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## DART announces light rail to Rowlett

From staff reports

Dirt will soon begin to fly in Rowlett on the Blue Line extension of the DART light rail line from downtown Garland to

downtown Rowlett following action taken yesterday by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board of Directors. Mayor John Harper, Councilman

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## Rowlett announces Waterfront Entertainment District

From staff reports

The City of Rowlett announced last week that Rowlett will soon be home to a major lakeside development valued between \$350-\$500 million, which includes more than four million square feet of restaurants, retail estab-

lishments, offices, a hotel, convention center and new residential properties.

During his State of the City Address at tonight's City Council meeting, Mayor John Harper announced that the Lone Star Companies of Dallas, LLC (LSC), and the City of Rowlett have entered

into a Letter of Intent and are negotiating a contract to develop the land known as the Pecan Grove Waterfront District. This waterfront entertainment district will be located on the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard south of Main Street, east of Kirby Road. Once developed, this

property will be easily accessible from the new President George Bush Turnpike Eastern Extension, which is currently under construction.

"We are working hard to reach an agreement on this dynamic development so that it can become a reali-

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## Plano Salon Host Seminar To Help Women Save Money

From staff reports

Recent downturn in the economy has some women turning away from the hair salons and doing their hair at home. But many are finding that store bought color and amateur tools leave them miles

short of a salon quality hairdo.

Plano Hair Coach Suzette Audia, has created a seminar "The Power of Hair" to help women get the high quality salon look at home. The seminar will be held Tuesday February 17, 2009, at 6-8 p.m. at her

salon, 4105 W. Spring Creek 606 A in Plano, TX.

"I understand times are hard and I would like to teach people what I know so they can continue looking good even in tough times," she said.

The seminar will cover everything from flat irons

to roll brushes, how to choose the best hair color for yourself. Participants will find out the truth about shampoos, conditioners and finishing products. Women will walk away from the class feel-

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COMMENTARY

## Working Together for a Violence Free Texas

By JENNIFER MORRISON  
Columnist

Did you know that in 2007 alone, 189,439 Texans fell victim to family violence? Shelter programs in Texas housed 16,968 children and 12,356 adults, yet 10,407 adult victims in need of emergency shelter were turned away.

New Beginning Center and the Texas

Council on Family Violence (TCFV) join to advocate for a violence free Texas. TCFV is a nationally recognized leader in efforts to end family violence through partnerships, advocacy and direct services for women, children, and men. As one of the largest domestic violence coalitions in the country, TCFV's mem-

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## Susan Elizabeth Rice

Susan Elizabeth Rice (born November 17, 1964) is an American foreign policy advisor and United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Rice served on the staff of the National Security Council and as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs during President Bill Clinton's second term. Rice is the United States' third woman ambassador to the UN, following Madeleine Albright and Jeane Kirkpatrick. She is also the first black woman to hold the position. Rice was

confirmed by the United States Senate by unanimous consent on January 22, 2009.

Rice was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in the Shepherd Park area. Her father, Emmett J. Rice, is a Cornell University economics professor and former governor of the Federal Reserve System. Her mother is education policy scholar Lois Dickson Fitt. Rice was a three-sport athlete, student council president, and valedictorian at National Cathedral School

in Washington, D.C., a private day girls' school. She played point guard in basketball and directed the offense, acquiring the nickname "Spo," short for "Sportin'."

Rice attended Stanford University, where she received a Truman Scholarship, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1986. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. On graduation day, as she shook hands with University President Donald Kennedy, he said, "I know who you are." She and Condoleezza Rice, the former U.S. Secretary of State,

are both female foreign policy experts of African American descent who have ties to Stanford University; however, they are not related.

Awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, Rice attended New College, Oxford, where she earned a M.Phil. in 1988 and D.Phil. in 1990. The Chatham House-British International Studies Association honored her dissertation titled "Commonwealth Initiative in Zimbabwe, 1979-1980: Implication for International Peacekeeping" as the UK's most distinguished in international relations.



Rice's classmates and professors at Oxford included advocates of the role of the United Nations and international law (Sir Adam Roberts, Benedict Kingsbury), of global eco-

nomics governance and international economic cooperation (Ngaire Woods, Donald Markwell), and of a firm stance against Russian authoritarianism (Michael McFaul). Sir Adam Roberts is also an expert on international humanitarian intervention, a topic in which Rice has taken a close interest.

Rice married Canadian-born ABC News producer Ian Officer Cameron (born in Victoria, British Columbia) in 1992; they met as students at Stanford. They reside in Washington, D.C. with their two children

Source: Wikipedia

## Valerie Bowman Jarrett

Valerie Bowman Jarrett (born November 14, 1956) is a Chicago lawyer, businesswoman, and civic leader. She is best known for her role as an advisor to President Barack Obama. Jarrett is a senior advisor for the Obama administration. Prior to that she served as a co-chairperson of the Obama-Biden Transition Project.

Jarrett was born in Shiraz, Iran, where her father, pathologist and

geneticist Dr. James Bowman, ran a hospital for children as part of a program where American doctors and agricultural experts sought to help jump-start developing countries' health and farming efforts. When she was 5, the family moved to London for one year, returning to Chicago in 1963.

As a child she spoke Farsi and French.

Jarrett graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon,

a New England boarding school, in 1974. She earned a B.A. in Psychology from Stanford University in 1978, and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.

In 1983 Jarrett married Dr. William Robert Jarrett, son of famed Chicago Sun-Times reporter Vernon Jarrett. She attributes her switch from a private to a public career to their daughter Laura's birth and her own desire to do something that would make the daughter proud. Laura is a



graduate of Amherst College and a Harvard Law School student.

Jarrett has been plain-spoken about the failure of the marriage. To one reporter's e-mailed question

about it, she replied, "Married in 1983, separated in 1987, and divorced in 1988. Enough said." In a Vogue profile, she further explained "We grew up together. We were friends since childhood. In a sense, he was the boy next door. I married without really appreciating how hard divorce would be." William Jarrett died of a sudden heart attack in 1991.

Jarrett got her start in Chicago politics in 1987 working for Mayor Harold Washington as Deputy Corporation Counsel for

Finance and Development.

Jarrett continued to work in the mayor's office in the 1990s. She was Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Richard Daley, during which time (1991) she hired Michelle Robinson, then engaged to Barack Obama, away from a private law firm. Jarrett served as Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development from 1992 through 1995, and was Chair of the Chicago Transit Board from 1995 to 2005.

Source: Wikipedia

## Desirée Glapion Rogers

Desirée Glapion Rogers (born June 16, 1959) is an American public relations executive. On November 23, 2008, Rogers was named by Barack Obama's office of presidential transition as the White House Social Secretary for the incoming administration, the first African American to serve in this function.

Rogers was born on June 16, 1959 in New Orleans, Louisiana and is the daughter of former director of sports for the New Orleans Public Schools and member of the New Orleans City Council Roy Glapion and his wife Joyce who ran day-care centers.

Rogers graduated from Sacred Heart in New Orleans in 1977, and

earned a Bachelor's degree in political science from Wellesley College in 1981. Rogers, earned a MBA from Harvard Business School. In 2002, Rogers attended the Harvard Kennedy School Women and Power Program. This program was designed for senior women executives, particularly private sector executives who have demonstrated an interest in public leadership. After graduate school, Rogers married John W. Rogers, Jr. and moved to Chicago, Illinois and began her career.

After graduate school, she moved to Chicago, Illinois and began working for AT&T.[7] Soon thereafter, she became an execu-



tive for restaurant and real estate developer Larry Levy.

In 1990, Rogers was appointed by Republican Governor Jim Edgar, to run the Illinois State Lottery, a \$2 billion state agency until 1997. During her tenure, Rogers worked extensively

with over 8000 retailers to increase the sale of instant ticket products from 300 million to over 600 million. Rogers attended the 1992 Republican National Convention as an alternate delegate.

