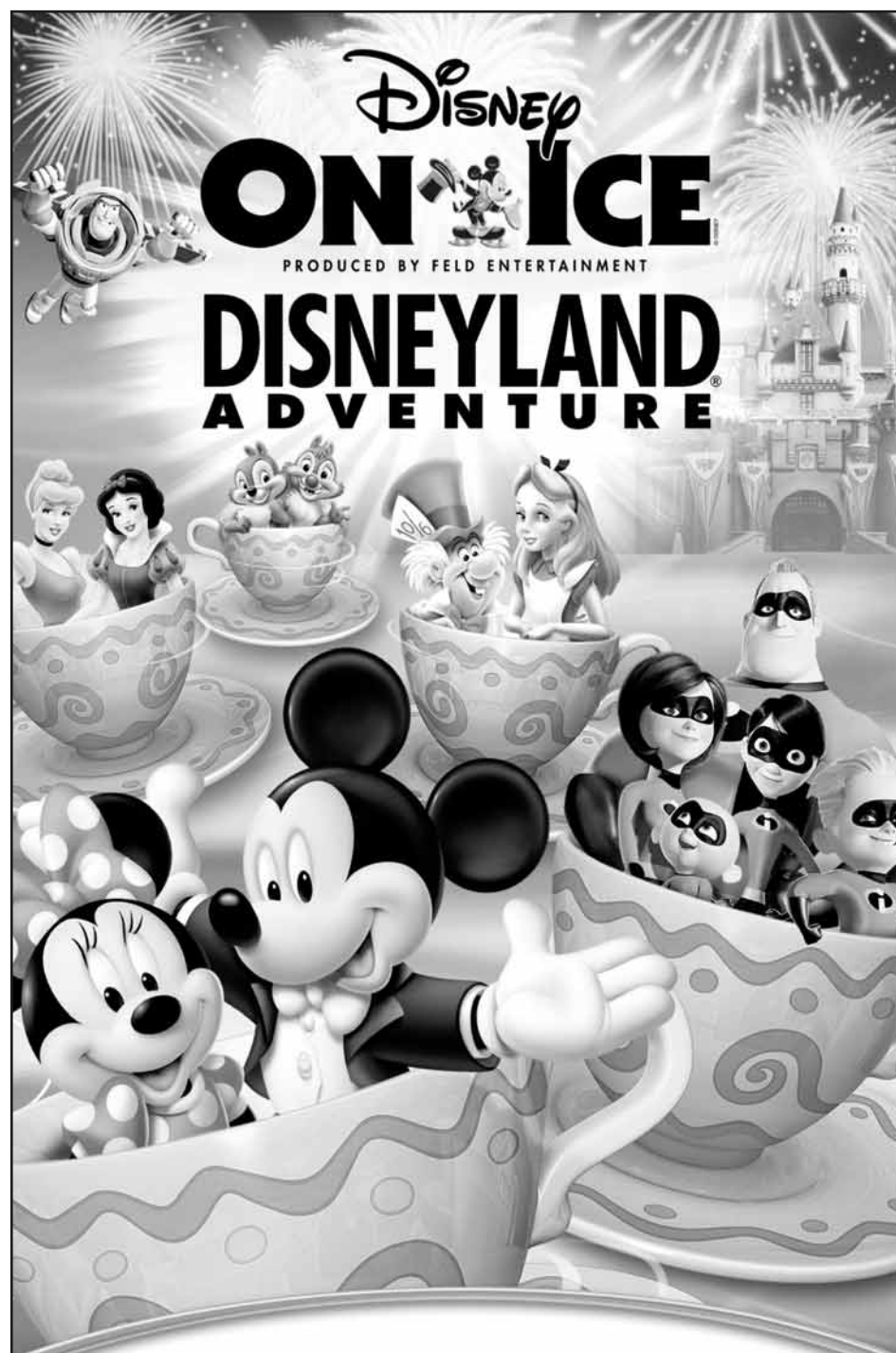
Constable Todd, who represents the Western part of Plano, most of Frisco, and other parts of Western Collin County and Dallas, summarized his office's efforts as "a way to turn a negative situation into a positive way to improve the lives of children in our community."

