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Chamber Names 2009 Executive Committee

From staff reports

The 2009 Executive Committee members were announced at the Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce's Annual

Membership Salute Event held in McKinney, Texas.

President and Board Chair, Horace Satisfield maintains the goal of the CCBCC is to create more

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COVER STORY NAACP Engages First Black President



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A child's smile can last a lifetime



By ROBYN H. JIMENEZ
The Dallas Examiner

Healthy teeth and tooth loss is a different issue when you're 5-years-old than when you're 55-years-old. Yet, good oral hygiene plays a significant role in maintaining good over all physical and men-

tal health, at any age.

Inadequate care can lead to unhealthy teeth and gums, resulting in misalignment, discoloration, gingivitis, tooth decay or an abscess.

Untreated, tooth decay can spread through the

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DA asks for more police investigation in Brown case

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Education, Hurricane, Prisons declared as Emergency

By TESSA HOWINGTON
North Dallas Gazette

Reactions from Governor Rick Perry's State of the State address spilled into this last week's business at the Capitol in Austin.

In the last week of

January, the House announced its final list of committees for this Legislative Session. After some work, the lawmakers settled on a total of 34 committees, down from last session's 40 plus. They feel the new organization will be more con-

cise and productive when conducting hearings and investigations of the many bills being considered during this session.

Several of the committees have been renamed and reorganized in light of Gov. Perry's agenda. The newly formed Technology,

Economic Development, and Workforce, along with Defense and Veteran's Affairs, and the Border and Intergovernmental Affairs committees all align themselves with the Perry's agenda for

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COMMENTARY Connecting the Bridge to Nowhere to the New Reality

By HECTOR GARCIA
Columnist

Taxpayers around the globe have paid over \$13 trillion (more than a quarter of the gross global product) to bail out financial, insurance and other organizations as well as investors. Was this global crisis -- which with each passing hour is casting millions of Americans out of their jobs, out of their homes,

and into a deep well of debt -- truly inevitable?

In 1993, the gross global product represented about \$20 trillion and derivatives traded in the world markets, \$12 trillion. Although derivatives have appropriate functions, such as making hedging possible and lending liquidity to markets, they are instruments whose value is not

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Jewell Blanton Kelly

Jewell Blanton Kelly is known as a “community treasure” in her native Fort Worth where she is a revered veteran choir maestro at Fort Worth public schools including O. D. Wyatt High School. She is an influential mentor who helped mold music greats including multiple Grammy winner Kirk Franklin, singer/actor David Mann, gospel recording artist Daryl Blair, and local achievers including the late singing funeral director Greg

Spencer.

The beloved maestro will bring her talent and enthusiasm as guest clinician to the “Praise Is What I do!” Musical Workshop – this year’s variation of the annual winter musical at the 92-year-old Mt. Horeb Missionary Baptist Church at 3306 Carpenter Ave. in Dallas’ South Dallas/Fair Park Community. Dr. Sylvia Lowe is the minister of music. Rev. Bishop J. Bradford III is pastor.

Registration is FREE and

begins at 6:30 p.m. February 19 for the three-day workshop. Workshop sessions are at 7 p.m. Thursday Feb. 19, 7 p.m. Friday Feb. 20 and at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Feb. 21. The FREE workshop concert will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday Feb. 22 at Mt. Horeb. A freewill donation is welcome.

Singers, people who love music, and people who want to learn more about music are invited to participate in the workshop. Business owners and individuals are invited to advertise your businesses and/or post congratulatory messages in the

workshop souvenir program. To inquire, call Jackie Williams, 214-769-6618 or Cassandra Bradford, 214-725-5590.

Ms. Kelly was a music teacher for more than 45 years in Fort Worth, which included 28 years at O. D. Wyatt where she continued conducting the noted Singing Chaparrals choir even after she retired. She currently is assistant minister of music at Friendship West Baptist Church where Dr. Frederick Haynes III is pastor. Formerly, she was choir director for 32 years at Shiloh Missionary Baptist



Church in Fort Worth where Rev. A. E. Chew Jr. is pastor.

Her numerous honors include having a street named in her honor two years ago when Fort Worth city officials approved

changing Coffey Avenue to Jewell Kelly Dr., a street that runs adjacent to O. D. Wyatt High School. A donor also established an endowment in her name at O.D. Wyatt. Ms. Kelly is an instructor in the Gospel Music Workshop of America and has been a guest instructor for the Gospel Music Workshop of Japan. She has directed choirs for various church conventions including the National Baptist Convention of America, the Missionary Baptist Convention, and the National BTU and Sunday School Congress.

Lawrence Jenkins

Former Dallas Morning News photographer Lawrence Jenkins will unveil his newest exhibit “A Change Has Come” at Paul Quinn College on Feb. 19.

“A Change Has Come” chronicles President Barack Obama’s historic journey through the 2008 presidential primary to inauguration day in Washington, D.C.

Opening night of the month-long exhibit is open

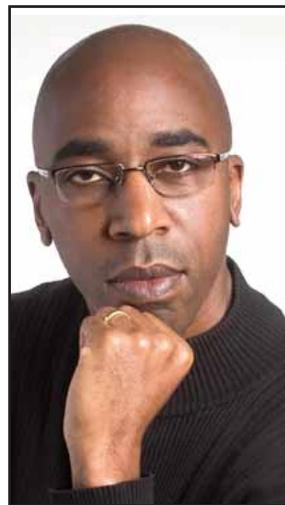
to the public and free of charge. Autographed 8x10 prints from the exhibit will be available opening night for a \$100 donation. All proceeds from the event benefit Paul Quinn College, the only historically black college in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

“A Change Has Come” is sponsored by American Airlines, Simmons Design Associates, Image Plus Printing, and Sugaraddix.

After several years as a

photojournalist with the Dallas Morning News, Lawrence Jenkins opened Lawrence Jenkins Photography in 2004. His client roster has included American Airlines, General Motors, 7-Eleven, Comerica Bank, the Texas Rangers, and the worldwide public relations firms Weber Shandwick and Ketchum.

Jenkins has been called one of the best photographers in the United States. In addition to photographing celebrities such as singer/actress Beyonce,



radio personality Tom Joyner and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev,

Jenkins has photographed nearly every major African American event in the past decade, including Hurricane Katrina and the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jenkins’ work has appeared in such publications as Ebony, Black Enterprise, The Washington Post, The New York Times, and USA Today.

In 2006, Jenkins published his first book entitled “We Remember,” which documents the weekend of Coretta Scott

King’s funeral in Atlanta. “We Remember” is also a photography exhibit that captures 20 never-before seen images of those who paid tribute to King. The exhibit recently completed a yearlong tour at various Dallas Public Library facilities.