She is on the boards of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, the Northwestern Memorial Foundation and The Polk Foundation. Rogers is Vice-Chairman of the Lincoln Park Zoo and serves on the executive committee of Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Previously, she served as the Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Children's Museum. Rogers is also a major contributor to fund-raisers to help Chicago win its bid for the 2016 Olympics, donating over US\$100,000.

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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



## EARTH TALK

# What's hot with bamboo?

**Dear EarthTalk: I've noticed that bamboo is very trendy right now, apparently—in part—for environmental reasons. Can you enlighten? -- Eric M., via e-mail**

Bamboo has a long history of economic and cultural significance, primarily in East Asia and South East Asia where it has been used for centuries for everything from building material to food to medicine. There are some 1,000 different species of bamboo growing in very diverse climates throughout the world, including the southeastern United States.

Bamboo's environmental benefits arise largely out of its ability to grow quickly—in some cases three to four feet per day—without the need for fertilizers, pesticides or much water. Bamboo also spreads easily with little or no care. In addition, a bamboo grove

releases some 35 percent more oxygen into the air than a similar-sized stand of trees, and it matures (and can be replanted) within seven years (compared to 30-50 years for a stand of trees), helping to improve soil conditions and prevent erosion along the way. Bamboo is so fast-growing that it can yield 20 times more timber than trees on the same area.

Today, heightened consumer environmental awareness has given sales of bamboo flooring, clothing, building materials and other items a huge boost.

As an attractive and sturdy alternative to hardwood flooring, bamboo is tough to beat. According to Pacific Northwest green building supplier Ecohaus, bamboo—one of the firm's top selling flooring options—is harder, more moisture resistant and more stable than even oak hardwoods. Ecohaus carries

both the EcoTimber and Teragren brands of bamboo, and ships worldwide.

Bamboo is also making waves in the clothing industry as an eco-chic and functional new fabric. Softer than cotton and with a texture more akin to silk or cashmere, bamboo clothes naturally draw moisture away from the skin, so it's great for hot weather or for sweaty workouts. It also dries in about half the time as cotton clothing.

Some critics point out that the process of converting bamboo to fabric can take a heavy environmental toll, with the most cost-effective and widespread method involving a harsh chemical-based hydrolysis-alkalization process followed by multi-phase bleaching. The Green Guide counters, though, that bamboo still has a much lower environmental impact than pesticide-laden

conventional cotton and petroleum-derived nylon and polyester fabrics. Consumers interested in trying out bamboo clothing should look for the Bamboosa and EcoDesignz labels, two of the leaders in the fast-growing sector of green fashion.

Bamboo is also making inroads into the paper industry, though there are fears that too fast a transition there would threaten ecologically diverse bamboo forests across Southeast Asia and elsewhere. The Earth Island Institute, among other groups concerned about forest loss due to paper consumption, would instead like to see more research into using agricultural waste to make paper instead of wood pulp or bamboo. Regardless, bamboo in all its forms might one day soon be one of the most important plants in the world.

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bership is comprised of family violence service providers, like New Beginning Center, other supportive organizations, survivors of domestic violence, businesses and professionals, communities of faith and concerned citizens. We know domestic violence is an intolerable, serious crime, and must be eliminated. Working together, New Beginning Center and TCFV are firmly committed to providing valuable services to victims of domestic violence and their families.

New Beginning Center will be actively involved with TCFV in supporting legislation important to Texas families, women and

children. One of the principal legislative activities in which we will be involved is TCFV's Purple Postcard Campaign. By signing the Purple Postcard, Texans can send the message to their state legislators, that they unequivocally support full funding of Texas domestic violence programs. Complete one at [www.tcfv.org/purplepostcard](http://www.tcfv.org/purplepostcard).

Moreover, we strongly support TCFV's Legislative Agenda, which includes:

- Full funding for family violence programs across Texas. Keeping families safe in Texas can be accomplished through the Health and Human Services

Commission (HHSC) request of \$50.9 million for Texas family violence programs, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) call for \$2.5 million for Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPP).

- Mandatory probation fees to family violence centers. Holding offenders accountable to the community can be achieved by making changes to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to require all defendants placed on probation for family violence offenses to pay \$100 to their local family violence center as defined by the Human Resource Code.

- Strangulation as an enhanceable third degree felony. Saving lives is pos-

sible by adding a section to the current assault statute increasing the punishment for strangulation from a Class "A" misdemeanor. Incidents of intimate partner strangulation indicate both a progressing nature of abuse and a higher degree of danger for victims.

The 2009 Texas Legislative Session will address many issues of great import to Texans. New Beginning Center firmly believes the actions detailed above are vital and merit our solid support. Because these issues are central to the creation of a violence-free environment for families in Garland and throughout Dallas County, we ask Texans to join us in calling on legislators to adopt the requests.

### 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](mailto: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.

# February 7 is Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

From staff reports

Each year, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) is recognized on February 7th. This is the time when celebrities and community activists stand together in unity to fight HIV/AIDS – a devastating disease that is plaguing the African American community.

NBHAAD is a national mobilization effort

designed to encourage African Americans across the United States and Territorial areas to get educated, get tested, get treated, and get involved with HIV/AIDS. This year's theme is "Black Life is Worth Saving!"

"Of all racial and ethnic groups in the United States, HIV and AIDS have hit African Americans the hardest," says Steven Davis of the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, lead sponsor and a member of the NBHAAD Strategic Leadership Council.

A nationally recognized commemorative day, NBHAAD will include special events such as press conferences, community forums, church services, community marches and rallies, and free HIV/AIDS testing, counseling and referrals which will be held

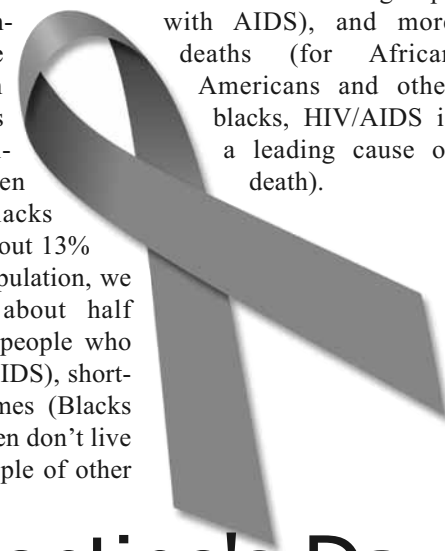
throughout the nation for African Americans to get educated, get tested, get treated and get involved.

In addition, NBHAAD has obtained the support of numerous noted celebrities to join in the delivery of the message to serve as national spokespersons.

The statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are a deafening wake up call: When we

look at HIV/AIDS by race and ethnicity, we see that African Americans have more illness (even though blacks account for about 13% of the U.S. population, we account for about half [49%] of the people who get HIV and AIDS), shorter survival times (Blacks with AIDS often don't live as long as people of other

racess and ethnic groups with AIDS), and more deaths (for African Americans and other blacks, HIV/AIDS is a leading cause of death).



# Choose to be a Vision of Health this Valentine's Day

From staff reports

Approximately 10 million Americans suffer from Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD), a

devastating eye disease and a leading cause of vision loss in people 65 years or older in the United States. Although there is no cure for AMD, recent studies

show that eating foods rich in antioxidants such as lutein, zeaxanthin, omega-3 fatty acids, beta carotene, vitamin C, vitamin E and zinc, may reduce the risk of

AMD, or slow its progression in some people.

In light of this, the national non-profit organization EyeCare America, has teamed up with celebri-

ty chefs from across the country to provide recipes that include foods rich in vitamins and antioxidants. Here is a wonderful recipe provided by Chef Georges

Mokbel. His Where'd Ya Get Those Peepers Papaya Parfait makes an ideal (and eye-healthy) Valentine's Day dessert for two!

# Africans Express Cautious Hope for Obama Presidency

NNPA

After the initial moment of euphoria for the landslide victory of Barack Obama, some Africans are now expressing a more cautious note of hope for the new leader.

"Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East conflict, Pakistan and India is where the focus of U.S. policy is going to be," said Francis Kornegay of Johannesburg's Institute for Policy Studies. "So there is

no realistic prospect that Africa will overtake any of those concerns. On the other hand there are some pressing security concerns on the continent."