Crossroads Family Services offers a variety of family services including play therapy, individual, family, and marital counseling, victim assistance, as well as court-ordered edu-

cational programs. Crossroads Family Services is one of the only organizations in North Texas to offer all services on a sliding fee scale as well as offering all services

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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.

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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).

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October 31

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Plano Super Bowl, visit www.planochamber.org for more information.

November 1

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Artists. For tickets call 972-252-ARTS. The event is a celebration of National Adoption Month.

The Third Eye and the South Dallas Cultural Center will host the 23rd African Awakening Conference, "King Tut is Back and He's Still Black: The African Heritage of King Tutankhamen" Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, 6:00PM at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Street in South Dallas, Texas. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at Pan African Resource Center 612 E. Jefferson Blvd. 214-943-8262 and Jokae's Book Store 3223 W. Camp Wisdom Road 214-331-8100. Senior citizens 65+ and students are free with ID. For information the press and public should call Marilyn Clark 214-426-1683.

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>

Entrepreneur & Small Bus. Expo 9AM - 3PM, Eirene Christian Fellowship, 701 E. Centennial Blvd. Richardson, TX 75081 972.991.0200 www.fol-lowpeace.org

Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, TX 75210. Garden Walk starts at 10 a.m. and Plant Sale is from 11 am to 2 pm. Adults \$3, seniors (60+) \$2, children (ages 3-11) \$1.50. Call 214-428-7476 x 21 or www.texasdiscoverygardens.org

November 7-9

Richard Wright Centennial Symposium - "A Legend in His Own Wright: A Centennial Celebration of Richard Wright." at the African American Museum. www.aamdallas.org

November 1st & November 8th

"Business Basics for Entrepreneurs" This class combines financial management and other key business concepts, such as Marketing, Forecasting, Cash Flow, Pricing, and Business Planning. The class will be held on November 1st and 8th from 1pm to 6:30 pm at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church 11881 Schroeder Road, TX 75243. The cost is \$40.00, register at www.planfund.org or call 214-942-6698.

November 7th & December 5th

"Music Under the Dome" featuring Karen Sheppard on November 7, 2008 and Groove University on December 5, 2008 hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. & African American Museum (AAM). Each event is from 8 PM to 11 PM and is held at the AAM. Admission is \$10.00. Reservations & Information 214-565-9026 ext 315 www.aamdallas.org and www.DallasAlphas.com

November 7th

"Transform, Tomorrow, Today!" on Friday, November 7th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The seminar will be held at Arlington Sheraton Hotel, 1500 Convention Center Drive, cost of \$99 per person includes lunch, seminars, prizes and materials. The keynote speaker is Craig Watkins, Criminal District Attorney for Dallas County. Seminar tracks include: Entrepreneurship, Professional and Personal Development, and Wealth Buildings.

November 8

"When It Happens", a play about abuse, will be performed at The Plaza Theatre in Garland. Tickets will be \$10.00 presale and \$15.00 at the door; contact Lynda J. at 469-396-6881.

Turning Point Rape Crisis Center Fundraiser

Champagne wishes and Caviar dreams at the Westin Stonebriar Resort, Frisco, TX. Visit <http://www.theturningpoint.org/>

Free Job Search Workshop

by Career Transition Ministries 8 a.m. 3:30 p.m. The Heights Baptist Church 201 W. Renner Rd. at US-75, Richardson Free lunch & materials provided. Pre-registration: jobseekers@theheights.org, or call Liz at 972.231.6047 x218. More info at www.theheights.org.