A native of Fort Worth, Jenkins currently resides in Arlington, Texas, with his wife and children.

For additional information about “A Change Has Come,” call 214-538-2081 or visit www.lawrence-jenkinsphotography.com.

Cornelia McCowan

Cornelia McCowan, project supervisor for the UT Dallas Academic Bridge Program, has been published in a book of letters, prayers and poems that more than 100 women have written for the new first lady.

The book, Go, Tell Michelle: African American Women Write to the New First Lady, is a compilation of letters, poems, prayers and even recipes for Michelle Obama.

African-American women from all over the country were encouraged to write letters of advice, poems, prayers or whatever else they wished to encourage Michelle Obama as she undertakes her new role.

McCowan, who was

inspired by Michelle Obama’s dedication to her family and her personal strength throughout the campaign, wrote a poem as a tribute to Michelle to show that she is a role model for young women all across the world. McCowan submitted her poem to one of the book’s editors, Barbara Seals Nevergold, and received a reply saying that her poem had been selected.

When a copy of the finished book arrived, “I was so excited that I was fighting back tears,” McCowan said. She tells her students that the book shows anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

McCowan said that she spent an entire day gathering her thoughts for the



poem and drew from a poetry workshop that Jonathan “GNO” White, the assistant director of student activities, put on for high school students involved in the Academic Internship Program.

The book itself was commissioned, compiled, edited and published by Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram

of the University of Buffalo, State University of New York (SUNY). The book contains advice not only for Michelle Obama but also for young women across the country that are struggling to balance life, work and family.

Nevergold and Brooks-Bertram are co-founders of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women at SUNY. They hope to bring the women from all over the globe that were published in this book together in a forum to exchange ideas about the role of women in the country.

The expediency with which this book was published is a testament to how seriously these women approached this project. The call for contributors went out in mid-November, and the book was sent off to

be published by the end of December. The book hit shelves everywhere on

January 16, 2009, four days before the Presidential Inauguration.

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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!

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Petey Greene: The Irrepressible enigma

By JAMES W. BREEDLOVE
The Truth Clinic

Ralph Waldo "Petey" Greene was an influential radio talk show host, television personality, community activist and folk hero in Washington, D. C. in the 1960s and 70s. Ex-convict Petey Greene burst onto the airwaves like a human hand grenade with raw and uncensored broadcasts on racism, poverty, sexuality and drug abuse, awakening Washington, D.C.'s African American community to the power of "telling it like it is."

Petey was born on January 23, 1931. His father was a professional con artist who was in and out of prison and his mother was a prostitute. At a very young age, he was sent to be raised by his very religious maternal grandmother Margaret "Aunt Pig" Floyd near 23rd and L Streets in Northwest Washington's poverty stricken Georgetown area. He often said that he grew up broke, Black, and busted.

The saga of Petey Greene might have ended when he was imprisoned but his gift of gab, refined during his time as a street hustler, saved the day. While in prison, Petey was allowed to serve as a disc jockey to his

fellow inmates several times a day over the public address system. His fast-talking, outrageous banter, animated delivery, interspersed with street jive, was a big hit with prisoners and guards alike. The guards showed some deference toward Petey when they realized that his entertaining style helped maintain calm in the prison.

Petey's flair for bold showmanship and his DJ skills proved beneficial beyond mere popularity. In 1965, Greene persuaded a fellow inmate to climb to the top of a water tower in the prison courtyard and threaten suicide, so that Greene would be able to "save his life" by talking him down.

This heroic act, combined with his good behavior, earned him an early parole.

Shortly after leaving prison, he was hired by Dewey Hughes to work as a disc jockey at the AM radio station WOL in Washington. Dewey's brother who was also an inmate at Lorton had introduced Petey. Rapping With Petey Greene aired for over 10 years.

Combining biting humor with social commentary, Petey openly courted shock and controversy to call attention to the issues impacting his community. His audi-

ence grew as Petey's "Tell it like it is" style addressed race, power, poverty, religion, sexuality, drug use, and social concerns in a "straight talk to the people" manner. He did not beat around the bush to be politically correct; he dug into the very heart of an issue.

Petey's stature continued to grow and he was offered his own television show in 1976 on station WDCA and BET. Ensnared on a huge rattan peacock chair Petey officiated over his domain like a king sitting on a throne. After all, the show was titled, "Petey Greene's Washington." Petey would engage his guests on life issues in Washington, D. C. using an irreverent blend of street talk, Bible citations, rhyming rap, and quotes from his grandmother to entertain his audience while stealthily lambasting politicians, both white and black, who he thought were incompetent.

Few ever knew what the controversial, reformed ex-offender was going to say when the "on the air" light flashed. The mystique of what the "Nigga" was going to do next was part of his appeal. The show made Greene a two-time Emmy winner.

Petey Greene's commit-

ment to his Washington, D.C. roots ran deep. He used his radio and TV shows to give everyday folks basic information on how to find jobs, get social services and how to pressure the political system.

In 1982, Greene was diagnosed with liver cancer and he succumbed on January 10, 1984, thirteen days before his 53rd birthday. Approximately 10,000 mourners lined up outside Washington's Union Wesley AME Zion Church on Michigan Avenue in Northeast D.C. to pay their last respects. It was the largest funeral in Washington D.C. for anyone since that of President John F. Kennedy.

Many characterize Petey Greene as an original shock jock, but the use of both his celebrity and broadcast platform to inform and uplift his community combined to make him a trailblazing advocate for his people.

Petey would always end his show with a trademark sign-off. "I'll tell it to the hot. I'll tell it to the cold. I'll tell it to the young. I'll tell it to the old. I don't want no laughing; I don't want no crying; and most of all, no signifying."

This was Petey Greene's Washington.

Thou Shalt Keep Art in Thy Stimulus Package

By DEWAYNE GIBSON JR.
Special Contributor

We are all wondering if this 2009 stimulus bill will work. Who knows? Only time will tell. I'm offended that so many critics are making negative and disparaging comments about the National Endowments of the Arts being included in the bill. Personally, I know a few artists that make their complete livelihood based upon contracts that with arts programs in schools and theatres that are funded by the NEA.

I'll call the people that I'm referring to...my friends. My friends pay taxes (sales, income, and quarterly business taxes). My friends make car notes, mortgage payments, and fulfill daycare expenses. If that is not enough, my friends buy groceries, and other things that they need or want.

To cut off funding for these contracts would hurt collaborating artists who are dedicated to the arts industry.

