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Texans get help filing for earned income tax credit

(NDG Wire) AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission encourages qualifying taxpayers to take advantage of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which allows lower-income individuals and families to pay less or no federal tax, or receive cash payments. Tax

preparation services or community site referrals are offered statewide through the 28 local workforce development boards. The deadline to file 2009 federal income tax returns is April 15, 2010.

EITC inserts have been included in the mailings of 1099 tax forms to all Cal-

endar Year (CY) 2009 Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants. Services provided by local workforce boards vary statewide. Assistance can include providing tax filers with free tax preparation services, helpful tax information or free-site location referrals, and book-mark-

ing Internal Revenue Service EITC Web sites on computers in workforce center resource rooms, which provide information on EITC and various local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Texas. Taxpayers can locate their nearest local

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Heart disease in women more common, preventable than most think

BY TEXAS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Paul and his wife, Claudia, were in their 70s, active and enjoying every day of their small-town retirement in West Texas. They were counting on a decade more of the same, and their overall good

health made that a pretty solid-looking bet.

With no warning, on a pleasant weekend day in spring, that dream ended. Paul called to Claudia, who'd told him she needed to get something from a shelf in their "junk room." When she didn't answer,

he went to check on her and found her motionless on the floor.

He called emergency personnel, but a heart attack had already claimed her life.

Losing Claudia was

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Dangerous Ramifications of Sexting



BY PAUL ABBOT, TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Teenage Texans use of text messaging and camera-equipped cell phones has led to an alarming new practice: sexting.

Sexting is the practice of teenagers sending sexually explicit messages or images electronically, pri-

marily between mobile phones. Technological improvements that are now standard on many mobile phones allow teenagers to easily distribute photographs and videos to boyfriends, girlfriends and friends. Some young Texans are even sexting to strangers they have only

met online.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy surveyed 1,300 teenagers about sexting and found troubling results:

- 71 percent of teen girls and 67 percent of teen

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The woman behind the NBA All-Star Jam Session



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Dallas Black Dance Theater's Cultural Awareness Series

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TRUTH CLINIC

New Orleans 30 year Black mayoral franchise surrendered

JAMES W. BREEDLOVE

Overshadowed by the hoopla and hype of Super Bowl XLIV a significant event that has far reaching social and political implications took place in New Orleans.

Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu was elected as the mayor of the city of New Orleans by a landslide victory on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Mayor-Elect Landrieu is the first white candidate to be elected mayor of New Orleans in 32 years. The last white

mayor was Moon Landrieu, Mitch Landrieu's father, who served from 1970-1979.

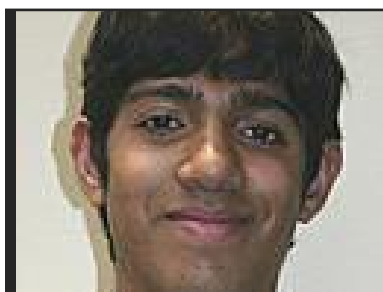
Mitch Landrieu received a blowout 66 percent of the votes in what had been predicted would be a close race, possibly even needing a runoff to determine the winner. In fact the closest competitor, black businessman Troy Henry, came in a distant second with only 14 percent of the votes.

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Prashant Raghavendran

Prashant Raghavendran, a junior neuroscience major in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, was chosen from among more than 7,000 hopeful contest-



ants to compete in *Jeopardy's* annual College Championship. He was in Los Angeles January 3-7 to tape the show.

"This was certainly one of the most exciting experiences ever," Raghavendran said. "I was very nervous, but seeing that set was exhilarating."

Raghavendran said he decided to try out for *Jeopardy* because he has watched the show since he was 8 or 9 years old.

"I've had a love for knowledge since I was an infant," he said. "My par-

ents would teach me countries on a world atlas when I was 3. The format of *Jeopardy* intrigued me."

Just to get on the show was quite an accomplishment. He first scored high on an online quiz in September and also did well during a trial run in Chicago in October. He learned in December that he was one of 15, out of 7,000 hopefuls, to earn a place on the show.

Raghavendran is not new to competition. He has participated in several previous academic events,

such as Geography Bee and Quiz Bowl. Those contests also involve a great deal of pressure, so he was confident he could hold up well on *Jeopardy*.

"I was most nervous about the audience," Raghavendran said. "I feared that it would be a larger audience than it was. Once I saw it was relatively small, it was easier to get over."

As far as his future TV plans, Raghavendran said he would love to be on *Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?* because the questions are fun and challenging. But he is content just

making it to *Jeopardy*.

Asked why quiz shows continue to be so popular with people of all ages, Raghavendran said he thinks people enjoy learning and demonstrating their knowledge.

"When you put that in the context of games, it becomes fun to learn," he said. "There's really a big culture behind a show like *Jeopardy*. You watch to see people like Ken Jennings (the all-time champion) grow on you over two months of play. It's always uplifting to see how smart people are. In a small way, it gives you confidence in

people."

When he's not flying to California for TV show tapings, Raghavendran stays busy at UT Dallas. He is active in Student Government, now serving as legislative affairs chairman. He is a McDermott Scholar, a member of Model UN, a participant in intramurals and a cast member in Side Show, an upcoming campus musical production. Raghavendran also works in the lab of Dr. Rockford Draper, professor of biology, studying biomedical uses of carbon nanotubes.

His appearance aired on Feb. 5 on CBS 11 at 11 a.m.

Rod Booze

(NDG Wire) As managing principal of Ascension Group Architects, Rod Booze is responsible for the design and building of hospital and medical office buildings nationwide. David C. Tooley and Erick Westerholm are principals at the Arlington firm where volume of health care-specific work exceeds \$2 billion in construction.

Some of his current and projects include construction and design of Texas Regional

Medical Center at Sunnyvale, Forest Park Medical Center in Dallas and Gerald Champion Medical Center in Alamogordo, N.M. Booze also is leading design and construction of a replacement hospital for Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho, a more than \$150 million project, which recently was named one of that state's top projects by construction trade journal *Intermountain Contractor*.

Booze and Ascension specialize in health care, science and institutional proj-



ects. Among some of Booze's biggest past projects include the design and construction of Texas Health Presbyterian Medical Center Denton and Mat-Su Regional Medical Center in Palmer,

Alaska, a more than \$100 million project.

"Health care projects are an anomaly, insofar as they are truly the most technically demanding building type relative to occupancy use, life safety and technical interface," Booze said. "I enjoy the complexities and the opportunity to contribute to these cutting-edge healing environments."

"This is our window of opportunity to serve the health care community and the public as a whole."

Booze received both

bachelor and master's degrees in architecture from the University of Texas at Arlington and an additional undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University-Idaho. He's a registered architect in Texas, Idaho, New Mexico, Mississippi, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Alaska, Georgia, Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Utah, Florida and Illinois.

While the weakened economy has affected how many health care projects are built now, many larger hospi-

tal systems are going forward with projects, Booze said. They are spending money on intensive care unit expansions, as well as critical care and coronary care unit expansions.

"Despite the current economy, Dallas-Fort Worth and other growing areas continue to require top health care options," he said. "There are plenty of opportunities for more design and construction."

To reach Ascension, call 817-226-1917 or www.ascensiongroup.biz.

Dr. Sandra Bruce Nichols



(NDG Wire) Dr. Sandra B. Nichols is the Chief Medical Officer of West Region for United Healthcare. She was previously National Medical Director of Clinical Performance for UnitedHealthcare-AmericaChoice.

Dr. Nichols is a graduate of Columbia College in

Columbia, Missouri where she received her BA in Chemistry. She is also a graduate of Tennessee State University with an MS in Biology, and she is a graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Medicine where she received her medical degree, served as Chief Resident and became an Occupational and Environmental Medicine Fellow at the university. Dr. Bruce Nichols is Board Certified in Family Practice.

She has more than 15 years of increasingly responsible roles in health care, medical education and medical management. Dr. Bruce Nichols has previously held the position of CEO for AMERIGROUP District of Columbia and

Virginia and Sr. Regional Medical Director for UnitedHealthcare Northeast. She also served as Director and Commission of the Arkansas Department of Health, and as a Cabinet Secretary and Board of Health Member in the administrations of two Arkansas Governors - Jim Guy Tucker and Mike Huckabee.