Taste of Louisiana and All That Jazz, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Free special celebration of all things Louisiana featuring live jazz music and a menu of unique Louisiana food. Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church, 14120 Noel Rd. in Dallas

"Many Faiths, One Nation" Interfaith Peace Concert

hosted by Munger Place United Methodist Church, 5200 Bryan Street (at Greenville Avenue), 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The purpose of the program is to promote peace, unity, and diversity through a celebration of the arts. The program is open to the public. Suggested donation is \$10. (214) 823-9929

November 9

Crossroads Family Services Benefit Concert at the McKinney Performing Arts Center 111 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas 75069, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Contact www.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org or (214) 544-4630

November 11

Left Behind: the Story of the New Orleans Public Schools, will be screened and discussed by a panel of New Orleans and Dallas educators and students at the South Dallas Cultural Center at 6pm. [214-500-4608]

November 13

McKinney State of the City Address Leading with Vision 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. McKinney Fellowship Church. Visit www.mckinneytx.org for more information

November 14

Murphy Enterprise Center Leadership Lunch. The University of North Texas College of Administration Leadership Luncheon will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, 75207. Call 214-761-7500

November 15

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Empowering Women to Succeed, Ladies Night Out, Hilton Garden Inn, 785 SH, 121 Lewisville TX 75067 6pm-9pm \$10.00 per person www.Empower2Succeed.org

The City of Garland Electronic Recycling Collection Event scheduled on Texas Recycles Day, Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Parking Lot of South Garland High School located at 600 Colonel Drive, Garland, TX 75043. For more information, contact Susan Webb at the Environmental Waste Department at 972-205-3419.

3rd Annual Business Community Awards Gala

hosted by the National Association of Black Accountants and the National Black MBA Association at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75234. The event begins at 6PM with cocktail reception, Gala at 8PM. Event and Ticket Information: bcag2008.dfwbas.org

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A Passion To Make Sure People Are Protected

By **TESSA HOWINGTON**
North Dallas Gazette

Insurance — No one wants to talk about it, but everyone has to have it.

And with insurance comes the insurance agent: someone everyone tries to avoid and is generally equated with a high pressure salesman that bullies their customers.

But Kevin McKee, of Nationwide Insurance in Frisco, would like to change the way people feel about the insurance industry.

Kevin has been an insurance agent for about 3 years, and been in Frisco since April. He believes Nationwide offers the best policy options and has the best impact on the community. He became an agent because he likes working with people and can “work in a field where I can offer

a product I believe in” he says.

“The purpose and importance of insurance is a transfer of risk,” he explains. “Insurance has a big effect on people. Most people don’t have enough capital to be self insured” if something terrible were to happen. Plus, “not getting a good value on your insurance can cause bad debt.”

And while most people think about car insurance, home insurance, and health insurance, Kevin believes that life insurance is the most important. He says “You can always get a new home, a new car, but once your life insurance has paid, that’s it. A good life policy allows your family to maintain the level of life style, especially in a time of loss. It shows that you took the time to value your family and show your family their value to you.” He jokingly adds, “What would you rather have, a

casserole from the neighbors, or me show up with a million dollar check? That casserole maybe nice, but it’s not going to pay the bills or send your kids to college.”

Besides the fact that insurance is required by law, major tragedies like Hurricanes Ike and Katrina, or even small, but damaging, spring storms in Texas have demonstrated the importance of insurance. Kevin says that the storms have done nothing but “reassured” him of the importance of his job and reaffirmed his “passion to make sure people have the protection they need.”

Kevin knows that “people dread talking about insurance.” And will admit that “in the past, insurance agents have a negative stereotype as a pushy salesman, like a car sales men.”

Obviously, this is not the approach that Kevin takes

with his customers.

Instead, he wants to have a “positive impact” on the area and in his customers’ lives. He hopes to achieve this by taking a more educational approach when it comes to insurance.

Kevin makes sure that his customers understand what they are getting in their policy and takes the time to sit and listen to his customers’ situations. “I don’t just say, ‘Here’s the policy and price,’ I take the time and care to know people and their needs, and tailor to them to make sure they are going to get what they need.”

He says that consumers need “to know what you have and what coverage you don’t have. 9 times out of 10, when you NEED your insurance, you NEED your insurance. When you make a claim is not the time to find out that you are or are not covered for whatever has happened.”

People should “sit down with an agent and know before it happens.”

He tries to “increase people’s awareness and sit down and educate people on insurance and their options with Nationwide’s On Your Side Reviews.”

“Instead of taking 15 or 20 minutes going to Blockbuster, why not sit down with an agent to go over your family’s needs?” he asks. Even if it’s not a Nationwide policy, he’ll gladly take the time to go over your current policy and compare and evaluate it to make sure you are getting what you need, or if not, be able to go back to your agent and add what you need.