We can't forget about the non-creative people who have jobs in a creative

environment. These people, I'll also call them...my friends; pay taxes, make car payments, buy groceries, etc.

In my most humble opinion, the people that suffer the most when unsupported, under funded, and non-stimulated arts programs are the recipients. I'll refer to these recipients as... friends, family, supporters, and young undeveloped minds that could create a new and improved marketplace based upon a creative idea shared from a professional artist.

With full-time, full fledged creative professionals, art is not merely a hobby nor an extra-curricular activity. It is a gift, a calling, honest work, a service, and a product.

In closing, I am thankful for every museum, gallery, theatre, coffee shop, school, library, hall, centre, and venue that I've even once stepped foot in. My life has been stimulated and enriched by artist from the past as well as those forging ahead in new uncharted grounds.

Art will and shall be important in America.

Richardson Medical Hosting Two Medical Seminars

From staff reports

Monday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Campbell Campus Medical Plaza I, Conference Center

Attend a physician-led discussion on heart disease,

diabetes, prevention and how to read your lipid profile results. To pick up your results only, stop by between 6-8 p.m. If unable to attend, your results will be mailed within two weeks. For more information, call

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I Can Cope— Understanding Cancer Treatments

Tuesday, February 24th, 6-7:30 p.m. at the

Richardson Regional Cancer Center 2805 E. President George Bush Turnpike, Richardson they are hosting a free educational program that offers cancer patients and their caregivers a chance to

learn more about cancer and how to cope with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

The program, sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Richardson Regional

Cancer Center, is led by social workers, nurses and other health professionals who are experts in cancer care. The six-session series runs on the fourth Tuesday of every month. To sign up, call 469-726-6100.

Bike and bus combo means a healthier commute

From staff reports

Bike racks available on most DART buses

Bicyclists can now transport their bikes aboard Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) in brand-new, quality, heavy-duty racks attached to the front of hundreds of buses.

DART began adding the racks late last year and

expects to have all buses equipped by the end of February. Tony Mendoza, DART's senior manager consumer programs, said the addition of 655 racks will allow customers to go places they may not have tried reaching before due to time constraints and distance.

"Now they can combine their bicycle use with our

rail and bus service to travel even further. Bicyclists can take a bike to their job, area bike paths or school," he said.

"The new racks have a locking mechanism to prevent bikes from coming loose. And, for additional safety, buses have had special mirrors installed that allow bus operators to see both the bike racks

and the customers loading them."

Mendoza said that up to two bikes can be easily stored in each new rack,

which cyclists can load and unload themselves, after following a few simple instructions affixed to the racks. More informa-

tion on bicycle use and DART can be found at www.dart.org/bike or by calling Customer Service at 214.979.1111.

U. S. College Suspends Rwandan Professor Accused of Genocide

NNPA

A Rwandan professor of French has been dropped, this week, from his position at Goucher College in Maryland over claims that he took part in Rwanda's 1994 genocide.

Professor Leopold Munyakazi, a Hutu who previously taught at Montclair State University in New Jersey, vehemently denied any involvement in the mass murder.

"I'm not hiding; I was never involved in genocide," Munyakazi said in an interview Monday at his home. "In my conscience, I am free of any guilt."

According to Munyakazi, the massacre of nearly 1 million people 12 years ago was "fratricide, not genocide; it was about political power.... Ethnicity is not really understood about Rwanda; in Rwanda there are no tribes, there are social groups, they are one single people."

A Goucher spokeswoman said the school knew of Interpol warrants issued as recently as 2008 for Munyakazi but the college had not been approached by any U.S. agency in connection with the case.

Alison Des Forges, an expert on the genocide and

senior adviser to the Africa program at Human Rights Watch, told the Baltimore Sun she had doubts the prosecutor's case. "I do not find it convincing."

She noted that Munyakazi is accused of organizing the militia known as the Interahamwe. Yet the militia was part of a different political party from Munyakazi's, and the two parties were rivals.

Research carried out by the London-based African Rights suggests there are at least several dozen Rwandese genocide suspects in the US, both men and women.

In About-Face, U. S. Backs New Somali Leader it Ousted

NNPA

Once a wanted man on the run, Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed has received a warm welcome from western powers following his election this week as president of Somalia.

The U.S. said: "(We) look forward to cooperating with President Sharif and his

broad-based government on their efforts to establish democracy and achieve peace in Somalia...We urge President Sharif to reach out to the broad spectrum of Somalis who reject violence and extremism in forming a new government."

Two years ago, the U.S. had endorsed an Ethiopian assault that chased out Sheikh

Ahmed under the pretext that al Qaeda would find a haven under his umbrella.

Now Sharif – a former geography and religious studies teacher and a moderate – is believed to have the best chance of uniting hardliners such as the al-Shabaab group dominating central and south Somalia and some of his old allies .



FAMILIAR TO DIVERSE

DART is committed to connecting communities. It doesn't matter whether you're heading to your favorite hangout around the corner or an exciting new adventure across town; DART takes you there. With Martin Luther King, Jr. Station and the first phase of the Green Line opening this September, the connections keep growing. It's real progress, something to celebrate during Black History Month.

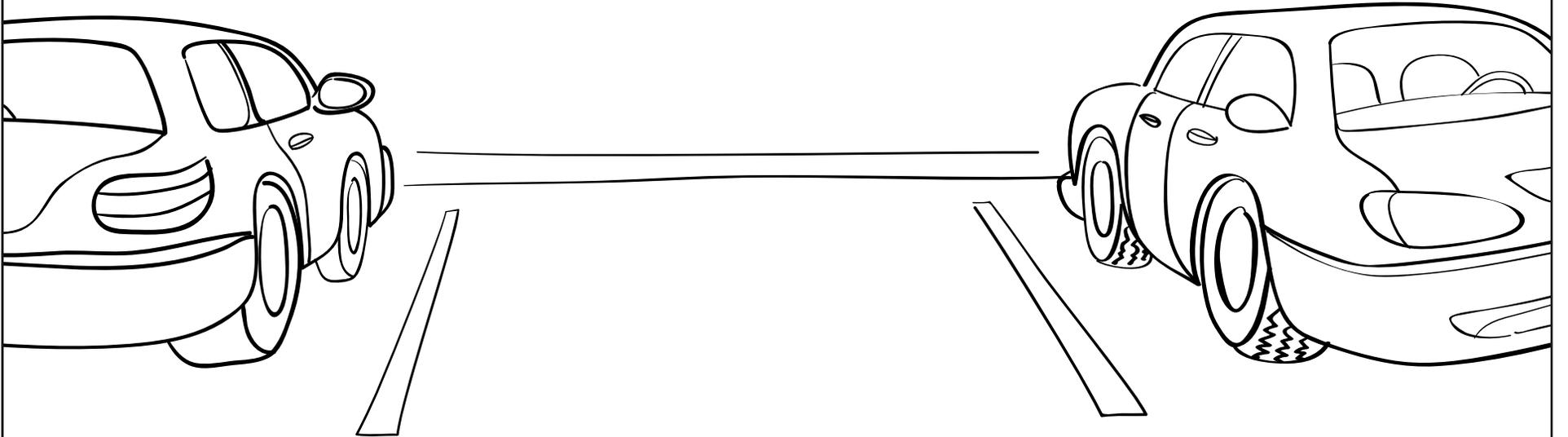


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Want to be a Government "Page"?