For some, the possibilities are endless.



Pres. Barack Obama

"Obama has brought a big hope and has changed a lot of things for a lot of people in terms of how they view themselves," said professor Veronique Tadjoo of Johannesburg's Witwatersrand University.

"A black man becoming the most powerful man on the planet is something very important," she said.

Whatever the policy goals, observed Senegalese analyst Lamine Savane, a new style of leadership is needed.

"The way the world is today, the bully thing does not work anymore," said Savane.

"It will be a hard presidency, and from both sides," said Prof. Tadjoo. "From the White side people waiting for him to fail, and from the Black side because people have always looked at mixed-race people with a bit of suspicion, who are they, who do they represent? So he is going to have a tough job."

# Kenyan Land Giveaway Under Scrutiny

NNPA

As Kenya prepares to declare a national emergency in response to food shortages, a proposed deal to lease land to the government of Qatar for agricultural use is coming under scrutiny.

With its plan to lease 100,000 acres, Kenya joins the growing number of poor nations that are granting their potential food pro-

duction land to oil-rich countries.

In exchange for the land, Qatar would construct a port on the island of Lamu, to facilitate trade with Ethiopia and Southern Sudan to the north. It would become Kenya's second major port after Mombasa.

But the deal has drawn fire from critics who ask why government is not engaging local farmers to boost food security in the

country, especially with a drought now threatening 10 million people.

"For us to rent out such a huge tract of land when 30 percent of Kenyans are facing hunger is, my opinion, wrong," said Lusike Wasilwa of the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute.

"Let Kenyans do what we know best," added Wasilwa. "We are an agriculture-based economy,

we can grow whatever product any country wants following the regulations that they need."

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have made similar deals for land in Sudan and Senegal, which, say Jacques Diouf of the Food and Agriculture Organization, risk creating a "neocolonial" system that could cause social unrest if local communities do not benefit.

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## 140 DAYS OF OPPORTUNITY

## State set to receive \$10 billion less in revenue over next 2 years

By **TESSA HOWINGTON**  
North Dallas Gazette

The Texas Senate took the week off and the House had a short week, but there was still much going on in Austin.

To start the week off, State Comptroller Susan Combs released her Biannual Revenue Estimate. While Texas is fairing better than most states in the current economic downturn, she estimates that the State's revenue will drop almost 11% over the next 2 years. This drop means that our Legislatures will have about \$10 billion less available to budget than in previous sessions.

In response to this news, many of the new bills filed this week dealt with the changing economy, cost of

living and general expenses, and some new fees as well as tax breaks.

Representative Brandon Creighton filed House Bill (HB) 720, which, if passed, will cut franchise taxes for small business owners. He says, "Small businesses are the job engine of this state. This increased exemption encourages the spirit of entrepreneurship and will help create new and better paying jobs for Texans."

Creighton also filed HB 762 along with Senator Kevin Eltife's identical Senate Bill (SB) 507 which will allow the Texas Workforce Commission to file and accept wage claims online and by fax. They hope that this it will cut paper and mailing costs for both the citizens filing the claim and the Commission's offices. It

should also speed up processing time for claims filed.

In the same mind set, Representative Gonzalez Toureilles filed HB 755 which would impose a \$4 fee added to all court costs paid by the party convicted. Toureilles calls this fee a "Technology Fee;" the purpose would be to help fund computers and new networks to make our court system more efficient and cut down on paper.

Representative Rafael Anchía filed HB 695 which would establish a loan program for apartment buildings to help apartments install appliances and take measures to be more energy efficient. If this bill is passed and taken advantage of, not only would it decrease energy usage and help save natural resources,

but it would also potentially save consumers money on their electric and gas bills in the future.

On Tuesday, HB 676 was filed by Representative Craig Eiland. This bill would lower eligibility requirements for the state's child health care plan to include more families.

Also, it has been proposed that studies should be conducted to establish a 4 day work week for state employees and a program to help disabled Texas National Guard members.

There were also many bills filed relating to transportation and education this week.

Senator Steve Ogden filed SB 505 and Senate Joint Bill #18 on Wednesday. These bills purpose giving the Department of Transportation permission to sell off excess land from transportation construction projects to businesses. The proceeds and taxes from those businesses would then be put into a fund to be used on a later date by the legislature, or would be use to help pay off part, if not all, of the construction project that generated the extra land.

The hope there gain more revenue and have less debt from projects that

improve road and transportation conditions.

Another big issue in the transportation sector is "inattentive driving" as Representative Chente Quintanilla calls it. He is referring to driving while distracted, by your phone, radio, pet, food, GPS, "personal grooming," or another passenger in the car. If passed, his bill would make all these activities illegal while driving.

Representative Solomon Ortiz, Jr. filed a bill that prohibits cell phone use for drivers under 18 and Representative Trey

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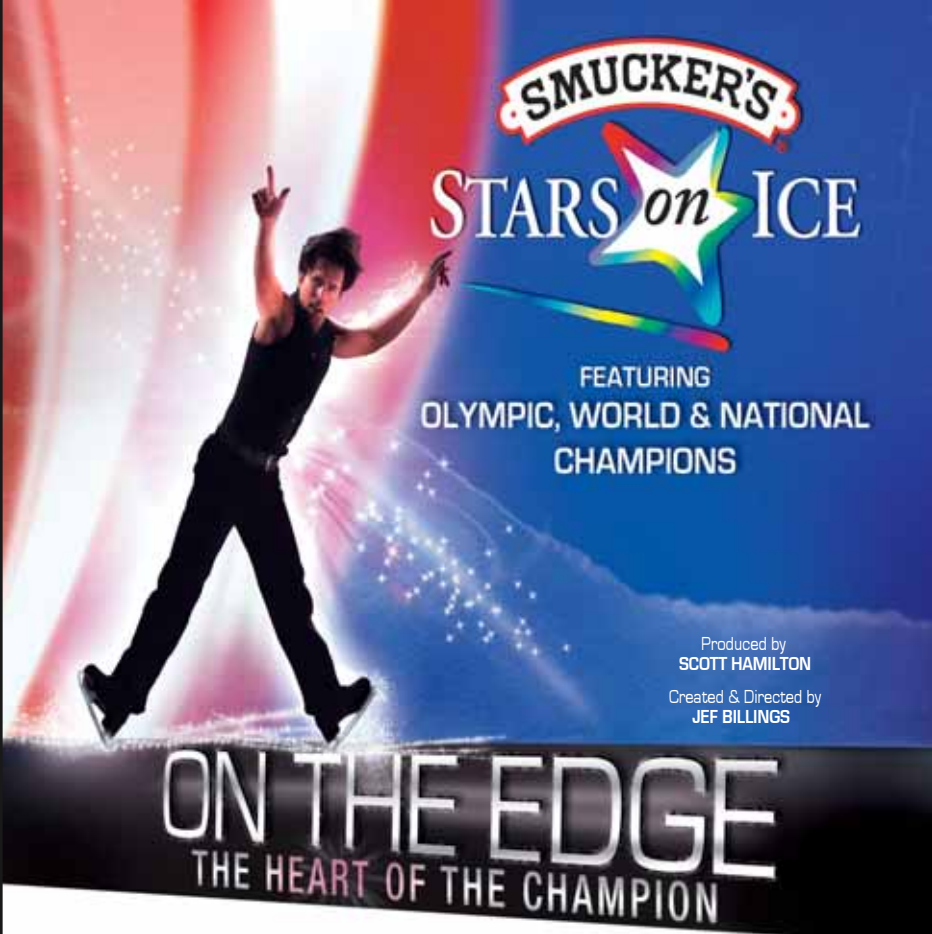


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# Garland Presents 12th Annual Sweetheart Dance

From staff reports

Dads, uncles, and grandfathers... celebrate Valentine's Day with your little princess. Dance the night away at the 12th annual "Sweetheart Dance" presented by the City of Garland Parks and Recreation Department and Garland Power and Light on Saturday, February 7, at the Atrium at the Granville

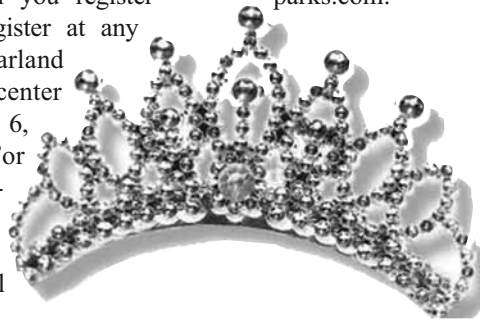
Arts Center, in Downtown Garland, 300 North Fifth Street.