Dr. Bruce Nichols has received many awards and citations. She is a 2005 National Congress of Black Women, Inc. award recipient, named one of the Top 25 Minority Executives in Health Care by Modern Health Care Magazine in 2006, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient from Columbia College in 2006 and a 2009

graduate of UnitedHealth Group Leadership Program. In addition, she is the recipient of the National FBI Community Leadership Award, Talented Tenth Award, the Eta Phi Beta Vision of Excellence Award and the Public Health Leadership Institute Scholar Award.

Dr. Bruce Nichols has served on numerous boards and organizations, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Southern Rural Access Board and Mercantile Bank Board. She is currently serving on the Board of Trustees for Columbia College. She is a published author of articles and a textbook chapter.

She is a member of the Mt. Calvary Baptist church Rockville, MD where Rev. Leon Grant is Pastor; Rev. Dr. Lora Hargrove and Rev. H. Fountain are Assistant

Pastors.

Dr. Bruce Nichols is married to Ronnie A. Nichols and they have a

teenage daughter, Marquise Nichols a sophomore at Hofstra University Long Island, New York.

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Corporations and democracy

BY STEPHEN LOVE

Modern history suggests a good case can be made for the parallel rise of democracy and the corporate structure. The concept of the social contract (governments ruled by permission of the governed) and the corporate contract (persons of limited means should have a mechanism to aggregate their wealth independent of government) grew in public acceptance since the 16th and 17th centuries.

The only exception being the early-to-mid 20th century experiment with fascism - where corporations became extensions of the axis political structure - politics and the corporation went their sepa-

rate but parallel ways.

The two structures grew up separate but parallel because of three shared values: (1) A belief in the sanctity of stockholder rights, namely that management served the aims of stockholders and were not some imperial class unaccountable to those who provided them the means to live in luxury; (2) that the corporation was a fictional person created by law, not a flesh and blood person and therefore should have limited powers vis-à-vis real people; and (3) that a corporation existed in perpetuity and that there was a corporate shield protecting management from liability, had to be balanced with some limitations on cor-

porate activities in the political arena.

In their recent ruling, the United States Supreme Court, by first declaring that money was speech and now declaring that managers can use a stockholder's wealth against his political self-interest, threaten to undo a very creative synergy between democracy and the corporate structure.

Investors must now not only be concerned about market forces but the management's political leanings. This is a knife at the heart of the international investment community because no foreign investor wants their profits poured down the rat hole of American partisan

politics.

This does not need to be the last word, however. There are legislative ways to reign in the power of managers. One would be to force the democratization of Boards of Directors to return some balance of power between managers and stockholders.

Another would be to require mandatory levels of dividend payments to limit the size of corporate slush funds. That seems to be where the next political battles will take place as the forces of management will try to protect their power to use other people's wealth against their political wishes.

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Landrieu will succeed current mayor Ray Nagin, who had been under fire for his disappointing leadership in obtaining adequate recovery assistance for the residents of New Orleans following the disastrous 2005 Hurricane Katrina and for a series of scandals associated with high level members of his administration.

Nagin who had served for eight years could not run again because of term limits. The thirty year dynasty of black mayors in New Orleans began in 1978 with the election of Ernest Morial. He was followed by Sidney Barthelemy in 1986 and after two terms was succeeded by Marc Morial who's two terms ended in May 2002 with the election of Ray Nagin.

Blacks refer to the mayor's office as "the franchise"; their key to balancing the powerful economic power wielded by the white elite. For the past three decades, the black business sector has depended on the franchise give them entre to city contracts and jobs.

Bernard L. Charbonnet, a lawyer and political activist spoke about being the chief executive of New Orleans as, "The mayor has always been the citadel of strength for the

black community in this town. It has always been the prize."

Mr. Charbonnet indicated that the slow recovery of and restoration of black middle class neighborhoods following Katrina and the dispersal of the city's population seemed to undermine the importance of keeping the mayoral franchise.

The New Orleans Tribune, a black newsmagazine, editorialized that the thought of even a possibility of losing the city's top elected office after only 32 years is painful. It had stressed for many years the importance of self-governance and self-determination in a majority African American city.

In the early stages of the mayoral campaign, which had many twists and turns, black state senator Edwin R. Murray was the odds on favorite to at least make it to a runoff with one of the white candidates. He was one of the most successful fundraisers and was better known than the other black candidates on the ballot. The strategic thinking was in the runoff the divided black voters would rally to the Murray camp.

All of this pre-election political strategy became moot on Jan. 2, when Mr.

Murray announced that he was quitting the race.

After Murray withdrew *The New Orleans Tribune* after much angst, careful analysis of the candidates' proposed agendas, positions and past records, as well as the intrigue and machinations surrounding the election concluded that it must endorse white businessman candidate John Georges despite having several other black candidates on the ballot.

In explaining the rationale for endorsing white candidate John Georges over the better known white candidate Mitch Landrieu the newspaper offered the following on the two candidates:

Acknowledging the long history between the black community and the Landrieu family the newspaper extolled the good that had been done. However, the response from the Landrieus has frequently been disrespectful and disappointing. Time and again after having won our support, various family members ignored our interests while attempting to appease the conservative base of the party.

This time must be different. No Landrieus, no political party, can ever again assume that after 60 years of party loyalty, we as a people

have no alternative, no place else to go. No one can take our votes for granted.

The newspaper noted that, "We will be the first to admit that many of the problems that engulf our community now are of our own making; a dearth of young leadership in the pipeline, numerous elected officials whom we have failed to hold accountable, the selling out of our community and our people for personal gain, and our elevating to positions of power those who have not worked to empower the people."

We are supporting John Georges because we know him. We like him. We have voted for him before. He is committed to jobs, African American causes and African American business enterprise. We think John Georges is the best candidate to "hold" the mayor's office while we in the African American community regroup.

After all the rhetoric and analysis the people elected Mitch Landrieu mayor. It remains to be seen if giving up a 30 year black franchise to a white dynasty brings salvation to New Orleans's majority black community.

Send comments or opinions to: www.truthclinic.com.

Methodist offers free weight loss workshops in February and March

(NDG Wire) Explore the Methodist Weight Management Institute lifestyle change and weight-loss surgery programs. Attend one of the free, weight loss workshops to learn the many ways that Methodist Health System can help you lose weight and gain health. Free weight-loss seminars include:

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To see a complete list of upcoming weight-loss workshops and register online, visit www.methodisthealthsystem.org/weight-mgmt and click Weight Loss Workshops. Or, call 214-947-0004.

Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center

Last week we profiled Shea Alexander, Clinical Director at darcc (Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center). We

failed to include their contact information. If you or a friend need their assistance please call their hotline at

972 - 641 - RAPE (7273). Also for more information you can visit their website at www.dallasrapecrisis.org

Creating a healthy smile

BY IVY N. CARTER, MBA

The first thing that people notice about you is your smile. That's right regardless of your size, hair style or even eye color people notice your smile first. Unfortunately, you may be unaware of how improperly maintaining your smile can cause other health issues and lead to tooth loss.

Dr. Sonia Smith of Showtime Dental Care in Fort Worth, TX says, "Failing to maintain a healthy mouth can



lead to such conditions as heart disease, lung issues, diabetes and low birth rate in

babies if the mother is pregnant and not taking care of her teeth and gums."

Gum disease is one of the most common issues in dental health and often causes other medical conditions if unattended by a professional dentist.

Dry mouth leads to inflammation of the gums and also has a negative impact of an unhealthy mouth. Bleeding is not a normal gum condition and should be attended

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doubly painful for Paul because both were under the impression that surgery had fixed problems that led to an earlier cardiac arrest. That near-fatal attack had itself been a shock; neither Claudia nor Paul had realized that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women.

Like many Texans, they also did not know heart disease kills 450,000 women each year — roughly one per minute. And, although breast cancer is rightly viewed as a serious health threat for women, death from heart disease is 10 times more common.