From staff reports

Do you know someone who is 16 yrs. old and has a 3.0 GPA who might be

interested in serving in the President Barack Obama's Administration as a page. If so, please share this information with

friends, family and potential US House of Representatives Page candidates. The honor of serving as a page during the

Obama administration will be an invaluable experience. Visit <http://pageprogram.house.gov> for program details.

Enrollment Deadline Near For Prepaid College Tuition Program

From staff reports

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds parents that the current enrollment period ends Feb. 28 for the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's new prepaid college tuition program. Enrollment opened last September for the program, which allows families to lock in college tuition and required fees at current prices of Texas public colleges and offers many flexible options to prepay those expenses before a child is ready for college.

"The Texas Tuition Promise Fund makes it easy to save for college, even in these challenging economic times," Combs said. "If your child attends a Texas public college, you don't have to worry about the volatile stock market, and you can prepay for as much of your child's college costs as your family budget allows."

During the current enrollment period, more than 4,800 children have been enrolled in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. The contracts purchased are

worth almost \$100 million in future college tuition and required fees.

"You must enroll your child in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund by Feb. 28 to take advantage of current contract prices," Combs said. "When the current enrollment period ends, enrollment will close until September, except for newborns born in March through August. We will survey colleges and universities regarding their future tuition and fees and set new contract prices for the next Texas Tuition Promise Fund enrollment period."

Families enrolled in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund purchase tuition "units" with three levels of pricing to prepay undergraduate resident tuition and required fees at schools ranging from public community colleges to four-year state universities. (A detailed explanation of prepaid tuition units is below.)

During the current enrollment period, parents of a newborn can pay as little as \$15.16 per month until their child's high school graduation to pre-

pay a year of tuition at a community college. Parents of a 7-year-old who want to prepay the weighted average cost of one year's tuition at a four-year Texas public university could spread the payments over 10 years for \$81.53 a month.

"The Texas Tuition Promise Fund allows families from any economic background to achieve their education goal — whether it is a four-year college degree or a training program at a community college to gain the technical skills that good, well-paying jobs require," Combs said. "The U.S. Department of Education estimates about 80 percent of the fastest-growing job categories in the near future will require some education beyond high school, but not a bachelor's degree. Texas employers report a growing shortage of workers with technical skills needed for the jobs in Texas' future."

Combs' Web site, Every Chance, Every Texan, can help families plan and save for college. The Web site provides information on

careers that will be in demand in the future and the education requirements for various fields. It also includes tools to help families calculate college costs and determine whether they are saving enough money. To learn more about the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, visit www.EveryChanceEveryTexan.org or go directly to the Texas Tuition Promise fund Web site at www.TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com.

COLLEGE CORNER

Richardson Woman's Club Offers Scholarship

The Richardson Woman's Club Charitable Foundation, Inc. is offering eight, one-year scholarships each worth \$3,000. This year there will also be one four-year scholarship. To qualify, applicants must be U.S. citizens graduating from an RISD high school or Richardson residents graduating from a PISD high school.

Applicants must plan to attend and be able to meet the entrance requirements for a state of Texas supported school. Recipients will be chosen based on

worthiness, academic achievement, initiative and financial need. These scholarships are open to both male and female students.

Applications are available at area high school counselor offices during February. Forms must be completed and returned to respective school counselors by March 6.

Scholarship money will be designated for use during the 2009-10 school year for tuition, books and fees. For more information, call Patricia Brott at 214-726-9117.

Study Non-Profit Management at Eastfield

From staff reports

Want to learn how to manage a non-profit? Enroll in the Non-profit Management Certificate program at Eastfield College. This program prepares students to meet the unique demands in the non-profit sector. The Non-profit Management Certificate will give you the tools you

need to understand revenue development within a non-profit organization, development and implementation of a fundraising plan and management of the fundraising operation.

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Thinking & Problem Solving. It also includes 20 hours each of the following: Business Writing; Persuasive Communication; Developing Leadership in the Workplace; Starting a Small Business; Ethics; Accounting/ Financial Management.

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First Annual "Village of Vendors"

From staff reports

The Collin County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a Sorority that is based on Community Service, presented their 1st Annual "Village of Vendors" on Saturday, February 7, 2009 @ the Holiday Inn Frisco. The vendor's fair was an opportunity to expose residents of CollinCounty and the northern sector of Dallas to Black-owned businesses in the local area; and to

support the successful entrepreneurs that are making a difference in CollinCounty

The event was packed with patrons and vendors. Each vendor showcased their goods and services to the community. There was something to satisfy the wants, needs and desires of the mixture of patrons; including Advertising Agencies, Apparel, Black Hair Product Suppliers, Black Book Stores, Event Planners, Greek Paraphernalia, Home Healthcare

Providers, Insurance Agents, Realtors, Restaurants, Caters, Home and Garden, Book Suppliers, Computer Services, Commercial Cleaning, and more.

Vendors gave discount coupons, samples of foods, cookies, an assortment of very tasteful gourmet peanuts and candy to the patrons just for attending. Patrons purchased a variety of goods and products, including original paintings and poems.



Patrons and vendors interacting.

(L to R) Sonya Turner, President of Collin County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Karen Jefferson, 2nd Vice President and Kathy Mayweather, Program Lead.



Nick and Nikki of Motivation Boulevard featuring Premium Motivational T-Shirts.



Rosie Roberts, Office Manager of NDG presents winning tickets to Lizzie Hunter, CEO of Lizzie Pecans, 2nd winner, to see, "The Clean Up Woman."



Kathy Mayweather, Program Lead of Economic Development for Delta, presents a door prize to Paulina Boniface of Home & Garden Party - Paulina's Décor.



Above, Members of the Economic Development Committee: (L to R) Lynell Jones, Mignon Head, and Renee Turner (not pictured), greeting and registering guest to the vendors fair. Left, Roberts, presents tickets to Adella Cantu of Accion Texas Company, 1st winner, to see, "The Clean Up Woman."