Little Sweethearts ages 4 - 7 have the dance floor from 5 to 7 p.m. Ages 8 - 12 take the floor at 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. If you have a princess in each age category, you may attend the dance of your choice.

This fairy tale includes a live DJ, light refreshments, a professional 5" X 7"

photo, and each little princess receives her very ribbon halo. Tickets are \$12 per person. Save \$2 per person when you register online. Register at any City of Garland recreation center by February 6, 2009. For more information or to register, please call

Holford Recreation Center, 972-205-2772, email [hrc@ci.garland.tx.us](mailto:hrc@ci.garland.tx.us), or visit our webpage [garland-parks.com](http://garland-parks.com).



## Dallas Elevators powered by Coca-Cola program awards students commemorative rings



Left-to-right: Juany Gaytan, BGCGD; Cheryl Brown, Coca-Cola North America; Akedio Sharp; Stephanie Hayes; Jordan Burris; Mariah Jeter; Candace Tyler, Program Coordinator; and Charles English, BGCGD

From staff reports

<sup>3</sup>I am not my own,<sup>2</sup> reads the message in Greek on the commemorative ring handed out recently to a select group of 80 high school students at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas.

<sup>3</sup>I am not my own<sup>1</sup> is a powerful concept that has the power to change our culture,<sup>2</sup> John Oehlke, vice president of the South Region for Coca-Cola North America, told the students. <sup>3</sup>At the base of this idea is adopting a new way of looking at life from the perspective of how individuals can have a greater impact on others.<sup>2</sup>

The message is one of the most important these

students will learn as members of the Dallas Elevators Powered by Coca-Cola® program.

<sup>3</sup>It means that everything you do has an effect on others, as well as on you,<sup>2</sup> continued Oehlke. <sup>3</sup>Before you act or speak, ask yourself two questions: how will this affect me, and how will this affect others?<sup>2</sup>

Dallas Elevators Powered by Coca-Cola is a program that brings extra enrichment and opportunities to a select group of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas' members. The mission of the program is to encourage students to elevate their skills in the classroom, at home, in extra-curricular activities, and wherever their interests lie.

The Dallas Elevators also includes character development curriculum that uses video, print and online tools to reinforce positive character and life skills. The program has five learning modules based on the principles of the Boys & Girls Club: character and leadership development; education and career development; health and life skills; sports and recreation; and fine arts.<sup>2</sup>

Companies interested in offering one-time experiences for young people in the Dallas Elevators Powered by Coca-Cola program should email [carolyn@aardvarktx.com](mailto:carolyn@aardvarktx.com) with <sup>3</sup>Dallas Elevators<sup>2</sup> in the subject line.

Interested high school

students should check with the nearest Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas, which includes clubs in Dallas, Mesquite, Richardson, Coppell and Grand Prairie. More information is available at [www.dallaselevators.com](http://www.dallaselevators.com).

## COLLEGE CORNER

### Scholarship For Minority Accounting Students

This program provides awards to outstanding minority students to encourage their selection of accounting as a major and their ultimate entry into the profession.

Funding is provided by the AICPA Foundation, with contributions from the New Jersey Society of CPAs and Robert Half International. For two decades, this program has provided over \$12 million in scholarships to approximately 1,600 accounting scholars.

Applicants must have a declared accounting major with the intention of pursuing the CPA credential; Enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student (12 semester hours or equivalent) at a

four-year or upper division institution, unless completing his/her final semester of study; and successfully completed at least 30 semester hours (or equivalent) of college coursework, including at least 6 semester hours in accounting.

Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend a three day student conference, which will take place in late May 2009. AICPA will cover all expenses.

#### Deadline:

March 1, 2009

#### Award Amount:

\$1,500 - \$5,000

#### Website/Contact Info:

[www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)

Source: [Blackstudents.com](http://Blackstudents.com)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on February 16, 2009. You have until August 15, 2009, to redeem any tickets for this game:**

Game #1128 **Holiday Treasures** (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.88

**These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on February 23, 2009. You have until August 22, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games:**

Game #823 **\$130 Million Spectacular** (\$50) Overall Odds are 1 in 2.67

Game #833 **\$130 Million Payout Bonanza** (\$50) Overall Odds are 1 in 2.77

Game #836 **Millions and Millions** (\$30) Overall Odds are 1 in 2.43

Game #1041 **Magnificent Millions** (\$20) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.08

**This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on March 2, 2009. You have until August 29, 2009, to redeem any tickets for this game:**

Game #1122 **Jingle Jumbo Bucks** (\$10) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.75

**These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on March 9, 2009. You have until September 5, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games:**

Game #828 **Set for Life** (\$10) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.47

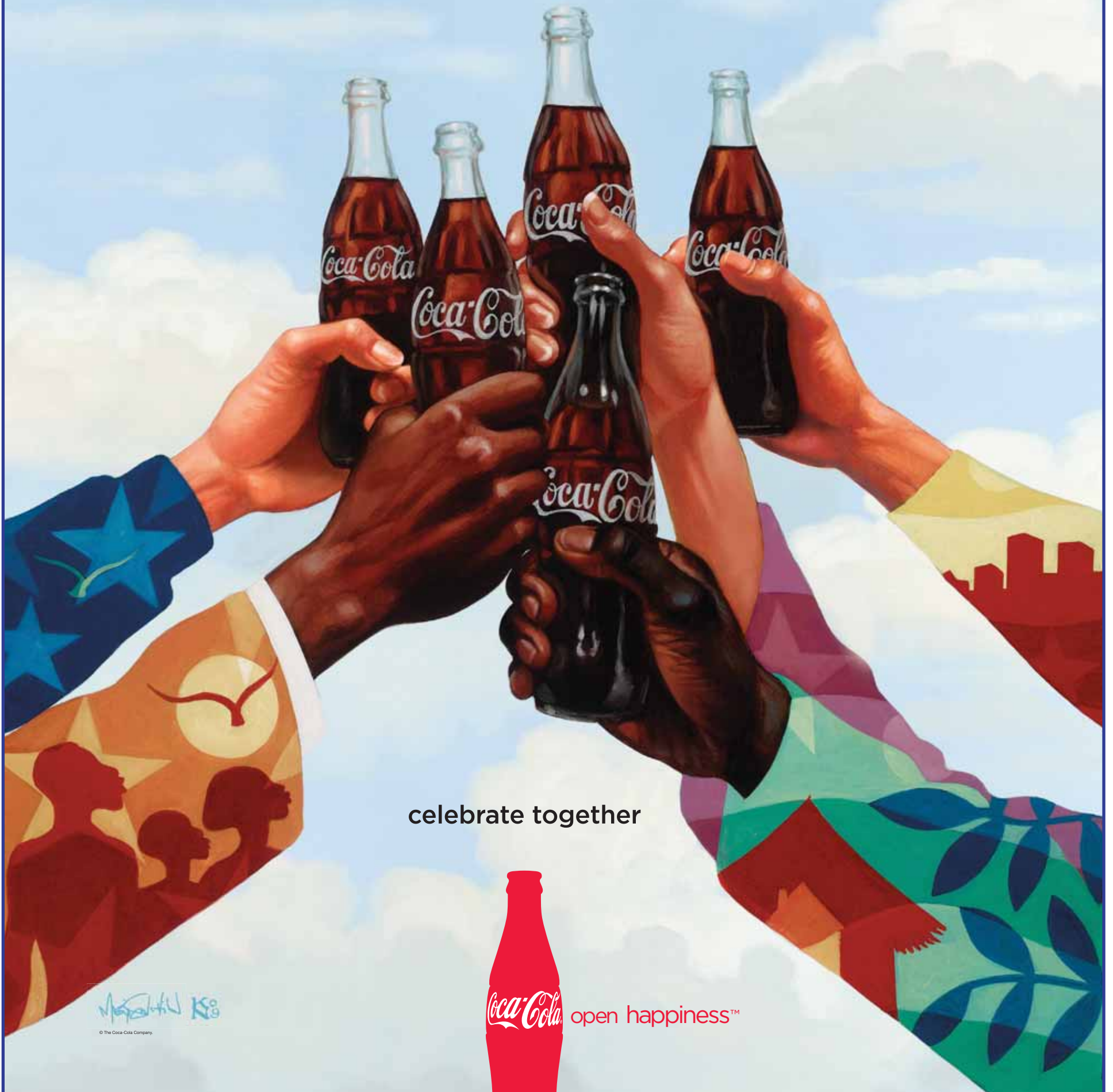
Game #1120 **Merry Money** (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.91