These are some of the key points being stressed by the American Heart Association, along with their private partners and public agency collaborators such as the Texas Department of State Health Services:

- Wear a red dress, T-shirt or lipstick to help raise awareness of heart disease among women, and to show your support for research, public education and prevention.
- Talk to your friends. Let them know it's not just men who are at risk. In fact, 90 percent of women have

one or more risk factors for developing heart disease.

- Spread the word that up to 80 percent of cardiac problems in women could be prevented if women avoid (or quit) smoking and make smart decisions in their diet and exercise.

- Do not forget to share these messages with younger women. Lifestyle patterns established in one's childhood or adolescence are hard to change decades down the line.

Guys also can step up and help raise awareness for women and heart disease. Although counseling one's wife or girlfriend to lose weight is a poor tactical move in most cases, there still are plenty of other ways of encouraging her to take care of her heart.

If she does the cooking, tell her you are trying to get in better shape and would appreciate lower-fat, higher-fiber meals in smaller portions. If you are the household chef, introduce those changes yourself.

Ask her to walk, swim, jog or go dancing with you. Get your cholesterol checked together. If you are both a bit high, challenge her to a cholesterol-lower-

ing contest.

Tell her she is looking great, and that you are looking forward to a long, healthy life together.

Above all, the American Heart Association urges every Texan, male or female, to actively educate themselves about heart disease among women and apply it to our daily lifestyle choices.

A rich information source is the Texas Department of State Health Services (www.dshs.state.tx.us). Click on the Prevention and Preparedness link to find resources that include the agency's Cardiovascular Health and Wellness program.

The American Heart Association's website www.americanheart.org offers a wide-range of information such as exercise and recipe tips to aid women, men and families in heart healthy living.

You can learn about the risk factors for heart disease, including smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, high cholesterol and diabetes. The next step is yours: Making the appropriate changes in your own lifestyle.

Nothing's certain in life, but you can help make it as

long, rich and rewarding as possible by looking out for

your heart health — and that of the people you love.

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Remington College launches *Adopt Our School* program to benefit local schools

(NDG Wire) If there's one lesson taught in almost every public school in the country, it's this: money is tight.

That is why Remington College is launching a new program called *Adopt Our School* to help schools out with up to \$2,000 worth of supplies.

Based in Heathrow, Florida, Remington College offers diploma and degree programs at 20 campuses throughout the United

States, including a new on-line campus. Its mission is to provide career-focused education through a variety of programs, including nursing, cosmetology, business office management and criminal justice.

The Adopt Our School program is open to any public elementary, middle or high school in every city where Remington College has a physical campus. Dallas and Fort Worth area schools are eligible to par-

ticipate because of the Remington College-Dallas Campus and the Remington College-Fort Worth Campus.

The concept is simple: You nominate. Your community votes. A school benefits.

Here's how the program works:

Anyone can nominate a school online at www.AdoptOurSchool.com. The nomination period runs through February 28.

From March 3 through March 31, the public can vote for the school of their choice. People can vote once per day. The school that gets the most votes will be the winner.

The winning school will receive up to \$2,000 worth of supplies.

"As educators, we know how important it is to have the resources that students need," said Jack Forrest, Remington College President and CEO. "We want to

help schools in our local communities by helping fill the gap created by budget pressures. In the final analysis, nothing is more important to the health and future of the community than an educated citizenry."

The Adopt Our School program is part of "Remington College Reaches

Out," a series of community initiatives and charitable efforts to mark the college's 25th anniversary in 2010.

For a complete set of rules for the Adopt Our School promotion, visit www.AdoptOurSchool.com.

For more information, call 1-800-448-6405.

TWU receives \$50,000 for new Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center

(NDG Wire) A \$50,000 grant from the Unrestricted Fund of The Dallas Foundation helps Texas Woman's University (TWU) move closer to its \$55.5 million fundraising goal for the new TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center which is scheduled to open in 2011.

Thus far, TWU has raised more than \$53 million to

date.

Construction currently is under way on the new TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center, located at 5500 Southwestern Medical Drive. The 190,000-square-foot, eight-story facility combines TWU's Parkland and Presbyterian sites into a campus-in-one building at the Parkland location. The building will

include the renowned TWU Stroke Center, a mock ICU, nursing simulation labs and physical and occupational therapy labs. The facility is being built for possible LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

The TWU Board of Regents recently approved plans to build a 600-space parking garage in 2011 where

the current Parkland education building sits which will include two-stories for future parking or classroom expansion.

The institute bears the name of Texas oilman and entrepreneur T. Boone Pickens, whose \$5 million gift to the building campaign represents the largest single contribution in TWU history from an individual.

New Master's Program prepares students to take charge of business creativity

(NDG Wire) Responding to a business climate increasingly driven by innovation—new technologies, new products and new business models—The University of Texas at Dallas School of Management has unveiled a master's degree program designed both for individuals piloting startups and for those leading pioneering ventures within established organizations.

Launching this month is the 36 credit-hour Master of Science in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (MSIE) program debuting the Spring 2010 semester. The program addresses traditional entrepreneurs as well as intrapreneurs—those who lead the development of new products and technologies within more mature organizations. This dual emphasis and a consistent focus on technology-

based innovation differentiate the UT Dallas program from those that other Texas universities offer, program director Dr. Joseph C. Picken says.

The core of the MSIE program consists of 18 hours of accounting, finance, marketing, organizational behavior, strategic management and entrepreneurship courses that will provide students with a solid foundation in the management disciplines.

That foundation is crucial to successfully implement new ideas, products and business plans, Picken points out, because "entrepreneurship is not about taking risks; it's about the recognition and prudent management of risk."

Beyond the core, degree-seekers will focus on one of two 12 credit-hour concentrations and choose six addi-

tional credit hours of electives. The New Venture concentration is geared to entrepreneurs who want to develop original commercial endeavors. The Innovation Within the Corporation concentration is tailored to prepare individuals to lead the planning, development and marketing of innovative new goods and services in the context of the more structured environments of established organizations.

The program is designed to accommodate both students with—and those without—an educational background in innovation and entrepreneurship. While no special undergraduate prerequisites exist, based on current enrollments in the current M.S. and MBA concentrations, "we expect that a majority of the students enrolled will have a science or engi-

neering degree," Picken says.

Steve Lyle, TI's manager of Diversity and Workforce Development, stated, "The ideal candidate for this degree program would be a high-potential, technically trained individual with four to six years of engineering experience."

The School of Management first offered graduate courses in innovation and entrepreneurship in 2002. Undergraduate courses were added in the fall of 2005.

Over the past four years, enrollments in innovation and entrepreneurship courses grew more than 40 percent annually. Currently, more than more than 1,000 students sign up each academic year to take the courses.

For information on the MSIE program, contact Dr. Picken at jpicken@utdallas.edu or 972-883-4986.



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Plano Independent School District

Plano ISD Recruitment Open House scheduled for March 27

(NDG Wire) The 2010 Plano Independent School District Recruitment Open House for teachers, counselors, and librarians will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at Renner Middle School, 5701 West Parker Road, Plano from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Administrators representing every campus in Plano ISD will be present to discuss potential job opportunities on their campuses.

Only teachers who are considered to be Highly Qualified under *No Child Left Behind* will be admitted to the event.

To be eligible to attend Recruitment Open House as either a pre-registered or walk-in candidate, an individual must currently hold a valid teaching certificate or be eligible for a teaching certificate through a university-based teaching program prior to July 30, 2010, OR must be currently accepted into an alternative certification program and be eligible for a statement of eligibility in one of the following critical needs areas: Bilingual Education, Special Education, American Sign Language, Spanish, 4-8 Generalist, Secondary Math or Secondary Science.

Alternative certification candidates seeking any area of certification other than the critical needs areas listed above MAY NOT attend the job fair as either a pre-registered or a walk-in candidate. This would include EC-4 or EC-6 Generalists.

Candidates holding an out-of-state teaching certificate must have their cre-



dential review completed by the State Board of Educator Certification. In addition, content tests must be passed in order to be considered Highly Qualified under *No Child Left Behind* rules.