Texas Democratic Women of Collin County Meeting

From staff reports

The Texas Democratic Women of Collin County are meeting on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 6:45pm. The meeting will be held at the Preston Ridge Campus of Collin County Community College located in Frisco, Texas. The campus is located at 9700 Wade

Blvd. off of Preston Rd. We will meet in the Founders Hall, Shawnee Room F148.

The featured guest speaker is Jill Cumnock, Executive Director of Frisco Family Services. Frisco Family Services Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide social services to individuals and

families in need to assist them in becoming productive members of the Frisco community. The agency's service area includes Frisco and Frisco ISD; parts of Little Elm, Plano, and McKinney.

The public is invited to hear Jill Cumnock share the direction and purpose of the Frisco Family Services.

N2NE (In-Tune) Youth Mentoring presents *Dreams N-2 Destiny*, a fundraiser & talent show featuring youth in the Dallas-Ft.Worth area. The event will take place **Saturday, March 7, 2009** from **2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** at the **Lake Highlands North Recreation Center**, located at **9940 White Rock Trail, Dallas, Texas.**

Datwon Thomas
Master of Ceremony

Adell Henderson
Presenter

Mesha Millington
Judge

HOST, GUESTS & JUDGES
Datwon Thomas, the creator of *KING & RIDES Magazines* and currently the editor of hip-hop magazine *XXL* joins N2NE as the official host. The multi-talented mogul will be introducing local talent and surprise celebrity guests who will be speaking, judging and performing.
Mesha Millington, NY-based singer, actress and director of *Gloria Eve Performing Arts Foundation* is bringing in her expertise as an accredited artist to the judging panel. Gospel Rap group **Tru Prophets** from McKinney, Texas will also be on hand for an aspirational performance.

AWARDS
 A segment of the fundraiser will be dedicated to community activists and companies in the Dallas area making a difference in the lives of the youth. Nationally published writer, producer and business consultant **Adell Henderson** is heading up the N2NE awards ceremony during the fundraiser, presenting awards and certificates to ordinary people doing extraordinary deeds.

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For more information or to register online, visit:
WWW.N2NE-YM.ORG

DREAMS N-2 DESTINY
 Dallas' first *Dreams N-2 Destiny* fundraiser. Presented by founder and chief executive officer, **Rich Etta Weathersbee** of N2NE (In-Tune), a non-profit youth mentoring program that encourages the youth to "Focus on your future and Believe in your dreams," the event will gather versatile individuals with talent in areas ranging from dance, music (gospel, R&B, country, rap, etc...), poetry, on one platform for a chance to showcase their talent, meet celebrities, win prizes and more! *Dreams N-2 Destiny* will raise money for the youth mentoring non-profit while simultaneously giving money back to these driven teens.

Ongoing

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

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: 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.

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 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 services, 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 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.

February 6-15

Plano Community Theatre presents, **ACCOMPLICE** by Rupert Holmes the weekends of February 6-15. Performances are February 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 13-21

Plano Community Theatre presents Peter Pan, the musical. The performances are the weekends of February 13-21. Friday and Saturdays at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the Courtyard Theatre, 1509 Avenue. For tickets, call (972) 422-2575.

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 or at www.americanairlinescenter.com.

February 14

Richardson Symphony Orchestra **"Music for Lovers: The Most Romantic Moments from Movies, Broadway and Opera"** Hill Performance Hall 8 p.m. Feb. 14 Tickets: \$12-\$101 www.richardsonsymphony.org.

February 14, 21, 28

Richardson Humane Society holds an Adopt A Pet event at noon-4 p.m. Feb. 14 and 28 at Petco, Coit and Campbell. Also, Feb. 7 and 21 at Petco at Spring Valley and Plano roads. Information: 972-234-5117 or richardsonhumanesociety.org to view pictures of adoptable pets.

February 15, 22

Chinese Film Festival Plays at Davis Library, 7501-B Independence

Parkway, will feature films on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. throughout February. The films are subtitled in English and FREE to the public.

February 16

Single Parent Action Network welcomes single parents and their children for a free monthly dinner at 6 p.m. in the Bartula Family Life Center at First United Methodist Church, 503 N. Central Expwy. suehardin@att.net.

February 16-20

Lipid Profile and Glucose Screening 7-10 a.m. Campbell Campus Medical Plaza I, Conference Center Stop by to test your blood fats – including cholesterol, glucose and triglycerides – for just \$15. A 10-hour fast is required. No appointment necessary.

February 17, 24

Richardson Evening Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Chuck's, 15757 Coit Rd., Dallas. Call 972-235-6542.

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

February 18

EMILY ANTRAINER of Sprinkles bakery in Dallas talks about cupcakes 10AM at the Woman's Center in Richardson, 515 Custer Rd. Call 972-238-9516.

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. 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 or call the UNCF office (972) 234-1007.

February 22

Plano Symphony Sundays Ensemble Concerts: Boomin' Brass 3 p.m. at Courtyard Theatre. Call 972-473-7262.

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, www.nokialivedfw.com or www.sesamestreetlive.com

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ed to participate. Visit www.downtownmckinney.com or call McKinney Main Street at 972.547.2660.

February 23

The Richardson Rotary meets at noon at Canyon Creek Country Club. Information: 972-690-0637.

February 24

IHOP celebrates National Pancake Day 7 am to 10 pm and offer each guest a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes. To donate online, visit www.ihoppancake-day.com.

LEAN tools can transform Health Care organizations. Learn how at an Executive Briefing for Health Care Professions at 9 A.M. The briefing will be held at the Bill Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth St. in Dallas. Call the LEAN Institute of El Centro College at 214.860.5934 for more information. The event is free to the public.

February 26

The Urban League will host the **2009 Annual Meeting Community Report Luncheon** the theme is The Legacy Continues: Passing the Torch. Call the League office (214) 915.4631 for more information.

February 27

North Texas Business Conference: Business Solutions EXPO! This is the first business conference of its kind for small and medium business. Those attending this business transforming platform will be learning sales, marketing and advertising strategies from experts. www.businesssolutionsexpo.com

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On 100th Anniversary, NAACP Challenges First Black President

By HAZEL TRICE
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NNPA

Upon its 100th anniversary this week, the NAACP under the leadership of Benjamin Todd Jealous, set aside euphoria over the historic inauguration of the first Black president and challenged the Obama administration on where he stands on human and civil rights issues as they pertain to people of color.