“In a nutshell,” he says, “I want people to know that I’m here and offer no obligation, free, consultation, evaluation, and information about your policy with Nationwide’s On Your Side Reviews.” By

doing this, Kevin “is able to make sure a family or person is protected.”

Ultimately, he would like to change the way people see insurance and be a “big name in the industry because people know that they will get a good value for their dollar.” He would also like to be remembered as a person who took the time and cared for others by providing a good service. It’s the same goal that got him started in this business 3 years ago.

If you would like to have Kevin McKee help you with your insurance, his office is located in the Shops at Starwood, at 6959 Lebanon Rd, Suite #212, in Frisco. You can also call him at 214-218-8294, or email him at mckee4@nationwide.com. He offers full home, health, auto, life and commercial policies to fit any of your needs.

Review: The Good Negro at DTC

By Rick A. Elina
North Dallas Gazette

The 1960s were a turbulent period in American History. Sydney Poitier came to dinner and Muhammad Ali explained why he had no quarrel with the Viet Cong. Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their defiant fists in the air at the 1968 Summer Olympics and created a firestorm of controversy. Booned as they left the podium, Mr. Smith later said, "Black America will understand what we did tonight." White America did not understand.

Within the first two minutes of *The Good Negro* by Tracey Scott Wilson, racial prejudice and bigotry are ratcheted to a frenzied level of ugliness. Claudette (Joniece Abbott-Pratt) is beaten and arrested simply because her four-year-old daughter had to use the 'Whites only' restroom.

Claudette's arrest becomes the inciting incident that re-energizes the civil rights movement in 1963 Birmingham, Alabama. Ms. Abbott-Pratt portrays her character with such vulnerability that you fear she might be injured not necessarily from all of the rough handling, but most assuredly from the hail of racial epithets rained upon her. The Reverend James Sullivan (Billy Eugene Jones) sees the exemplary Claudette and her innocent child as the perfect embodiment of the movement. Reverend Sullivan also sees Claudette as a very beautiful woman. It's refreshing that Ms. Wilson has written her characters with the most basic of flaws then fully exposes them for the audience to see. Claudette's husband Pelzie (Francois Battiste) isn't very supportive of her involvement with the movement or with

Reverend Sullivan. Mr. Battiste gives his character an unvarnished, down-to-earth realism that adds a great deal of substance to what otherwise might be countrified simplicity. As it turns out, Pelzie is no simpleton.

The nine-member cast is well balanced and completely synchronized with each other as scenes morph from one to the other at a frenetic pace. Rutherford (LeRoy McClain) and Henry (J. Bernard Calloway) respectively offer Reverend Sullivan voices of reason and instinct. Mr. Calloway has perfect comedic pitch, enabling him to deliver humor to a very dramatic piece. Steve (Brian Wallace) and Paul (Steven Walters) play well off of each other as FBI agents bugging the homes and offices of the movement. Joe Nemmers as Rowe, the

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by Rick Elina

Clinically speaking, grief is defined as "...the normal response to the loss of a loved one by death." More often than not, human responses to death and dying are anything but normal. A textbook approach to grief is about as useless as a textbook approach to love. However, textbook perfect is ironically the ideal description for *Losing Daniel*, the current production offered by Teatro delle Muse. Dallas playwright Lon Rogers takes us on an intimate journey through the unsteady landscape of grief. Everything about this play is textbook, from its tightly written script with its beautiful language to its indefectible direction, dramatic set design, impeccable

Held-Over by Popular Demand! Teatro delle Muse Continues Losing Daniel

sound and stylish costumes. The highest of praise must be bestowed on Director, John Mallory Land, who also served as set designer, for bringing to life a technically and artistically flawless production.

Mr. Land seizes the main theme of the play with such an exuberant embrace that the end result is an enormously entertaining and thought-provoking testament to the tragedy of hubris – "the pride that kills."