Those individuals who do not meet the requirements to attend the Recruitment Open House are still encouraged to complete a Plano ISD employment application.

Copiers and computer access will not be available for applicant use.

Recruitment Open House Registration

Pre-registration ends Friday, February 19 at 5:00 p.m. The Human Resources office must receive all documents required for pre-registration by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 26.

Candidates who do not pre-register for the event may be eligible to attend Recruitment Open House as a walk-in candidate (see Instructions below).

In order to pre-register, candidates must complete the following information online:

- * Employment application
 - * TeacherInsight™ interview
 - * Recruitment Open House registration form
- Candidates must also submit:

* Verification of Certification (copy of teaching certificate, university letter of completion, or statement of eligibility from an alternative certification program).

* Highly qualified documentation for *No Child Left Behind*

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Open visitation for pre-registered applicants

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Open visitation for all walk-in applicants

Additional Instructions for Walk-in candidates:

Walk-in candidates who meet the requirements to attend the Recruitment Open House must provide copies of their ExCet/TeXes test scores, teaching certification, university letter of completion, and/or a Statement of Eligibility. There will be no access to a copy machine or computer at the event. Candidates who do not meet the requirements will not be permitted access to the event.

Walk-in candidates should make every effort to complete an online employment application, and take the TeacherInsight™ interview prior to attending the 2010 Recruitment Open House. Walk-in candidates, who meet the requirements, will be admitted to the job fair beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The check-in area for walk-in applicants will close at 11:30 a.m.

Plano ISD has employed approximately 30 percent of their teaching staff from candidates who participate in the Recruitment Open House.

Korean delegation visits Carrollton



Exchanging of gifts, a very important part of Korean culture. Pictured left to right: Carrollton Resident and City Ambassador to Korea, Mr. Chan Pak; The Honorable Youngsun Park, Mayor, Guri City and The Honorable Ronald F. Branson, Mayor, City of Carrollton.



Korean Delegation and Carrollton City Council after formalizing their International Partnership. Seated at the signing table are The Honorable Youngsun Park, Mayor, Guri City (L) and The Honorable Ronald F. Branson, Mayor, City of Carrollton (R).

Don't let Cupid clean out your wallet

(NDG Wire) The average consumer will spend \$63.34 on gifts for their loved one this Valentine's Day, according to the National Retail Federation. Coupled with the average \$682.74 they spent at Christmas, many consumers will carry extra expenses over the coming months particularly if a credit card was used to pay for items.

On Valentine's Day we like to do things for our significant other to make them feel attracted to us, said Todd Mark, vice president of education for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas (CCCS of Greater Dallas). While buying a beautiful piece of jewelry or spending a fortune on dinner may make them feel special, creating a mound of debt in the process is very unattractive.

For consumers still paying off holiday debt or those on a budget this Valentine's

Day, CCCS of Greater Dallas shares some ideas to create an unforgettable date without breaking the bank:

Go to dinner and a movie. You can plan a movie night from the comfort of your home. Rent each of your favorite movies or a couple you've wanted to see and plan a meal themed around the evenings premiere. Don't forget the popcorn and candy!

Hand-deliver flowers. Instead of ordering pricey flowers to be delivered at your girlfriend's or wife's work, show up in person with an arrangement from the grocery store or wholesale club. Add a special touch with a pretty bow and her favorite candy. You'll spend about one-fourth of the cost, and the personal delivery will be sure to win more brownie points.

Frame up his favorites. If your man has a treasured baseball card or an old pic-

ture of his grandfather, have it framed so he can hang it in a special place. However, be careful not to alter the memento in any way.

Make a mix-tape. Burn a CD of your favorite songs or those that are special to your relationship. Create a personalized cover with photographs of the two of you, and place it in a plastic CD case for presentation.

Do lunch or even brunch. Lunch at a fancy restaurant is usually half the price of dinner and a lot less crowded. Since Valentine's Day falls on Sunday this year, brunch is also a good choice. It usually includes mimosas and other treats to make the meal feel nice at a fraction of the cost.

Plan a picnic. Arrange for a romantic picnic in the park. Instead of your typical daytime picnic, plan an evening picnic with lanterns and a cozy blanket along with your favorite foods.

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Collin County Republican Party HQ, 8416 Stacy Rd., McKinney. Call Linda Wynn Drain, 214-498-7574 or website www.aarcc.com

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CCBCC General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Call 469-424-1020 or email: info@CCBlackChamber.org for location.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or meeetup.com/378.

Group Business Seminars at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, (214) 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rdFriday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

North Dallas Texas Democratic Women Regular Meetings 4th Thursday, 6:45 p.m. Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Rd (between Forest & Royal Lanes).

Through March 28

The Arthur Primas Collection: 200 Years of African American Art Free admission. Irving Arts Council Gallery. Significant collection of African American Art including paintings, sculptures, works on paper, graphics and documents covering a period of 200 years.

February 11-13

NBA All-Star Jam family-fun event is one of the highlights of the NBA All-Star activities set for Feb. 11-13 at the Dallas Convention Center. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster.com, American Airlines Box Office or 800-4NBA-TIX Adults: \$20; Children (3-12): \$12; Senior/Military (with valid ID): \$12; Children (2 and under): FREE

February 12 - 13

Ticketstock 2010 Join Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket for two days of Sports, Love, & Fun. They will broadcast live from the Plano Centre. Free activities for the kids! Over 60 vendors scheduled. Info: contact Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket at 214-526-7400 or www.theticket.com

February 12 - 27

End Days by Deborah Zoe Laufer at the Bath House Cultural Center is a rapturously funny play about a slowly healing family hurtling towards Armageddon. Father hasn't changed out of his pajamas since 9/11; Mother abandons Judaism for the warm embrace of Jesus; Daughter finds solace in Stephen Hawking; The Boy-Next-Door just wants to feel welcome in someones house...oh...and dress like Elvis. Tickets: Pay-What-You-Can to \$25, info: www.echotheatre.org.

February 14

"Jazz/Blues Lovefest 2010" featuring Angela Blair, live in Concert, at 7 p.m. Hosted by 94.5KSOU's Tony B, also appearing Jazz SaxMan,

Keith Anderson, Blues Man "TuTu Jones, Micheal Guinn, and more. Info: 214.893.8157 or nearbyentertainment.net. Group rates and VIP available.

February 17

LegalLine Volunteer attorneys will answer legal questions at no cost from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 214-220-7476.

February 18

Nokia Theater Presents **Mariah Carey** in Grand Prairie, the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$59.75-\$150.73; Info 214-373-8000

February 19-20

6th Annual Weekend Festival of Black Dance, at Naomi Bruton Main Stage, in Dallas 8 p.m. Tickets \$10.00 Info: 214-743-2400

February 20

Texas Woman's University hosting an open house for prospective students from 8 a.m. until noon on the TWU Denton campus. To register or for info: visit www.twu.edu and click on Denton Campus Open House, email TWU at openhouse@twu.edu or call 940-898-3014 or 1-866-809-6130.

February 20 - 21

El Corazon de Antigona, Spain at the Latino Cultural Center located at 2600 Live Oak Street, Dallas. Tickets are \$15-20. Info: www.teatrodallas.org or 214-670-3320

February 21

Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Brass-A-Palooza** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. TICKETS: Call 972-473-7262, prices range from \$7 - \$11.

February 23

History to Move Texans Forward at 7 p.m. at the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, SMU, 3140 Dyer Street,

Dallas. Admission is free. This public forum will explore the purpose and passion behind the creation of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission, the most important development in Holocaust education in years.

February 25-28

Sesame Street Live: 1...2...3 Imagine at the Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie. Tickets \$12-\$34. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call 972-854-5111.

February 26

Urban League Luncheon at the Hilton Anatole Hotel 11:45 a.m., tickets are \$50 at 214-915-4631.

February 26 - March 21

Dallas Theater Center is presenting Kathy Burks Theatre of Puppetry Arts **Hansel and Gretel** in the Studio Theater at DCT's Rosewood Center for Family Arts. DCT Box Office: 214-740-0051 or www.dct.org.