Game #1121 **Silver Bells** (\$2) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.93

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**Ongoing**

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

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn** every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm. At Reel Thing Catfish Cafe, 600 East Main Street - Suite A, Allen, TX 75002. 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 info: 469-942-0809 or [meeetup.com/378](http://meeetup.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](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com) or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

**The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch** Series: Monthly workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and servic-

es, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. 4th Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. Visit <http://nbwenorg.ning.com> for more information. **THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT** so register early!

**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).

**January 6-29**

**25th Annual KidFilm® Festival**, sponsored by the USA Film Festival, will be held in Dallas, January 6-25, 2008 at the Angelika Film Center, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas

**January 22 – February 14**

**The Star-Spangled Girl Performances** will be at the Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue in Plano (next to the Courtyard Theater) with shows on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and an additional matinee performance on Saturday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m.

**January 29**

The *Diversity Lecture Series* Presents Friendly Captivity: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. learn about the experiences of seven women who travel to India and how their experiences have transformed their lives and ideas about culture and community. RSVP - [diversity@red-crossdallas.org](mailto:diversity@red-crossdallas.org).

**January 30**

**“Simply Sinatra”** starring Steve Lippia at The Eisemann Center - 972-744-4650 or visit [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

**How2 Children's Conference at Irving Bible Church** in Dallas ([www.irvingbible.org](http://www.irvingbible.org))-January 30-31st -high-lighting leaders in children's church ministry. [www.group.com/how2](http://www.group.com/how2)

**January 31**

**Harlem Globetrotters 2009 World Tour** will take the court on Jan 31st at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This event will be held at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Texas. Details at [www.americanairlinescenter.com](http://www.americanairlinescenter.com) or [www.harlemglobetrotters.com](http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com).

**African American Read In** 2 pm at the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street Dallas TX. Send an email to [community\\_outreach@ulgdyp.org](mailto:community_outreach@ulgdyp.org) by January 15th to get involved

The Women's Ministry of the Calvary Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church presents it **Annual Chicken & Waffles Prayer Brunch** at 10 a.m. Gaytha F. Davis will serve as guest speaker on the theme "Bend, Don't Break!" The brunch will be held at the church located at 4703 Sunnyvale Street Dallas, TX. For additional info (214) 923-0292 or [www.calvaryphiladelphia.org](http://www.calvaryphiladelphia.org).

Epitome Magazine will host its **2nd Annual Red Carpet Gala & Awards Celebration** from 5-10pm at the Dallas Convention Center. Enjoy

dinner with special performances which includes David and Tamela Mann. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.EpitomeMagazine.org](http://www.EpitomeMagazine.org) or call 214.705.7733.

**February 6-7**

**Ticketstock 2009** Join Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket for two days of Sports, Love, & Fun! And remember what happens at Ticketstock, STAYS at Ticketstock! See six time NBA title winner and legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as well as other DFW's favorite sports celebrities. Free event for all! Call 214-526-7400 or visit [www.theticket.com](http://www.theticket.com)

**February 6-15**

Plano Community Theatre presents, **ACCOMPLICE** by **Rupert Holmes** the weekends of February 6-15. Performances are February 6,7,12,13,14, at 8 p.m. and February 8 and 15 at 6 p.m. Performances will be at 1301 Custer Road, Suite 706. Tickets are \$15. Seniors are \$10. Call (972) 422-2575.

**February 12**

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce **General Membership Meeting** Haggard Library 6:30pm

**February 13**

**Denim & Diamonds Event Benefiting Programs and Scholarship** 7PM – Midnight Plano Centre Entertainment, Hors d oeuvres, Cash Bar Silent Auction, 50/50 Cash Pot Cost: \$45 (972) 424-0930

**February 14**

**Smucker's Stars on Ice** - The world's top skaters are coming to

American Airlines Center in America's number one skating tour -- Smucker's Stars on Ice. Visit [www.starsonice.com](http://www.starsonice.com) or at [www.americanairlines-center.com](http://www.americanairlines-center.com)

**February 18-21**

**Dallas Auto Show** For 2009, more than 40 manufacturers from A to V will display more than 700 vehicles. [www.dallasautoshow.org](http://www.dallasautoshow.org)

**February 19**

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce **Trailblazers Award Luncheon**, 11am to 1pm

**February 20 – March 15**

Teatro Dallas presents **ORINOCO! honoring Mexican playwright Emilio Carballido** and directed by Cora Cardona. Performances are Thursdays- Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students, children and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at [www.TeatroDallas.org](http://www.TeatroDallas.org). All performances will take place at 1331 Record Crossing Rd, Dallas, TX 75235.

**February 21**

UNCF's **10th annual Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit Gala!** Featuring national recording artist saxophonist Gerald Albright and singer Toni Redd! Sheraton Hotel Dallas, more info [www.uncf.org/dallas](http://www.uncf.org/dallas) or call the UNCF office (972) 234-1007.

**Feb. 22 -Mar. 1, 2009**

**Sesame Street: Elmo's Green Thumb** Join all your favorite friends on an amazing adventure as they help Elmo find a new

home for Sunny in the all new Sesame Street Live stage show, "Elmo's Green Thumb". NOKIA Theatre Grand Prairie, [www.nokialivedfw.com](http://www.nokialivedfw.com) or visit [www.sesamestreetlive.com](http://www.sesamestreetlive.com)

**February 22**

**Krewe of Barkus Parade** - Historic Downtown McKinney will feature a parade and costume contest! Humans and their dog escorts are invited to participate. Children may also enter decorated wagon floats. Participants should meet at Mitchell Park located at the corner of Louisiana & Church in Historic Downtown McKinney at 12:30pm. Following the parade there will be a costume contest in Mitchell Park. Couple these festivities with an enjoyable shopping environment and plenty of parking which leads us to expecting a very successful event. Visit [www.downtownmckinney.com](http://www.downtownmckinney.com) or call McKinney Main Street at 972.547.2660.

**February 24**

IHOP celebrates **National Pancake Day** 7 am to 10 pm and offer each guest a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes. In return, IHOP will ask guests to donate what they would have paid for the pancakes, or more, to Children's Miracle Network or other local charities. This year, IHOP restaurants around the country hope to raise \$1,000,000, which will benefit children's hospitals and other charities throughout the U.S. To donate online, visit [www.ihoppancakeday.com](http://www.ihoppancakeday.com).

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# DCCCD Celebrates 10 Years of Citywide African American Read-In

From staff reports

Say it loud: "I read and I'm proud!"

Over the past nine years, Dallas-area residents have received thousands of free books, listened to readings by some of the nation's most prominent African-American writers and shared the joy of reading, music and culture with family, friends and neighbors. Now it's time to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Dallas County Community College District's citywide African American Read-In with music, song, prose, poetry and the sound of turning pages!

DCCCD's 10th annual African American Read-In - which celebrates literacy among people of all ages and shares the writings of African-American authors - will be held on Sat., Jan. 31, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre in Dallas. Community members are invited to attend the free event...families in particular, and children ages 8 and older...and bring a smile! Seating is limited and the theatre usually fills early because parents, youngsters and friends traditionally flock to the event.