Twenty years after the death of their son Daniel, the mountain home of Matthew and Nora Shelton remains bordered on all sides by tragedy and loss. Matthew (Ray Gestaut), a famous American playwright, stumbles across a play he wrote twenty years ago in an effort

to assuage his grief and to give his dead son a touch of immortality. Too painful to produce at the time of his loss, Matthew has decided to resurrect the project with the condition that he alone has final approval over the actor to play Daniel. Mr. Gestaut astutely portrays his conflicted character with a superb mixture of conviction and confusion.

Tommy (Chad Halbrook) is the accidental actor who happens to bear a striking resemblance to Daniel, not only in looks but also in mannerisms. Mr. Halbrook does an exceptional job of playing a character playing an actor playing a character. Early in the play, Matthew describes the character

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These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on November 24, 2008.
You have until May 23, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games:

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middle class citizens from Main Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard who are suffering the most because of this economic meltdown. These thought leaders contend that government efforts to increase minority homeownership, including the Community Reinvestment Act, are at the root of what is now a global economic crisis.

This insidious myth has gone largely unchallenged by public officials and the media who should know better. But it has not gone

unchallenged by the National Urban League.

Last week, in testimony before the Senate Banking Committee I reminded the members that for years - to no avail - the National Urban League has urged the Congress and the White House to take action to end the predatory lending practices that plague our communities.

I then asked them directly to disarm a false and dangerous weapon of mass deception and affirm the truth: Most of the sub-

prime loans at the root of the crisis did not go to minorities but to middle to upper income Whites.

Another weapon of mass deception is being deployed in some states to prevent people from voting on November 4.

I am pleased that last week, the United States Supreme Court rejected an attempt by the Ohio Republican Party to challenge the eligibility of 200,000 Ohio voters because their names did not perfectly match a state

database.

States are well equipped to deal with these discrepancies, many of which are due to database errors. We agree with the Court's ruling that political parties should not be involved.

These types of voter-ID eligibility challenges are cropping up all over the country - in Alabama, in Michigan, in Montana, in Wisconsin. As reported in the Washington Post, Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center for Justice called this "this season's

big issue...and a new trend...in the battleground states."

In my view, this constitutes another weapon of mass deception designed to disenfranchise eligible voters and influence the outcome of the election. As we announced several weeks ago, the National Urban League has launched an unprecedented "Vote to Empower" campaign largely focused on voter-rights and preventing vote suppression. Again, we ask you to go to

www.votetoempower.com or ncbcp@ncbcp.org for details on how to report voting problems.

Next week, we will have a chance to participate in the most important election of our lifetime. The economic, domestic, and foreign policy stakes are sky high. We must not allow apathy on our part, or mass deception on the part of others, to relegate us to the sidelines of history. It's time to deploy our weapon of mass empowerment - vote.



Special Announcement

Teatro delle Muse is proud to present

The Mystery of Edgar Allen Poe Friday, October 31st 8pm to ???

On Halloween night, join us for a special presentation of Ken Freehill's one-man-show The Collective Works of Edgar Allen Poe. This family-friendly 45-minute show discusses the author's life through several well-known pieces of his vast work.

The evening will start at 8pm with a costume parade that will be judged following the show with prizes for the scariest, funniest and overall best. (What costume can you come up with based on one of his characters?) Ghoulish snacks and beverages will be served after the winners are announced.

There is a recommended donation of \$10 for the evening. All proceeds will benefit the Brittany Stene medical fund.

For more information please contact Ande at ande@TeatrodelleMuse.us. We look forward to seeing you at the show!



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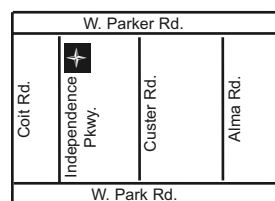
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Eastfield College Adjunct Job Fair

From staff reports

Join an expanding campus and faculty serving 10,000 students per semester! Become an Adjunct Instructor at Eastfield College by attending the Adjunct Recruitment Fair November 20 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. in the S Building, Room 100. Deans and/or division representatives will be available to meet with prospective instructors. Participants are encouraged to bring copies of resumes and college transcripts to the fair.

Adjunct Faculty members are able to participate in free professional development classes, software training (Excel, Word, Power Point, etc), webinar and Starlink access, e-campus training to develop online courses, use of gym/pool facilities, and much more!