February 27

UNCF's 11th Annual Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit Gala being held at the Sheraton Hotel downtown Dallas. Reception/Silent Auction begins at 6pm. Dinner program begins at 7:30 pm. Individual tickets \$200. For details visit www.uncf.org/dallas

The Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presents its **7th Annual Scholarship drive**, Caribbean Cruise for two. Travel good for 12 months after drawing. Donation \$10, call 972-424-0930 to purchase tickets.

Entrepreneur 101 - The PLAN Fund provides key resources and valuable entrepreneur training which is vital as you start and grow your small business. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$45 per person. Info: call Tarsha 214-942-6698 or www.planfund.org.

The Bancroft Family Concert will present Orpheus Chamber Singers, Dallas' acclaimed chamber choir, in a FREE program of love songs. The concert will be held in Horchow Auditorium at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood, at 2:30 p.m. for the 3:00 p.m. concert. Info: 214.520.2219 or www.fineartschamberplayers.org

February 27 - 28

NE 2nd Avenue with Teo Casterllanos at Latino Cultural Center, tickets are \$15. Info: www.teocastellanos.com or 214-670-3320.

February 27 - May 30

American Moderns on Paper: Masterworks from the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art at Amon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

February 28

Mark Nizer's 3-D Juggling Show at the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts in Richardson at 2:30 p.m. Info: www.eisemanncenter.com.

March 3 - 7

Dallas Auto Show is the ideal opportunity to compare styling and pricing of every major line make under one roof in just a few hours. See more than 550,000 square feet of new cars, trucks and SUVs at the Dallas Convention Center and an attendance of close to 400,000. More than 40 manufacturers will display more than 700 vehicles. Details at www.dallasautoshow.org.

March 5-7

Annual Dallas Home and Garden Show attractions include Vacation, Leisure & Outdoor show, NARI New Product Pavilion, Dallas County Master Gardener experts and Lectures, Kid's Corner, Cooking with Clive - Featuring Clive Berkman, Home Décor, energy efficient products, outdoor stor-

age solutions, builders & remodelers, kitchens, bath & more, Info: www.texas-homeandgarden.com.

March. 5

Savor Dallas Arts District Wine Stroll featuring wine and food tasting in the Dallas Museum of Art - Seventeen Restaurant; Meyerson Symphony Center; Nasher Sculpture Center; Winspear Opera House; and Wyly Theatre (from 5-7pm); plus wine, food, music, and art in the new Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Park, featuring the restaurants of One Arts Plaza: Dali Wine Bar, Fedora Restaurant and Lounge, Jorge's, Screen Door, and Tei-An (5-8pm). Details at www.savordallas.com

March 6

Booker T. Washington Scholarship Gala at 8 p.m. at the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre in the Dallas Arts District. The gala will be preceded by a VIP reception from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on the Wyly rooftop terrace. The main event will be held in the Wyly's Potter Rose Performance Hall.

March 7

Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Gone with the Winds** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. Call 972-473-7262, ticket prices range from \$7 - \$11.

March 12-13

Sweet Life Cafe is a place where women can slow down and savor time with God and each other. It feels like a cozy day at your favorite coffee shop--a place where women can find rest, laughter, share their stories, and grow closer to each other. Best Western Park Suites, 640 E Park Blvd, Plano. RSVP: <http://3tm-group.eventbrite.com>

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The woman behind the NBA All-Star Jam Session

BY IVY N. CARTER, MBA

When you think of professional men's basketball, you dare not think of a woman spearheading any events, let alone being in the decision making process for identifying any events men would want to attend. But the National Basketball Association (NBA) thought differently and appointed Gail Hunter, senior vice president of events and attractions, to the helm of the popular NBA Jam Session. This event is catered to men, women and children and is guaranteed to bring an atmosphere of

family and fun to the Dallas area during the NBA All-Star week, Feb. 9-14.

That's right a woman, with help from her staff of, continues to develop the Jam Session to include everyone in the all of the All-Star events, not just basketball fans who can afford the high priced tickets. "The NBA Jam Session was designed because we wanted to create an event for the fans who could not go to the actual All-Star game, be it because of time or budget constraints," says Hunter. "Our goal is to make sure every fan feels like an All-Star."

And feeling like an All-Star is what they will get when they attend one of the reserved timed sessions from Thursday through Saturday. Hunter joined the NBA team in 1999 as a director of events and attraction and has led her team to create continue the development of the Jam Session, which started in 1993 at the

Utah All-Star game. The event includes fans being able to become part of the All-Star experience with multiple activities, a meet and greet with the NBA legends and other interactive events. "This is the place for fans to be," adds Hunter.

Over the years the response and appreciation of the NBA Jam Session has

filled with Texas sized enthusiasm as millions of fans converge for their chance to be a part of the action.

The members of the NBA Dallas Mavericks and the North Texas cities and communities will be in for a treat and expected to have a huge event like only Texans can deliver. The NBA Jam Session is about the NBA,

"We expect a Texas sized turnout from the Mavericks fans and overall NBA fans," continues Hunter, "we want everyone who attends to know they can have a personal experience at the Jam Session and not feel overwhelmed. Families can take their kids, parents, whomever, and enjoy the festivities, food and music available to them."

The NBA Jam Session also reaches out to the communities within the Dallas area, in association with the Dallas Mavericks and other NBA players.

The community service project, NBA Cares is a player initiative community service commitment where the players take time to visit hospitals, build homes and community centers, and participate in full day fitness programs and other events.

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been phenomenal and the Dallas area is just as eager to see what the HOOPlah is all about. Generations of families have been overtaken with emotions as they meet some of their NBA icons. The Dallas Convention Center will sure to be

players, owners and other getting to know their fans in a controlled event. There are timed-sessions for fans to participate in so they can make the best of their sessions rather than being crowded by other eager participants.



Dallas Mavericks, host team for the NBA All Star



Gail Hunter, Sr. VP of Events and Attractions

North Dallas will receive those same community service oriented programs.

Hunter hopes that the unveiling of some of the building projects will be completed by the NBA All-Star weekend. "We have a phenomenal volunteer turnout and those persons still interested should visit the NBA All-Star website for possible volunteer registration opportunities," Hunter adds. While the volunteer slots are full Hunter says her team makes the proper plans to have a reserve list of last minute volunteers. To be a part of the list you must be 18 years or older with a valid ID. You can sign up to be a greeter, meter, coach, or other needed volunteer areas.

Gail Hunter uses what she learned as a basketball player to make formidable decisions in every process of developing the NBA Jam Sessions. "This is our opportunity to create the biggest basketball celebration there is," she says.

For 18 months, Hunter has been the worked with the various NBA departments, the Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Cowboys, the various convention and visitor's bureaus and a slew of government entities to pre-

pare the City of Dallas and surrounding areas for the three day Jam Session event.

The major NBA All-Star events will be in two venues this year, which are 20 miles apart, the American Airlines Center will hold the T-Mobile Rookie Challenge and Youth Jam on Friday and the NBA All-Star Saturday Night. The NBA All-Star Game will be held at the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

"This truly is an anomaly for us – moving from Dallas to Arlington from Saturday to Sunday," she says. "This is a big deal but we have worked diligently with between the two cities to ensure things go smoothly."

Tickets are still on sale at TicketMaster outlets, through the NBA website or Dallas Mavs ticket office. The tickets for all events begin at \$12 for kids and \$20 for teens and adults. The ticket price includes all Jam Session events. The Jam Session is only available Thursday – Saturday. No Jam Session will be on Sunday. Gail Hunter does not want you to miss out on the chance to have your own claim to fame experience.

Dallas Black Dance Theater's Cultural Awareness Series

Features spiritually influenced world premiere of Christopher Huggins, Honorary Chairs Rev. Brian Carter and Mrs. Stephanie Carter of Concord Missionary Baptist Church

(NDG Wire) *Limitless Dance* is an understatement as the theme for Dallas Black Dance Theatre's upcoming annual *Cultural Awareness Series*. February 17 - 21, the AT&T Performing Arts Center's Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre is the home to the world premiere of Christopher Huggins' spiritually influenced work entitled *Beams From Heaven*.