"We're not simply interested in a bail out for Main Street, it's a good goal. It's a good starting point. But, we want a fix for back street," says Jealous in a telephone press conference leading up to Feb. 12, the 100th birthday of the nation's oldest civil rights organization. "At the end of the day, we are not an organization who's here merely to celebrate any milestone too much. On Jan. 20, we celebrated Obama as the nation's first Black president and first president of color. On Jan. 21, we were well aware that he simply became the 44th president of the United States and all pressures that have worked the agenda of the presidents before him came to bear on him."

He continues, "So, now, we're out there with everybody else trying to make sure that his agenda is our agenda, that his agenda is one of civil rights and inclusion and opportunity for all. And right now there are two things that we're concerned are not getting sufficient attention."

The first issue that he listed was the need for federal enforcement of Black participation in jobs and contracts coming out of the \$827 billion economic stimulus act, that has passed the House and is being negotiated in the U. S. Senate this week.

"White unemployment [stats], since they've been calculated since 1940, have never gotten into double digits. Yet somehow this country finds it tolerable

and somewhat normal to have Black unemployment in the double digits," Jealous says.

The second issue is the need for law enforcement accountability - federal oversight and enforcement of police profiling and misconduct, which former President Bush promised, but never delivered in 2001.

"We're lifting this up and placing it squarely in front of the administration and we'll be pushing harder now that we know who the attorney general is," Jealous says, referring to Eric Holder, also Black. "We have a decade of repressed aspirations since 1999 when candidate Bush promised to end racial profiling and driving while Black and it hasn't happened yet. But, we also need to see the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act passed. We also need to see real reforms in police officer use of force and training."

Referring to protests in the wake of the in-the-back police shooting of a restrained unarmed man in an Oakland subway, Jealous said, "We've had a riot in Oakland in the winter. We've had a riot in an American city in the winter because of the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) police killing."

Jealous said the NAACP has local affiliates dealing with high profile police killings in at least a half dozen states.

Jealous said he would release specific policy proposals in a "White Paper" on Wednesday this week, the day before the 100th Anniversary celebration of the organization founded in 1909. A White Paper is an authoritative report or guide that outlines problems and suggests ways to solve them from expert perspective.

Jealous said proposals in the White Paper would include:

- That the Department of Labor beef up staffing in their solicitors office that handle discrimination. Also



In this Jan. 18, 1964 file photo, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, right, talks with civil rights leaders in his White House office in Washington, D.C. The black leaders, from left, are, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); James Farmer, national director of the Committee on Racial Equality; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and Whitney Young, executive director of the Urban League.

that they beef up staffing in the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs so that as the stimulus dollars flow through, there won't be the same tattered infrastructure left by the Bush administration "and we won't see a repeat of the sloppiness that we saw in Iraq and that we saw in New Orleans."

- That the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division be rebuilt to enforce a wide spectrum of civil rights laws.

- That every stimulus-created job that is awarded to a general contractor or to sub-contractors be contracted through the federal employment service so that federal authorities will monitor who gets the jobs. "We need to send a clear message that tax payer dollars should create jobs for everybody. We don't want people discriminated against based on age, gender, race or anything else," Jealous said.

- Greater oversight for banks, brokers and a major investment in public education "because we're tired of Black people with good credit and assets being fleeced. We want them protected."

The White paper will include the NAACP's Agenda pertaining to the Obama Administration for

the first year. He said the Goals of the NAACP for the next 25 years of the 21st century will be released at its 100th Annual Convention in July in New York.

Issuing the White Paper to the Obama Administration is only one major action taken by the civil rights organization amidst the economic havoc in the Black community.

The organization is moving ahead with a federal lawsuit to force 15 major financial institutions to cease alleged racial discrimination and rogue sub-prime home mortgage lending.

A federal Judge last month denied a joint motion filed by the institutions to stop the NAACP from moving ahead with the suit. The lenders are now required to release information and documents regarding their mortgage policies and practices, according to an NAACP news release.

The Mortgage lenders named in the lawsuit include: Accredited Home Lenders, Inc.; Ameriquist Mortgage Co.; Bear Sterns Residential Mortgage Corp.; Encore Credit; Chase Bank USA; Citimortgage; First Franklin Financial Corp.; First Tennessee Bank; First Horizon National Corp.; Fremont Investment &



In this Feb. 3, 2009 file photo, NAACP President and Chief Executive Officer Benjamin Jealous gestures during an interview with The Associated Press, in Washington.

Loan; GMAC Mortgage Group, LLC; GMAC ResCap; J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.; Long Beach Mortgage; Option One Mortgage Corp.; SunTrust Mortgage; and WMC Mortgage, LLC.

Jealous speaks with the confidence of the past 100 years of successes by the NAACP, which led and won campaigns for voting rights, against lynching, Jim Crow, and campaigns to equalize the political playing field.

The NAACP Headquarters, based in Baltimore, has 1,700 units nationwide and will host celebrations and observances throughout the year ending on February 12, 2010.

At the organization's star-studded Image Awards to be

broadcasted from Los Angeles on Feb. 12, will be Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Dr. Wangari Muta Maathai and Former Vice President Al Gore. Also, Halle Berry, Tyler Perry, Sean Didd Combs, Jennifer Hudson, Beyonce, Russell Simmons and the legendary Stevie Wonder and Muhammad Ali.

"As we set out at this moment, we have a lot to celebrate," Jealous said. "What makes this organization different than virtually every other great organization in this country is that we've practiced one formula for a hundred years with great success and transformed this country again and again, not just for Black people or Brown people, but for all people."

DA asks police for more investigation of Brown

By ANTHONY MCCARTHY
Associated Press

A district attorney's spokeswoman says Los Angeles police have presented a case regarding singer Chris Brown, but county prosecutors have asked for further investigation.

Spokeswoman Jane Robison did not release information on the nature of the case police presented to prosecutors Tuesday, and she says the district attorney's office will have no further comment pending the investigation.

Police booked Brown on Sunday for investigation of making a criminal threat after a woman accused him of assaulting her the night before the Grammy Awards.

The Los Angeles Times,

citing unidentified law enforcement sources, has reported that the woman is pop superstar Rihanna, his longtime girlfriend.

Brown is free on \$50,000 bail.

Chris Brown's ad campaign with Wrigley was suspended Monday until his criminal case is resolved, and reports surfaced that pop superstar Rihanna, his longtime girlfriend and a fellow no-show at the Grammy Awards, was the woman who accused him of assault.

The Los Angeles Times, citing law enforcement officials familiar with the case and other sources it did not name, reported that Rihanna, whose full name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty, was the woman who told police that Brown had hurt her the night before the



In this June 6, 2008 file photo, the audience reaches out to touch singer Chris Brown during his appearance on the NBC "Today" television program, in New York's Rockefeller Center.