Pay Rate: \$1,969.44 per three-credit-hour course; \$2,625.92 per four-credit-hour course; \$3,938.88 per six-credit hour course

The college is recruiting instructors for various part-time positions. A critical need exists for instructors who can teach the following credit (transferable) and developmental (non-transferable) courses:

Mathematics, English, Speech, Spanish, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Medical Terminology, *Teacher Preparation, *Child Development, **ESOL, ***Developmental Writing, ***Developmental Reading, ***Developmental Math, ****Air Conditioning & Refrigeration and ****Automotive Technology.

Requirements: Applicants must have a masters degree in the

teaching discipline or a masters degree plus a minimum of 18 graduate hours in the teaching discipline.

* **C h i l d** Development/Teacher Prep applicants must have a masters degree in education for EDUC courses or a masters in early childhood education or in child development for TECA-CDEC courses, plus a minimum of 3 years experience working with children under age 8.

**ESOL applicants must have a bachelors degree in English or education (bilingual /ESL emphasis), with graduate courses in ESOL instruction or linguistics or TESOL certification.

***Applicants for Developmental Writing must have a bachelor's degree in English, Composition, or related field with secondary /college teaching experience. Applicants for

Developmental Reading must have a bachelor's degree with 18 graduate hours in Reading and one year college/university teaching experience. Applicants for

Developmental Math must have a bachelor's degree with 18 graduate hours in Math and either secondary teaching experience or have completed six graduate hours in remedial education. Master's Degree and graduate hours completed in remedial education are preferred for all three positions.

****Technical applicants must have an Associate degree in the teaching discipline and three years of related work experience.

For more information, contact the Eastfield College office of human resources at 972-860-7630 or visit www.eastfieldcollege.com.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

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Business Basics for Entrepreneurs

From staff reports

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Methodist Church 11881 Schroeder Road, TX 75243. The cost is \$40.00, register at www.planfund.org or call 214-942-6698.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The McKinney Housing Authority will accept applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list for persons with the following qualifications:

- Residents who live in McKinney, Texas

Applications will be taken November 11th-13, 2008 from 7:30am-5:30pm at:
McKinney Housing Authority
1200 N. Tennessee St.
McKinney, Texas 75069

Phone: 972-542-5641 * Fax: 972-562-8387

*Note: Only completed applications will be accepted.

What are housing choice vouchers?

The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market.

A family that is issued a housing voucher is responsible for finding a suitable housing unit of the family's choice where the owner agrees to rent under the program. This unit may include the family's present residence. Rental units must meet minimum standards of health and safety, as determined by the PHA.

A housing subsidy is paid to the landlord directly by the PHA on behalf of the participating family. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program

Am I eligible?

Eligibility for a housing voucher is determined by the PHA based on the total annual gross income and family size and is limited to US citizens and specified categories of non-citizens who have eligible immigration status. In general, the family's income may not exceed 50% of the median income for the county or metropolitan area in which the family chooses to live.



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CHRIST COMMUNITY CONECTION, INC. (CCC)

November 15, 1 pm

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CCC is a non-profit 501(3)c organization that has awarded scholarships and financial assistance to students in area. Help support this tradition. Information, contributions and to volunteer, call 972-242-0933.

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Scriptures For November 2008

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder/Pastor: A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are for. **Mark 16:15.**

They witness best who witness by their lives! 1 **Thessalonians 2:1-12.** No sin is small, for it is against an infinite God. **James 2:10** Prayerful homes produce powerful people and churches. **Joshua 24:15.** For the Christian, old age is the forerunner of eternal youth. **2 Corinthians 4:16.** Justification: Man's guilt is GONE and Christ's righteousness is GIVEN! **Romans 4:24 & 25.** You take no risk when you abandon yourself to God. **Matthew 10:39.** Too many Christians who are strong on service are weak on worship. **Ecclesiastics 2:1-11.**