Huggins returns with a riveting, explosive, foot stomping dance celebration that will thrill audiences. This spiritual dance work is set to the traditional and contemporary gospel music of Patti LaBelle's *When You've Been Blessed*, Howard Hewitt's *Amazing Grace*, Marvin Gaye's *Wholy Holy*, plus more, all culminating with Aretha Franklin's *Old Landmark*.

The *Cultural Awareness Series* is the second of three series being presented in the AT&T Performing Arts Center's Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre. The Wyly Theatre has become the new performance home for the dance troupe and for the company's inaugural season in the theatre, nothing but the best should be expected.

This month, Ann M. Williams, Founder/Artistic



Director, presents a program that celebrates the art of black dance, while also partnering with local community organizations to present this annual program.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre brings together voices from community choirs across the North Texas area to serve as the foundation of the world-premiere piece, *Beams From Heaven*. St. Paul Baptist, Holy Cross Catholic Church, and South Dallas Concert Choir are a few of the organizations represented in the community choir.

"Dallas Black Dance Theatre was created for the community, so collaborations like the one between Concord Missionary Baptist Church, St. Paul Baptist, Holy Cross Catholic, South Dallas Concert Choir and Dallas Black Dance Theatre for the Cultural Awareness Series is just

second nature," says Ann Williams. "We are excited for the community to come in and experience this great work that will surely have you clapping, singing, and dancing in the aisles."

Dallas gets an opportunity to experience Cultural Awareness for five performances beginning Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. concluding with the Sunday, February 21 matinee performance at 2:30 p.m.

"The expanded number of performances has proven to be a gem for the Dallas community, because audience members can bring their friends and family back to enjoy the artistic excellence of Dallas Black Dance Theatre that most have come to know and want to share," explains Mrs. Williams.

The performance series also includes four matinee performances, Wednesday, February 17 at 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and Thursday, February 18 at 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Tickets start at \$10 and are on sale now and available at www.dbdt.com or by calling (214) 880-0202. Group rates are available by calling (214) 871-2390.

and incisive timing.

They will share their artistry by giving a master class at UT Dallas on Feb. 18 on the UT Dallas campus. Persons interested in attending the class should contact Kathryn Evans at kcevs@utdallas.edu.

For tickets to the concert on Feb. 19, visit eise-manncenter.com or call 972-744-4650 (prices vary).

'Round Abouts in DFW

Concerts

Mariah Carey concert at the Nokia Theater in Grand Prairie. Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$59.75-\$150.75. Info: www.mariahcarey.com or 972-854-5111

ALL-STAR NEO SOUL EXPLOSION at The Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street Dallas at 7:30 p.m. & 10 p.m. on Feb. 13. Info: www.liveatthemajestic.com

Symphony

Plano Symphony Orchestra Valentine's Day Gala at 6 p.m. on Feb 13 in the Malachite Showroom at the Hotel Intercontinental Dallas. Tickets are \$125. Info: 972-473-7262 or www.planosymphony.org

Garland Symphony Orchestra Sail with the Symphony on Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Patty Granville Arts Center in Garland. Tickets are \$35. Info: www.garlandssymphony.org or 972-926-0611



VIBE Magazine presents the Katt Williams Experience on Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre in Dallas. For ticket information visit www.liveatthemajestic.com.

Comedy

Shaquille O'Neal All-Star Comedy Jam with Kevin Hart, Mike Epps, Bruce Bruce, Mo'Nique and more on Feb. 11-12. Show starts at 8 p.m. at the Nokia Theater in Grand Prairie. Tickets are \$59.50-\$125. Info: 972-854-5111 or www.allstarcomedy-jam.com

Viewpoint Bank Theatre Comedy Series presents 'Til Death Do Us Part on Feb 11-14 at Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts. Show at 8 p.m. For ticket information visit www.eisemanncenter.com.

VIBE Magazine Comedy Explosion with

Rickey Smiley on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre in Dallas. Visit www.liveatthemajestic.com for information.

Party Scene

Want to party with adults All-Star Weekend? Head to Blue Mesa Bar and Grill at 5100 Beltline Rd for the Grown Folks Friday and Star Struck Saturday, Feb. 12 & 13. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Info: 214-355-6240

Fashion

Haute Africa Fashion Week All-Star Party at Victory Tavern, 2501 N. Houston St., Dallas Feb. 12 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Free Valet Parking. Info: 214-432-1900

The King's Singers at Eisemann Center

Group to perform with UT Dallas Chamber Singers Feb. 19

(NDG Wire) The Eisemann Center welcomes The King's Singers on Friday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. The University of Texas at Dallas Chamber Singers will join them onstage for three pieces, directed by Kathryn Evans, Associate Dean for the Arts at UT Dallas: *High Flight* and *A Thanksgiving* by former King's Singer Bob Chilcott; and *The*



Stolen Child by Eric Whitacre.

The King's Singers continue to be one of the most sought-after vocal ensembles in the world, instantly recognizable for their spot-on intonation, their impeccable vocal blend, the flawless articulation of the text

Chinese Film Festival at Plano's Davis Library

(NDG Wire) The Chinese Film Festival at Davis Library, 7501-B Independence Parkway, Plano will feature films on Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m. The films are subtitled in English, and free to the public.

Saturday, Feb. 13

If you are the one (for adults 18 and up)

A self-made entrepreneur, Chin has never had much luck in the love department. He puts out a personal ad on Match.com hoping to find a relationship. After a string of bizarre encounters and bad dates, he finally strikes a chord with the beautiful Xiaoxiao. A story about love in comical situations,

it depicts how difficult it often is to find the right person, but also how love often hits at the most unexpected times.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Forever Enthralled (for adults 18 and up)

A biographical account of Mei Lanfang, China's greatest opera star. Descended from an acting family, Mei's popularity soon made him a rival to veteran actor Swallow 13. The two face off in a musical "duel" from which Mei emerges the victor. As his fame spreads, the late 1920s see him even performing on Broadway, but disaster sets in with the Japanese invasion of

Manchuria. Mei's refusal to sing in public under the occupation proves career-threatening.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Pleasant Goat and Big, Big Wolf (for all ages)

Based on the animated TV series for children by the same name, the story of the clash between Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf continues this time in the land of snails. The film tells a hilarious story of Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf, who this time face the same enemy - bacteria. With joint effort, they defeat the enemy and become friends. For information, call (972) 208-8000 or visit www.planolibrary.org.

TWC Certifies \$219 Million in Federal Tax Credits for Texas Employers

(NDG Wire) Texas employers can reap substantial savings on their federal business income taxes by taking advantage of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) assisted businesses by certifying nearly \$219 million in potential tax savings, available to Texas employers who hire from qualified targeted populations and apply for certification within 28

days of their start date.

"We want employers to take note and remember to take advantage of these savings this year," said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken.

Although TWC identified millions in savings for Texas employers, millions went unclaimed because employers did not apply for the credit on their eligible, newly hired workers. Fewer than 5 percent of Texas' more than 440,000 employers took advantage of WOTC in FY 2009.

WOTC is designed to encourage employers to hire new employees from targeted groups of qualified job seekers who may face barriers to employment.

Employers can save up to \$2,400 per qualifying employee by hiring from these groups:

- Unemployed veterans*
- Disconnected youth*
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients
- Ex-felons

• Designated community residents

• Vocational rehabilitation referrals

• Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit recipients (formerly known as food stamps).

• Veterans receiving SNAP benefits

• Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients

Additionally, employers can save up to \$4,800 for hiring disabled veterans; employers can save up to

\$9,000 for hiring long-term family assistance (TANF) benefit recipients; employers can save up to \$1,200 for hiring summer youth from empowerment zones or renewal counties.

Two new groups were added in 2009 for qualifications on the WOTC program, veterans receiving unemployment benefits and 16- to 24-year olds who have not been regularly employed or attending school for at least six months prior to being hired.

Applications for the credits can be submitted year-round to TWC's WOTC Unit for certification but must be postmarked no later than 28 days from the qualifying worker's start date. Verification will be completed by TWC.

For more information employers may contact TWC's WOTC Unit at 1-800-695-6879 or visit www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/wotc/wotc.html.