This year's featured guests are author and motivational speaker Lisa Nichols, who appeared during the 5th read-in, and Dallas resident and actress Irma P. Hall. Both headliners will participate in readings during the program's original production, "Say It Loud: 'I Read and I'm Proud!'" (this year's theme as well), written by Anyika McMillan-Herod and directed by Monique Ridge-Williams, which reflects on the event's history.

"We are so excited to celebrate our 10th anniversary this year and to remember how many people's lives have been touched by the African American read-in," said Carla Ranger, district director of DCCCD's office of educational partnerships and founder of the Dallas-area African American Read-In. During Black History month in February, we want to challenge our community members to read a work written by an African-American writer for 20 minutes a day. I guarantee that each person who takes on this challenge will become a better reader!"

Celebrating 10 years of reading and learning, the DCCCD African American Read-In in Dallas is the largest event of its kind in the United States and serves as a national model that others have followed. The Dallas African American Read-In has provided free books to readers who attend the event and also has promoted community-based read-ins that have reached thousands of additional readers. In 2005, for example, more than 35,000 Dallas-linked readers (students, organi-

zations, families, book clubs and others) staged additional read-ins; the Dallas citywide goal is 10,000 participants each year.

Touching others' lives and promoting literacy has had a profound effect on many participants like Ernest Johnson. Johnson attended the 2006 read-in with his wife, Latrice, and their two children after waiting in line unsuccessfully the two previous years for a seat at the annual event. The production that year featured readings for men and fathers. Johnson left the theater inspired. He also heard Ranger's challenge to read for 20 minutes each day and to become a better reader.

He remembers, "At first, it was hard to schedule 20 minutes to read but, if she was right, my desire to become a better reader would come true. So I kept at it. The more I read, the better I got." And Johnson told his story to others during the 2007 read-in. He proclaimed, "Yes! Now I can read, and I'm proud!"

As always, audience members will receive free T-shirts, canvas bags, books and other literacy incentives. "The real treasure they will talk with them will be the words - both spoken and written - shared by authors, readers, artists and actors, plus friendships that grow each year as a result of the read-in," said Ranger. "And we also will celebrate our read-in hero, George Dawson, who started us on this fantastic journey 10 years ago."

For its 10th anniversary read-in, DCCCD again is partnering with a number of new and returning sponsors who represent Dallas-based and national organizations, plus businesses, community groups and news outlets to stage the event. They include: K104-FM, KRNB-FM, KKDA-AM, "The (Dallas) Weekly," "Dallas Morning News," "Downtown Business News," NTheKnow.com, McDonald's, Comerica Bank, City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, Dallas Children's Theater, Harlem Book Fair, Holt McDougal, Scholastic, "Highlights for Children," Dallas Public Library, Jokae's African American Books, Millennium Motor Cars and the National Council of Teachers of English Black Caucus.

Other performers will include: Lyndale the Literary Lion, Cynthia Dorn Navarette, Richmond Punch, Christopher Whiteman, David Carr, Je'Mone Smith, Audrey McClure, Key'Aiera Lockett (Dallas Black Dance Theater's "Bloom" Company), Ayubu Kamau African Dance and Drum Troupe, Jessica Williams, Oliver Wendall Holmes School "Boss Band" and students from George Dawson Middle School (in Southlake, Texas).

The idea for an African American Read-In originated with Dr. Jerrie Scott, faculty member at the University of Memphis and a member of the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. The

event's purpose is to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. Since 2000, the caucus has documented a cumulative total of more than 1 million persons who have participated in read-ins held across the country.

Visit [www.readin-dcccd.edu](http://www.readin-dcccd.edu) for details.

## Past participants share their thoughts: Say it loud – I read and I'm proud!

### Karl and Maureen Jones

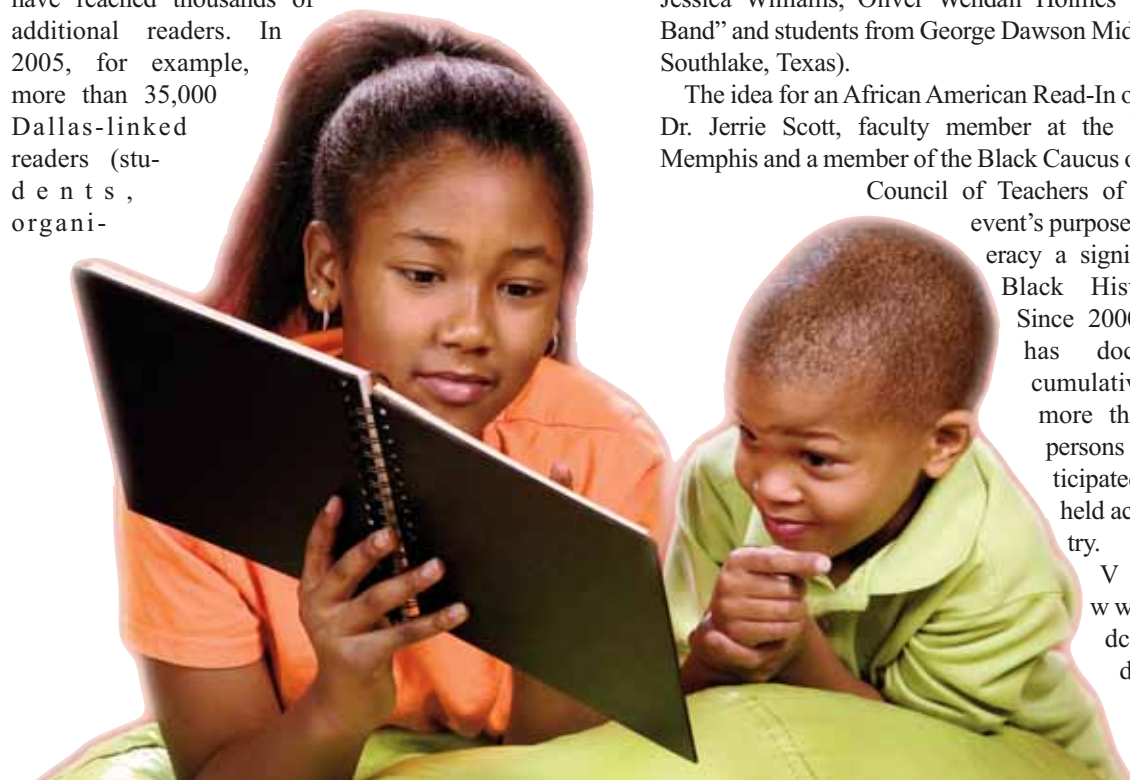
Long before he attended his first read-in, Karl Jones always knew that he wanted to be a writer. "I'd been fooling around with writing for five or six years and had just finally moved toward writing poetry when my wife convinced me to join her at the read-in," Jones said. "I was so impressed with the event that I went home and wrote poem number 36 all about the read-in." Since that first read-in three years ago, Jones has written more than 85 more poems. He's also actively sought out books written by African-American authors and books about African-American culture. "This event has really opened me up to new cultures, new ideas and new ways of thinking," he said. "It's made me realize how narrow a life I've lived. Now it's exciting to see it open up! Every year, I'm even more excited to see something put together to help people read."

### Ja'Cedric Knight

Ja'Cedric Knight was five years old when he attended his first read-in at the Majestic Theatre. He had just learned to read in his kindergarten class and was excited about the opportunity to hear others read as well. "Between each reader taking the stage, Ja'Cedric would raise his hand, hoping he'd be called upon to read on stage with the others," said Ja'Cedric's mother, Felicia Cook. "His only reference point was his school classroom, and he was so excited about reading and showing others he could (read) that he was just begging to be called up on stage. He didn't realize that the readers had been chosen previously. He kept telling me, 'I'd like to read something, too.'" Ja'Cedric's mother helped him organize a read-in for his family, then his neighborhood and his church – and, eight years later, Ja'Cedric finally appeared on stage at the read-in to share his own published poem.