The Christian's life is the world's Bible. **2 Corinthians**

3:2. To escape God's wrath, flee to His love. **Romans 8:1.** God often empties our hands in order to fill our hearts. **Romans 8:28.** Divine forgiveness brings both remission of penalty and restoration of fellowship. **Romans 8:16 & 17.** You can have an upright life only as you lean on Jesus. **Psalm 37:37.** We need not fear the perils AROUND us as long as the eye of the Lord is UPON us. **Psalm 34:7.** A Saint is one who makes goodness attractive. **Romans 1:6 & 7.**

Salvation is much more than reformation—its transformation! 1 **Thessalonians 1:9.** Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Psalm 2:11.** Christians must produce fruit—if they don't witness, they wilt. **John 15:8.** Our fathers trusted in Thee; they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them. **Psalm 22:4.** If you have the smile of God, you can expect the frown of men. **Luke 6:26.** Christ became a curse FOR us to remove the curse

FROM us. **Ephesians 2:14.** For the kingdom is the Lord's and He is the governor among the nations. **Psalm 22:28.**

The return of Jesus is sure; for what the Bible predicts and Christ promises, God will perform! **Acts 1:11.** Jesus said unto him, "Thou shall Love the Lord your God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." **Matthew 22:37.** Sin is a heart disease that can only be cured by the Great Physician. **Jeremiah 17:9.** Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivered from death. **Proverb 10:2.** Salvation is not a goal ACHIEVED but a gift RECEIVED! **Romans 10:4.** A wise man will hear, and will increase learning, and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: **Proverbs 1:5.** Troubles are not sent to BATTER us but to BETTER us. **2 Corinthians 4:17.**

It is better to try and fail than to fail to try. **Luke**

19:20 & 21.

****God Has A Vision for Us.** Allow Him to Have His Way. Trust God and wait for His Timing for the Vision to Come to Past.

At various times God will birth a vision in our lives. Often there is a waiting period before the purest story of the vision is manifested. The Bible tells us that this happened to Abraham when he was 90 years old (**Genesis 17:1-27.**) But, in **Genesis 22,** God tells Abraham to sacrifice his only son on an altar to demonstrate his obedience to God.

When God gives a vision and then reality comes, but in between there is often a deep valley of humiliation. However, if you wait on God and His timing, you will be in unity with God's vision. Don't try to do away with the supernatural in God's undertakings. Never try to help God fulfill His word; just wait on Him. When your vision is finally birthed, nothing will stop it.



Essence Smith, a member of the Children's Choir @ Friendship B.C, The Colony. She was worshipping God in a song and loving every minute of it."



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Wednesday
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Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

"The Church with a Vision"

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annual income and provide financial education about the benefits of asset building," City of Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, said. "I know this great city will rally for the community and step up to volunteer to help their neighbors."

The EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. When the EITC exceeds the amount of taxes owed for an individual or family, it results in a tax refund to those who claim and qualify for the credit.

The program, administered by United Way, will

recruit and train 900 volunteers, as well as provide computer equipment, to increase the hours and days of operation at 25 local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in an effort to double the tax filers in 2009. The VITA sites utilize trained community volunteers to provide tax preparation for low to moderate income individuals free of charge. The VITA sites will also serve as centers where families can receive services that help them develop educational credentials, job-related skills and financial education -

knowledge that can put a family in a much stronger financial position.

"An EITC program is imperative in any major city which is why Citi did not hesitate to jump on board in support," Debbie Taylor, the Southwest Regional Director and Texas State Director for Citi North America Community Relations said. "Earn It! Keep It!

Save It! is right in-step with Citi's philanthropic mission of financial education and stability for all hard working Dallas families. We are proud to support this program with a \$200,000 award and are also encouraging many of our 10,000 employees in the Metroplex to volunteer."


A large majority of eligible individuals that do file

for the EITC pay a commercial tax preparer almost 10 percent of the refund for assistance. Many are also pushed to take out Refund Anticipation Loans - loans given to filers with their refund serving as collateral which allows them to get refunds quickly. Often times these loans are laden with many costs and fees which decrease the amount

of funds the family will receive. Therefore, the VITA site is a better option because individuals can file for free and, most often, filers will receive their refund within a week.

"We are thrilled to be working with Mayor Leppert on this financial stability initiative for the City of Dallas," Gary Godsey, UWMD President and CEO said.

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