Walgreens announces Community Corner Program showcasing products produced by minority-owned businesses

(NDG Wire) Walgreens, the nation's largest drug-store chain, has introduced its new Community Corner program designed to highlight the successes of minority-owned businesses. This first-of-its-kind supplier diversity initiative is designed to allow consumers to easily identify and purchase products produced by diverse companies. Walgreens will recognize these vendor partners through print advertisements, in-store announcements, coupon booklets, shelf tags, in-store product demonstrations and Walgreens.com. The company will launch the program featuring products made by African-American vendors throughout the month of February in honor of Black History Month.

In February, Walgreens will showcase the African-American produced brands from personal care, to diabetic needs, to magazines and hair care needs. Walgreens stores reflect the diversity of the neighborhoods they serve. Diversity is a business imperative for Walgreens and as an active and ever-present economic factor in thousands of communities, the company has long embraced diversity –

not only in the people it employs, but also in the array of community-built brands it selects to meet the needs of its broad consumer base.

Walgreens plans to expand the new Community Corner program to feature products of businesses owned by women, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans at different points throughout the year.

"Providing a platform such as Community Corner to showcase these vendors creates an opportunity for consumers to instantly influence economic growth in their communities," said director of supplier diversity, Gleatha Glispie. "Walgreens outreach programs foster an environment that enhances the development of a diverse group of entrepreneurs. We plan to promote wider vendor participation throughout the year, and in this way, help support the economic base of the communities we serve across our 7,100 stores."

Walgreens expects its Community Corner program to drive awareness for its diverse suppliers in a new, more tangible level in local communities. In addition to promoting these suppliers' products in stores,

the company is developing ongoing relationships with community organizations such as the National Minority Supplier Development Council and the National Urban League. For example, the NUL Wellness Tour is now entering its third year of offering free health screenings in underserved communities.

"I congratulate Walgreens on continuing to make supplier diversity an essential business strategy even as many have scaled back efforts in this tight economy," said National Minority Supplier Development Council President Harriet R. Michel. "Giving shoppers the ability to identify and support diverse business is an innovative approach that I believe can have a lasting impact on the growth and continued success of these companies."

"We're extremely proud to represent these important vendor partnerships in such a visible and relevant way for everyday shoppers," said Glispie. "This is another example of the many ways we're working to strengthen these relationships each day. We'll start by honoring Black History Month, but just like the many accomplishments of

African Americans in this country, our commitment to diversity is ongoing. This is just the beginning."

For more information on Walgreens Supplier Diversity visit www.Walgreens.com/diversity/our-suppliers

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workforce development board by visiting www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbm.ap.html.

The IRS estimates that in 2008 more than 2.3 million Texans claimed more than \$5.3 billion in EITC credits, with an average refund of \$2,313. In recent years, Texas has ranked first in the nation in the number of EITC dollars claimed by taxpayers. Despite the credit's availabil-



ity, however, the IRS estimates that as many as 20 to 25 percent of Americans who qualify for the credit fail to claim it on their tax returns.

Under certain limitations for 2009, individuals may qualify if their adjusted gross income is less than:

- \$43,279 (\$58,279 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children

- \$40,295 (\$45,295 married filing jointly) with two or more qualifying children

- \$33,241 (\$35,463 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child

- \$13,400 (\$18,440 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

The maximum earned income tax credit for 2009 is as follows:

- \$5,657 with three or more qualifying children
- \$5,028 with two or

more qualifying children

- \$3,043 with one qualifying child

- \$457 with no qualifying children

For individuals with investment income earnings must be less than \$3,100 for the year.

EITC has no effect on an individual's eligibility to receive certain public assistance benefits. In most cases, the credit payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), food stamps, low-income housing or most Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments.

Congress originally approved the tax credit legislation in 1975 to provide an incentive to work and to offset Social Security taxes. More information on EITC can be found at www.irs.gov/central/main/

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to immediately.

"Any bleeding should result in an immediate appointment with your dentist," adds Dr. Toni Carr of Monarch Dental in Mansfield, TX.

Fortunately, there are ways to prevent gum disease and create the healthy smile that you want and need to feel confident about yourself. Drs. Smith and Carr recommend the following to ensure a healthy smile:

- Prevent dry mouth by chewing gum or eating hard candy. Dr. Toni Carr says "Brushing your teeth at night can help moisten your mouth through the night."

- Change your toothbrush every three months. Changing your toothbrush ensures you are not constantly transferring bacteria to your mouth and using an ineffective toothbrush to remove plaque. Also discard your toothbrush after a cold

to prevent future colds.

- Brush your tongue every time you brush your teeth. Use a tongue scraper to ensure you are removing bacteria left behind from food.

Dr. Smith advises that if your tongue is coated then that is in the rest of your mouth. She also advises that using a tongue scraper helps you determine if your breath smells or not.

- Use fluoride and floss daily. While there have been reports that fluoride is not good for teeth both Dr. Carr and Dr. Smith states that a fluoride rinse acts as a cork and seals the teeth from wear and tear.

Flossing should be a normal part of your dental care routine and helps remove plaque from hard to reach areas.

- Do not use peroxide or baking soda on a regular basis. Peroxide does help

whiten teeth but it also acts as an onion peel on the gums and when your gums thin out they cannot be replaced.

Baking soda is too abrasive on the tooth surface and can expose the root surface if used for a prolonged period. Using peroxide and baking soda based toothpaste is a healthy alternative.

Creating a healthy smile is not only a must do task but a reward to your body. Following these tips will leave you with a smile no one can resist.

Dr. Toni Carr is a dentist at Monarch Dental located at 101 West Debbie Lane Suite 106 Mansfield, Phone: 682-518-5200 or call toll free: 800- MONARCH.

Dr. Sonia Smith is the owner of Showtime Dental and Orthodontics in Fort Worth, 817-361-8111 or www.showtimedental.com.

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boys who have sent or posted sexually suggestive content say they have sent it to a boyfriend or girlfriend.

- 15 percent of teens who have sent or posted nude or semi-nude images of themselves say they have done so to someone they only knew online.

- 44 percent of both teen girls and teen boys say it is common for sexually suggestive text messages to get shared with people other than the intended recipient.

The social danger for teenagers is that the message sender has no control of its distribution. Nearly 20 percent of sexting recipients have passed the image to someone else who the sender may or may not know. Suggestive photographs easily can be downloaded to a computer, posted on public websites or printed and distributed.

Unintentional circulation of inappropriate images can lead to suspensions from school or athletic participation and cause embar-

assment. Compromising photos can hinder teens' attempts to get into college, receive scholarships or gain employment.

More importantly, sexting can lead law enforcement to confiscate communication devices and cause other serious legal problems. One in five teens surveyed say they have sexted despite the fact that most of them knew it was a crime.

The owner of a computer or cell phone containing pictures of nude or semi-nude minors can be investigated and prosecuted on felony child pornography charges, which include up to 10 years in prison; including teenagers in possession of sexually suggestive images of classmates or companions.

Clearly, this dangerous technological trend can haunt children for years, and it is impacting schools and communities statewide. Education and active parenting present the best way to ensure children avoid this

dangerous activity.

Parents must have frank conversations with their children about the potential for embarrassment and the legal ramifications of sexting. If teens do not want a photo or text message to fall into the wrong hands – including strangers, potential employers, teachers or college admission officers – they should not send it.

Teens, parents, teachers and law enforcement authorities must keep an open line of communication to combat sexting – which is why our Cyber Crimes Unit officers criss-cross the state speaking to students and parents about Internet and wireless communication safety.

Parents, law enforcement officers and others who have questions or want more information about protecting children should visit our Web site, www.texasattorneygeneral.gov. Together, we must work to keep young Texans safe from harm.