### Barbara Record

When Barbara Record's aunt, a former school teacher, came to visit from San Francisco, Record knew exactly where to take her – to the annual DCCCD read-in at the Majestic Theatre. Unfortunately, the lines were so long that year that the theater was full before they could get a seat. "We had parked my car near the front door," Record recalled. "When the people helping with the read-in realized we couldn't get in, they brought her some books and spent time talking with her. She was so excited about it all. She enjoyed every one of the books that she received, and we had our own read-in when we got back home." Record's aunt lived to be 104 years old, and she spent her entire life teaching others to read. "My aunt really saw the value of reading and educating those around you. She passed that on to the rest of our family as well," said Record. "Since that trip with my aunt, I've been able to take my children (to the read-in) and they've been able to take their children. I hope we can pass it along to many generations to come. It's always quite an experience. I'm very proud of DCCCD for doing this for our community."



## Sundance honors 'Push,' 'We Live in Public'

Associated Press

The Sundance Film Festival's prizes for best U.S. drama on Saturday went to "Push," the dark yet hopeful story of a young woman finding her way out of nightmarish circumstances in 1980s Harlem.

Based on the 1996 first novel by the poet Sapphire and directed by Lee Daniels, "Push" won both the grand jury and audience awards. The film version is subtitled "Based on the novel by Sapphire" to distinguish it from the Dakota Fanning-Chris Evans sci-fi thriller due out next month.

The penultimate night of the 11-day festival, the nation's premiere showcase for independent film, was marked by political references and jangled

nerves.

Sundance Institute executive director Ken Brecher hoisted an honorary festival pass with the new U.S. president's name on it, and presenter Joseph Gordon-Levitt tugged at his red Barack Obama T-shirt, saying: "These awards are exercises in democracy, and it's a good time for democracy right now."

Gordon-Levitt cheered and gave Daniels a big hug before presenting the audience award to his film, which stars Mo'Nique, Mariah Carey and Paula Patton alongside newcomer Gabourey Sidibe, who plays pregnant 16-year-old Precious Jones.

"This is so important to me because this is speaking for every minority that's in Harlem, that's in Detroit, that's in Watts, that's being abused, that can't read,



*Mariah Carey*

that's obese and that we turn our back on," Daniels said. "And this is for every gay little boy and girl that's being tortured. If I can do this ... ya'll can do this."

When he picked up the grand jury prize later in the evening, Daniels acknowledged: "I'm drunk. I got like three shots right after we got the last one."

The grand jury prize for U.S. documentary went to "We Live in Public," focusing on little-known Internet pioneer Josh Harris and his failed "life-casting" art projects in 1999 and 2000. The film

was directed by Ondi Timoner, whose "Dig!" won the same award in 2004.

Timoner dedicated the honor to Harris, calling him "the first subject I've ever had that said I don't care how you portray me as long as you make a great film."

Nicholas Jasenovec and Charlyne Yi won the Waldo Salt screenwriting award for "Paper Heart," a hybrid documentary-improv road movie featuring Yi and Michael Cera.

"I feel sick. I'm sweaty. I smell bad," said Yi, a performance artist and comedian best known for a bit part in "Knocked Up" and her relationship with Cera.

She finished by addressing other filmmakers in the audience: "Who knows what'll happen to our films but at least they were seen."

## Kelly Rowland splits from Beyonce's manager dad

Associated Press

Kelly Rowland says she will always be a part of Beyonce's family, but she no longer will be managed by the superstar's father. Rowland and Matthew Knowles announced Wednesday that he is bowing out as her manager. He's guided her career since she was kid, when he put her in Destiny's Child along with Beyonce. He even helped raise her.

Both Rowland and Knowles - who still manages daughter Beyonce - called the split amicable. Both say they will always be family.

Rowland has sold millions of records as part of Destiny's Child, but her solo career hasn't matched that success.

Rowland - who turns 27 next month - did not say who her new manager will be.



*Kelly Rowland*

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## WATERFRONT, continued from Page 1

ty in short order," said Mayor John Harper. "This development will put Rowlett on the map as the perfect destination location for living, working and entertaining."

The development, when fully constructed could include approximately 785,000 square feet of

retail space, 1.2 million square feet of office space, approximately 1.5 million square feet of residential space, 500,000 square feet of hotel space, approximately 185,000 square feet of convention/meeting space and approximately 250,000 square feet of restaurant pad sites,

providing a pedestrian-friendly, sustainable, urban lifestyle center environment.

Bill Boyd, president of LSC, stated that LSC is planning an innovative development that will enhance the quality of life in Rowlett. "This tract of land bordering the exten-

sion of the President George Bush Turnpike, Lake Ray Hubbard, and the Rowlett DART rail extension will provide a unique destination district," he said. "We are engaging development consultants with experience in entertainment districts and town center developments and we look forward to working with

the City of Rowlett on the project."

LSC plans to begin developing the property into a high quality, mixed use development under a long-term lease agreement with the City. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2010 and will be completed in a Phased Development once infrastructure is in place.

"With miles of quality shoreline in Rowlett, we know this type of development is perfect for the waterfront district," said Economic Development Director Ben White.

"Each step of the negotiation process has accelerated our excitement about what is in store for our prime lakefront property."

## SALON, from Page 1

ing confident about their look and will know the best way to recreate it.

"For the cost of a salon visit, you can learn how to do your own hair," she said.

Audia has been a devoted hairdresser and master colorist for 30 years. She has been helping clients look great by teaching them how it is done. She created the seminar "The Power of Hair" to help woman manage their own hair.

Through her seminar series, she has found a way to combine her outgoing personality and hairdressing

expertise into a fun and informative seminar.

Audia says, "it isn't fair that clients go home with a fabulous new hairstyle, but can't recreate it themselves." She guarantees that you won't have problem after you spend time in her chair. Jokingly, Audia lists the top 5 reasons to take the class.

For more information go to the web site [www.Suzetteaudia.com](http://www.Suzetteaudia.com) or to register for the seminar call 972 489-3536 or e-mail [suzette@suzetteaudia.com](mailto:suzette@suzetteaudia.com).

## BUDGET, from Page 5

Martinez Fischer filed one imposing a fine of up to \$400 for using a handheld device while driving.

Ortiz said, "Talking on a cell phone and texting while driving is becoming a dangerous trend. The research is clear that using a cell phone or texting greatly increases your risk of being involved in a crash."

Several bills were filed dealing with teachers' benefits this week. Representative Abel Herrero filed HBs 686, 687 and 689. These bills would give a cost of living

increase to the Teachers' Retirement Fund, improve health benefits for retired teachers, and raise the State's contributions to the Retirement Fund from 6 to 7% monthly.

Representative Patrick M. Rose filed HB 709 which would create a stipend awarded to teachers who are certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

None of the bills filed this week have been scheduled to be read in chamber or committee

meetings. However, these are significant issues and the bills, or similar bills, will most likely be adopted by the end of the session.

The House and the Senate both are scheduled to reconvene on Monday,

January 26th, and the Governor is expected to address them in a joint session on Tuesday. Committee appointments and some hearing scheduling are also anticipated to be announced.

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# Don't forget the 1099s this year

By KEDRA WILLIAMS

You have until January 31 to prepare and mail 1099s to recipients. You've generally got until February 28 to mail the required copy to the IRS. This article isn't intended to provide all the details on filing 1099s. Rather, we want to make you aware of some frequently overlooked details. If you find you need to file some 1099s and haven't, you can get forms at your local office supply store. Many stores also have a software package that will make it easier to process the forms.

## Penalties

First, the bad news. You should be aware that there are penalties for failure to send a required 1099. The good news is that the penalty is based on how late you're filing. If it's just 30 days late, the penalty is only \$15 per information return. It increases to \$30 if you file by August 1, and goes to \$50 if you file after that. So, if you're late, procrastination will only make it worse. You may be able to avoid the penalties completely if you can show that failure to comply was due to reasonable cause. But that's not as easy to do as it sounds.