Grammy Awards.

A police statement released Sunday afternoon said Brown and an unidentified woman began arguing while riding in a car following a pre-Grammy party where they were spotted together Saturday night. The fight escalated when they got out of the car in the ritzy Hancock Park neighborhood, the report said, and Brown was gone by the time officers arrived.

The report indicated that the woman was injured, but Brown was booked only on suspicion of making a criminal threat, a felony, after walking into a police station Sunday night.

Authorities said the district attorney could choose to expand the charges.

Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton said he expects detectives to present their case to prosecutors in the next day or so. He added Brown received no special considerations before his arrest or when he was booked. "We dealt with him like we deal with everybody else," Bratton said.

Brown was released after posting \$50,000 bail. Both he and Rihanna had backed out of their scheduled performances at the Grammy Awards, where producers scrambled to fill their slots.

Several celebrity Web sites such as TMZ.com, Radaronline.com, Us Weekly and People, citing sources neither named nor characterized, also reported that Rihanna was the woman involved. The Los Angeles Police Department would not confirm the reports, citing state laws that protect the identity of abuse victims.

Rihanna's publicist declined to say why the singer did not appear, and Brown's representatives also refused to discuss the allegations or his arrest. Repeated phone and e-mail messages left beginning Sunday night with Brown's attorney, Mark Geragos,

were not returned Monday.

Wrigley said in a statement Monday that it was suspending its ad campaigns featuring Chris Brown as its spokesman for Doublemint gum until the situation was resolved, but stopped short of saying they will drop the troubled R&B star completely.

A company statement expresses concern about "serious allegations made against Chris Brown," but added that the 19-year-old should be "afforded the same due process as any citizen."

AP Special Correspondent Linda Deutsch contributed to this

Author Challenges Metroplex Couples to Celebrate Healthy Marriages

From staff reports

FamilyLife, the global, non-profit leader in marriage conferences, will present Weekend to Remember in Dallas on Feb. 13 - 15. The Weekend to Remember marriage conference aims to strengthen healthy marriages and heal troubled ones in an engaging, supportive and non-threatening environment. Speakers at the Dallas conference will include Dr. Dennis Rainey, president, CEO and co-founder of

FamilyLife. The Valentine's Day weekend event marks Dr. Rainey's only scheduled Weekend to Remember appearance this year.

Dr. Rainey and his wife Barbara, who co-founded FamilyLife in 1976, have chosen to attend the Dallas conference because of volunteer and participant involvement and their strong commitment to strengthening marriages in the area. More than 600 volunteers assist with the FamilyLife ministry in Dallas, and since the city's

first Weekend to Remember conference in 1982, attendance has increased by over 650 percent.

"Of the 100+ markets where FamilyLife hosts a Weekend to Remember, Dallas is by far one of our strongest markets. The DFW area has one of our largest radio audiences, and the Dallas Weekend to Remember conferences always draw some of the events' largest crowds," said Dr. Dennis Rainey, who hosts the nationally syndicated radio program

FamilyLife Today. "We are so inspired by the Dallas community's commitment to family and marriage, and we are proud to be a part of it."

Valentine's Day weekend will kick off Weekend to Remember's 2009 series of more than 130 scheduled conferences across the US. The Dallas event is expected to be one of the largest events of the year, with more than 2,500 attendees anticipated. The conference is being held at the Gaylord Texan Resort

(1501 Gaylord Trail in Grapevine) and will feature Dr. Dennis Rainey as well as three other key speakers.

"While this conference can assist those couples looking for an overhaul, it's also a positive way to impact and fine-tune all marriages," said Dr. Rainey. "We live in stressful, distracting times, and amid the blur of modern life it becomes alarmingly easy for couples to grow apart. That's why it's critical to strengthen your connection before the gap between you

grows too wide. We developed the Weekend to Remember program to do just that: help couples enhance and strengthen their marital bonds."

Since marrying in 1972, the Rainey's have been devoted to supporting families by strengthening marriages. They have also co-written eight books on relationships and family issues, including the best-selling Moments with You, Building Your Mate's Self-

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opportunities for minority business owners in Collin County. He sees the organization as one that will continue the mission to build economic prosperity and enhance the quality of life in Collin County for minority businesses. The organization is poised to develop programs and events that benefit the membership and communi-

ty. CCBCC also strives to enhance the patronage of minorities businesses and has alliances with the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the North Texas Job Corp. Collin County is one of the wealthiest and fastest growing counties in Texas. CCBCC intends to be a

vital link in promoting the richness of the business community.

2009 Executive Committee members are:
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 Sonya Parker, Kelly Posey, Horace Satisfield, Terri Thomas
 CCBCC a non-profit

organization that was founded in 2005 by group of African American business owners and leaders who saw the need to provide a forum for minority business to connect resources and opportunity in the Collin County area. We are the direct link to today's affluent and progressive African-American business professionals in the state of Texas. Currently, we have 8 board members and may increase its size up to 15

members. All Board candidates must be willing to support the mission and purpose of the organization and be a financially active member. If you are interested in joining the CCBCC or its leadership team, feel free to call 469 424-1020 or info@CCBlackChamber.org. Correspondence may be sent to: CCBCC, 3001 S. Central Expy, Suite 301 PMB 133, McKinney, TX 75070.

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enamel and into the pulp, which houses the nerves, causing intense pain. Left untreated, decay can lead to abscess, which can be fatal, according to the Health Professional's Guide to Pediatric Oral Health Management.

Last year, after a 12-year-old in Maryland died due to complications of a tooth infection, reports revealed that, nationwide, about 6.5 million children with tooth decay receiving Children's Medicaid go untreated. However, program requires regular dental visits.

"A lot of people are only driven by discomfort. If their children are not complaining about their teeth, they don't bring them in," said Dr. Donna Barefield, a local pediatric dentist who treats children covered by Children's Medicaid.

Many parents don't realize the importance of proper early care.

"Baby teeth serve a function, not only for

appearance, but they contribute to the child's ability to speak clearly, proper nutrition by having teeth to chew, said Barefield.

Also, unhealthy teeth may not be as aesthetically pleasing, according to Barefield. Unhealthy or missing teeth can lower a child's self-image, especially in older children, according the National Institute of Health.

"Children with black spots on their teeth don't want to open their mouth. They keep their head down and don't want to bring attention to themselves. They aren't going to do as well in school," said Barefield. "Your smile just says so much about how you feel about yourself. Children who feel confident will flash a huge smile. It's a reflection on how they fell about how they look."