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Mind your career: personal appearance

The first impression may be the only chance you get

IVY N. CARTER, MBA

Do you recall the episode of The Cosby Show, the popular sitcom about the prominent Huxtable family in the 1980s and 1990s, when college student and second to the youngest child, Vanessa, brings home an unexpected visitor, her fiancée Dabness Brickey. Clair and Cliff, Vanessa's parents, were utterly floored and showed their discontent for the situation. Finally, Cliff, played by Bill Cosby, was able to speak to Dabness about how he felt regarding the engagement of their daughter to this stranger. To make a long story short Cliff compared Vanessa's bringing home Dabness to a well prepared porterhouse steak with sautéed mushrooms and crispy potatoes being served on garbage can lid.

That is a powerful summation of someone's first introduction but not one that should be taken lightly. As a business professional you should always strive to ensure you look the part as well as act the part of a young urban professional.

While individual style is important and encouraged you must remember there is a time and place for everything. If you are unsure as to how you can avoid the steak dinner on a trash can lid, here are some tips to consider when preparing for business interviews, meetings and the like.

When in doubt, dress business casual. Business casual is typically referred to as a nice pair of slacks or knee length skirt, a polo style or button up shirt, and a pair of non rubber soled shoes. Your clothes should fit you comfortably, not restrict your movement or display your undergarments.

Personal hygiene is not just for you. If you are unsure of your personal hygiene capabilities ask a close friend or family member for assistance. You do not want to aromatically offend

clients, colleagues or your boss with too much or too little use of hygiene products. Neither do you want to display unshaved haired areas such as legs and under arm areas on women and overgrown facial hair for men. Hairstyles on both males and females should always not be over the top, clean and maintained.

A folder is not cost effective, it's cheap. You do not need to dash out to the nearest store to purchase an Italian leather briefcase but you should consider purchasing

some form of business carrying case. A .20 cent folder does not make the same statement as a business case, which can be purchased from your local supply store.

Your contact information should not be offensive. An email address such as honeylover24 and a music laden voice mail is not the ideal format of business professional; therefore, change your voicemail to a generic or spoken greeting and subscribe to an email address with your name. You should also consider purchasing

business cards to give an extra boost of professionalism.

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Sheran Goodspeed
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tably Jubilee Theatre in
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choreographer. Her one
woman shows have also
been premiered all over the
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performed for private or-

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It has been said that Black History is a continuing strength in our society. I concur; it makes society aware of the great contributions made by Black Americans.

Some distinguished Black Americans: **Richard Allen**, organizer and first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME). **James Armistead** an American spy; born a slave was a valuable intelligence agent during the Revolution by gathering information concerning British forces at Portsmouth, VA. **George Bonga** a Black American trader of considerable wealth, served as interpreter at the signing of the Chippewa Treaty of 1837.

Ambrose Caliver was a senior specialist in the education of African Americans in the U.S. Office of Education from 1930 to 1946. He initiated and directed the FERA and WPA emergency education programs under the New Deal; created and directed *Freedom's People* a series of nationwide radio broadcasts on the participation of Blacks in American life. **George Carruthers**, a Physicist, one of the two naval research laboratory persons responsible for the

Apollo 16 lunar surface camera/spectrograph which was placed on the lunar surface in 1972.

Elmer Simms Campbell, a master cartoonist of sophisticated humor for Esquire and Playboy magazines. His art also appeared in hundreds of newspapers and magazines as a syndicated feature. **Albert Cassell**, an Architect, he worked on the construction of five buildings at Tuskegee Institute; as a draftsman, he was responsible for designing an industrial plan for the manufacture of silk.

William Tucker was the first Black child born in America in 1624. **Captain B. Collins** patented the portable electric light in 1938. **Prince Hall** petitioned the city of Boston to establish schools for Black children equal in quality to those for white students in 1787. **John Rock**, an attorney, was the first Black to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court in 1865.

Black Inventions: **Walter S. McAfee** is the first African American mathematician and physicist who first calculated the speed of the moon. McAfee made the necessary calculations in 1946; the calculation allowed a team to send a radar pulse through a special 40-foot square antenna towards

the moon. Two and a half seconds later, they received a faint signal, proving that transmissions from earth could cross the vast distances of outer space.

Frederick McKinley Jones, born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1893 and orphaned at the age of nine, is best remembered for devising a method to refrigerate trucks carrying perishable food, an idea expanded to include air coolers for ships, planes, and trains. As a result of this method called pre-fabricated refrigerated construction, meat, fruit, vegetable, and butter could be transported long distances.

Peter Hill, born a slave was a highly skilled clock maker; only the most skilled craftspeople could create one. Two of the clocks Hill made still exist. One is in the Westtown School in Westtown, Pennsylvania. The other is in the National Museum of History and Technology at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Jackson Beard lost his leg by crushing it between two railroad cars, while linking them together. Beard then created a device to hook cars together automatically; it became the model for a national standardized linking mechanism. Beard also patented a new

form of plow and a rotary steam engine. **Paul Boli** in 1955 invented the first heart pacemaker. However, **Otis Boykin** created an electrical mechanism as a regulating unit for it. Raised in Dallas, Texas, Boykin device uses electrical impulses to maintain a steady heart beat.

"I've Never Seen God;" but I know how I feel. Its people like you who makes Him "So Real." My God is no stranger, He's friendly and gay (happy) and He doesn't ask me to weep when I pray. It seems that I pass Him so often each day; in the faces of people I meet on my way. He's the stars in the Heaven, a smile on some face; a leaf on a tree or a rose in a vase. He's winter, autumn, summer and spring. In short, God is every real, wonderful thing. I wish I



(L to R): The Honorable Richard Fleming, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Place 4 and the Honorable Ronald Branson, 3rd from left, Mayor, City of Carrollton, along with other elected Councilmembers and School Board members are preparing to get on their official truck for the MLK Citywide Parade honoring Dr. Martin Luther King's Federal Holiday.

might meet Him much more than I do, I would if there were more people like you. – Helen Steiner Rice. A gift sent to Eugene Tinner by his neighbors Chester & Estelle Adams. This is an example

of the true meaning of sharing Black History during February each year; it is the honor and respect for another individual for his/her ideas and contribution to society.

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ganizations such as Arts Goggle and the Mayor of Fort Worth. Publicly, Sheran can be seen in restaurants and local "hot spots" performing her jazz and blues set. She has toured and performed nationally, as well as internationally.

In 2005, she was awarded a best actress

award by the DFW Theatre Critic's Forum for her portrayal of Bessie Smith: Empress of the Blues at Jubilee Theatre. In 2008, she was awarded a Best Actress Award by the Fort Worth Black Chamber of Commerce Film Festival.

Sheran's passion is not only to entertain, but also to educate the youth in the

community. She has dedicated years of her life to that passion, and plans to continue doing so.

The program will also include an African American Read-in. Invited authors are Jamilla Jaguars, Tasha Douglas, Shelia Tarpley Lott, LaToya S. Watkins, Brian Ganges and Wanda Harris.



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Friday, Feb. 4, at Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen where Rev. W.L. Stafford, Sr. is the Senior Pastor, you missed a treat.

Sis. Marcia Jones, with the blessings and support of Pastor Stafford and the church, did not let the audience down. Not only was the movie FREE, but the food and drinks were also.

The movie selected was the story of Dr. Ben Carson and his Gifted Hands. Also, judging from the audience reaction and comments at the end of the movie, including guests from around the Metroplex and guests from East St. Louis, Friday nights during February 2010, Black History Month, at Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen is well-worth the time and effort for the entire family.

Dr. Benjamin Carson, Sr., a pioneer in "Brain Surgical Techniques" is best known for leading the first surgical team in 1984 that

successfully separated a pair of seven months old Siamese twins, who were born, joined at the head.

Born in 1951, Dr. Carson came from a poor family in Detroit. As a child he had a difficult time in school.

Undeterred, he studied hard in high school and won a scholarship to Yale University. He also studied at The University of Michigan's School and became the first African American accepted into the residency program at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

After one year in Aus-

tralia, Dr. Carson was promoted to Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins in 1984; at 31 years old, he was the youngest doctor to hold such a position.

Because of other commitments, there will not be a movie shown this Friday, February 12th, but Sis.

Jones will show a movie with FREE food and drinks the last two Friday nights in February. Don't you dare miss this wonderful event.

I am looking forward to being at Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen the last two Fridays in February and I look forward to seeing and meeting you there.



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