While we're on the subject of penalties, you can't avoid withholding, FICA, unemployment, etc. by giving a worker a 1099 when they really should be classified as an employee and get a W-2. But you may be able to reduce your penalties for misclassifying a worker as an independent contractor by giving him or her a 1099. The rules are involved.

Forms You May Have to File 1099-MISC.

This is the one you're probably most familiar with. This is the form you use for independent contractors. Many businesses only consider those individuals who do work related to the purpose of the

business. For example, a machine shop might give 1099s to a subcontractor who has his own shop. But you have to provide a 1099 to any business other than a corporation who performs services for your business. For example, the auto mechanic who repairs the company truck; the electrician who came in to add outlets in your office; etc. You must also send a 1099 to the person to whom you pay office or other rent.

Here's a list of other payments that might have to be reported on a 1099.

- payments to attorneys (even if a corporation)
- auto reimbursements
- awards
- bonuses
- commissions
- compensation
- damages
- director's fees
- fees
- fishing boat crew members proceeds
- fish purchases for cash
- health care services
- nonqualified deferred compensation
- prizes
- rents
- vacation allowance

Only report nonemployee payments on a 1099-MISC. If the individual is an employee, the amount should be reported on his or her W-2. For example, a bonus paid to an employee is reported on a W-2; a bonus to an independent contractor belongs on a 1099. (Amounts paid to the estate of a deceased employee are reportable on a 1099-MISC. Check the instructions.)

## Goods & Supplies

You don't have to send a 1099-MISC to a party that provides you only with goods. For example, you buy auto parts from a local distributor and one of your employees repairs the vehicles. But a 1099 is required to an auto repair shop even if the value of the services is relatively small. For example, it's \$2300 for the parts; \$150 for the labor.

The 1099-MISC should be for \$2450.

If you don't classify payments by vendor as well as by general ledger account, you should go through your records to see who you might owe a 1099. That can include the service that cleans the office; your attorney who's on retainer (or paid by hour); etc. You generally don't have to report payments made to a corporation. The exceptions are payments to attorneys, for medical services, and fish purchases for cash. In these cases even if the provider does business as a corporation, the payments are reportable.

What about other providers? Don't know if

the business is a corporation, LLC, sole proprietorship? Did the person provide goods or services?

Sending a 1099-MISC where one is not required has no adverse consequences. Many businesses, even large ones, send 1099s to every vendor. You must report fees paid by one professional to another, such as fee-splitting or referral fees.

Report commissions paid to nonemployee salespersons that are subject to repayment but not repaid during the calendar year. Fees paid to a nonemployee, including an independent contractor or travel reimbursement for which the nonemployee did not account to the payer, if the

fee and reimbursement total at least \$600. The reporting threshold for non-employee compensation, services, etc. and rents is \$600. If the amount paid during the year is \$600 or

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## Scholarships for Laid Off Workers

From staff reports

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Persons interested in applying for the funds should contact the Office of Financial Aid at 972.860.8280. Proof of employment status must be presented to apply for the funds. A complete list of Spring courses can be viewed at [www.cedarvall-college.edu](http://www.cedarvall-college.edu).



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas (DHA) will receive bids for the **Demolition and Asbestos Abatement of Cedar Glen North Apartments, located at 2621 Southerland Ave., Dallas, Texas 75203**, until 2:00 P.M., on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Development Department, 3939 N. Hampton Road, 1st Floor, Dallas, Texas 75212, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 26, 2009 will be rejected. **A pre-bid conference has been scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the Cedar Glen South Apartment Office, 2906 E. Kiest Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75216.**

Bid Documents, including Plans and Specifications, may be acquired at DHA's Central Office, Development Department, 3939 N. Hampton Road, 1st Floor, Dallas, Texas 75212 beginning on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The DHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or age. Equal Housing Opportunity.



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Texas (DHA) will receive proposals from qualified firms to provide professional consultant services for the analysis of DHA facilities for conformance to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended (29 U.S.C. 794)., until 3:00 P.M., on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Development Department, 3939 N. Hampton Road, 1st Floor, Dallas, Texas 75212. Proposal documents are on file and may be acquired at DHA's Central Office, Development Department, 3939 N. Hampton Road, Dallas, Texas 75212. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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### ALLEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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February 6, 13,  
20, and 29, 7 pm  
Friday Nights)

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**Sister Tarpley**

There is a song that we would sing often in church, it always inspire would me, especially when things seemed tough in my life as I was going through a trial. It was from the book of **Psalms, Chapter 91, verses 1-2**, particularly, but the entire chapter of Psalm 91. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God in Him will I trust."

During the Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year Holidays, my mind is drawn to the song and the Book of Psalms, because society says that those holidays are the worst for some individuals, when really they should be the happiest.

The Lord said, "I will go before thee and make the

## Dwell In God's Secret Place

crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

And I will give thee treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel." **Isaiah 45:2-3.**

When you trust God completely, I believe that He takes you to a depth of soul experience, and you should be alert to new truths and new perspectives, even if you don't fully understand what God is doing in your life at the time. Having faith in God often leads individuals to amazing new discoveries. It can be a storehouse of unexpected pleasures and riches for your soul.

Whatever is going on in your life at this time, you must believe in God and live each day to the fullest. Don't find yourself living in the past or in the future. Live in the 'present' moment that

God gives you. When you need deliverance, God will come through for you on His schedule and it will be right on time for you. Learn to be content in the place where God has placed you.

When you find yourself going through a trial of adversity, understand that God is performing radical surgery on your life. The purpose of God's surgery is not to destroy you, but to give you a new heart. God is making a fundamental change in who you are and who you will be. And He will always reveal treasures from these secret places if you are willing to walk through the process patiently.

As you are going through your trials and tribulations thank God for His Words of life. Thank Him for the Holy Bible that is full of wisdom, examples, guidance, instructions, promises, enlightenment and life-giving knowledge. Thank Him for His Word that is an encouragement when you need it, and a

chastisement at other times in your life. If you ask God, His Word will help you to find answers to life questions that arise and it will give you peace when you are confused. His Word will teach you about His power and love, it will reinforce the importance of following His Son Jesus, and to be a living testimony for your family, in your neighborhood and in your work place.

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(L to R) Rev. James Robinson, Pastor of Lakeway Baptist Church, Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, and Rev. Wally Leyerlie, Pastor of First Baptist Church, celebrating Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day @ Friendship BC, The Colony.



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**Wednesday**  
Morning Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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# MORNING AFTER, from Page 1

Patrick Jackson, City Manager Lynda Humble, Assistant City Manager Katie Corder and several other staff members attended the DART Board Meeting-As-AWhole to extend thanks to DART for their commitment to the City of Rowlett to make this project a reality.

Mayor Harper spoke to the board members saying, "Chairman Chrisman, DART Board members, DART staff... I remember speaking with you about one year ago. At that time there was serious concern that the project to extend

the DART Blue Line to the City of Rowlett would yet again be delayed. I remember the anxiety and confusion and disappointment that caused, but we all worked together and found a solution!"

Following the Mayor's comments, former Rowlett Mayor and now current DART Board member, Mark Enoch made a motion to approve a contract with Austin Bridge & Road for the 4.5 mile extension from downtown Garland station to Rowlett, which was then unanimously approved by the DART board.

Funding for the \$188 million project, which is scheduled for completion in December 2012, is included in DART's 20-year Financial Plan. A ceremonial groundbreaking will be held in mid-March in downtown Rowlett. Already, stacks of rail have

been placed in the construction area north of Main Street in anticipation of the start of construction.

"The official approval of the Blue Line is precisely the economic engine we need to foster the kind of development that will mark downtown as an attractive destination for living, working and playing in Rowlett," said Harper.

City Manager Lynda Humble was officially introduced to the DART Board during the afternoon meeting, which led one of the board members to humorously state that she should be commended for getting this project approved during her first two weeks on the job.

"This is a great day for the City of Rowlett," said

Humble. "I sincerely commend the Mayor, Council and staff members who have worked so diligently on this project with DART for so many years. Because of their foresight, Rowlett is now poised to attract exciting development along the rail line to the downtown area, truly making Rowlett a choice destination location."

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