Some children inherit or develop dental problems that may cause embarrassment.

"My daughter had gaps

in her teeth," said Pam Goodwin, mother of four. "She never really wanted to show her smile. Now she has braces and she can already tell a difference in her bite and everything."

The care of primary teeth can affect permanent teeth and should start during infancy, as suggested by Texas Health Steps, which provides preventive medical and dental checkups for children on Medicaid. It's "Take Time for Teeth" initiative states that infant should be held during bottle-feeding, then clean the gums with a clean damp washcloth.

"The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that soon after the first tooth comes in, parents should plan to take their child to see a dentist, and no later than age one. As soon as that first tooth come in they need to start brushing and sending them to the dentist," said Barefield, "For children, dental problems can progress rather quickly,

so we like to see them every six months.

Pediatric dentist play a significant role in teaching proper oral care, making the first visit crucial to long-term dental health.

"My son is a special needs child. He's on so much medication that it messes with his teeth. And she [Dr. Barefield] taught me how to take special care of his teeth," said Goodwin.

By age 2, children should begin brushing twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, as recommended by the American Dental Association.

With proper oral care, children's permanent teeth can remain permanent and healthy.

"It's absolutely possible for teeth to last a lifetime. That's why we recommend to parents, as soon as the fist tooth comes in, to get the child use to seeing the dentist regularly," said Barefield. "It really does give children an option to keep teeth for a lifetime."

In Texas, more than 2

million children have access to regular dental care through Children's Medicaid and CHIP. The programs, administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, provide low-income children with health-care coverage,

including dental check-ups twice a year.

These programs provide health coverage for children in families that earn up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. To apply, visit www.chipmedicaid.org or call 1-877-543-7669.

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Esteem, Pressure Proof Your Marriage and Rekindling the Romance. Dr. Dennis Rainey graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with a Masters in biblical studies.

"If more than 30 years of marriage have taught me

anything, it's that you can really never stop working on your relationship – both struggling and healthy marriages require constant effort," said Barbara Rainey, co-founder of FamilyLife and best-selling author. "It's amazing how

quickly complacency can lead to neglect. Weekend to Remember conferences are so beneficial because they provide practical and accessible ways to remind couples why they got married in the first place, so they can reignite that spark and maintain its glow."

Couples interested in more information or regis-

tering for an upcoming FamilyLife Weekend to Remember conference can www.familylife.com/weekend or call 1-800-FLTO-DAY (1-800-358-6329). To donate to FamilyLife, a 501c3 non-profit organization that assists couples in Dallas and around the world build healthier marriages and families.

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intrinsic but derived from that of mortgages, securities and other assets. Yet by 2008, while the gross global product had grown to \$56 trillion, derivatives had reached approximately \$530 trillion! When the derivatives' underlying value was eroded by reckless mortgage loans, the huge excess in speculation and the artificiality in the financial edifice were revealed.

As far back as the early 90s, books such as *When Corporations Rule the World*; hearings by the House Banking Committee on the derivatives market; leaders in academia such as the former president of Harvard

University, Derek Bok; and reporters, such as Thomas Friedman, laid out different consequences of the practices and policies unfolding in global markets. Economists of the stature of Joseph Stiglitz and a handful of prudent, long-time investors including Warren Buffet called attention to the growing dangers. The outcome was foreseen by those who were willing to see.

If there's any hope of full recovery, we must look at the mythical mindset, symbolized by the infamous Bridge to Nowhere, which blinded us to that outcome as a means of connecting us to a brighter future.

Many believed that "the end of history" had been reached, that capitalism -- not on the basis of enlightened self-interest but unregulated and unrestrained self-interest -- was infallible, and that the U.S. had become the only "indispensable nation," free to disregard others. Meanwhile, over 40 million Americans did not have a bank account, approximately 45 million did not have health insurance, and 30 million adults were considered illiterate.

The need for interconnectedness with our own poor and with other nations means that Americans' image of ourselves, and our aspirations -- the essence of

what defines "the American Dream" -- must undergo radical change.

When Americans disconnected the identity of the nation from the reality of its own marginalized community and from the international reality, during a period of rapidly evolving globalization, our mindset became dysfunctional. We manifested our own loss of faith in the principle of broadly-shared prosperity

Now, it's time to stop being awe-struck by the cleverness of those who have been intent on succeeding at the expense of everyone else.

Intelligence, knowledge

and power alone do not necessarily translate into ethical, moral, or enduringly productive behavior; without wisdom and balance, they have repeatedly produced elitist excess ... and they did so once again in bringing about the current crisis.

We the people need to ask what changes and sacrifices are required in order to move in a worthwhile direction. The future of our country demands that all of us build a bridge back to reality. A good start is recognizing that the necessary flows of capital, products and services of globalization are not sustainable in a ruthless system of com-

merce that relies on low- or no-pay for work, and the assumption that our natural and human resources are expendable. The notion of unending, increasing affluence, and of lax or nonexistent accountability, must be abandoned.

It is not too late and our history holds the answers: a return to honoring the truths that are "self-evident," "a decent respect for the opinions of mankind," and the full, educated, responsible engagement of the people. This is the essence of modern democracy and the source of the longstanding success of our country

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improved technology to bring jobs to the state, improved veteran's benefits and creation of new programs, and working with other states and the Federal Government to help strengthen our borders.

As of Friday the 6th, the House has yet to assign any committee members or schedule hearings or readings of any bills.

At the end of January, the Senate also announced their committees and committee members. In total, they have 19 committees, and so far 5 sub-committees formed. The Senate did not reorganize any of their previous committees.

With the organization of the House and the Senate announced, on Tuesday, the 3rd, the Governor declared emergency issues for the Legislature.

Gov. Perry declared any legislation having to do with funding to help 2008 Texas hurricane victims, responding agencies, and recovery agencies as an emergency issue. He also declared that any proposed law or program that dealt with creating a "Catastrophe Reserve Trust

Fund" for future victims as an emergency concern.

In light of last October's security breach in Texas prisons, where Gov. Perry found that inmates had cell phones smuggled into death row and maximum security facilities to make threats to the public, policies and funding for hiring more security guards, screeners, and a program that enhances video surveillance, along with other security technologies in correctional facilities, was also declared to be an emergency issue.

Improving education in public schools was also on the list.

The Governor said, "By designating these items emergencies, lawmakers are able to begin considering these important issues relating to the safety, security, recovery of our state."

The Senate went to work right way.

The Finance committee began hearings on the General Appropriations Bill, or the State's overall budget.

Hearings were also held on the Teacher Retirement Fund along with other State

Retirement programs.

As a result of the Governor's emergency status, a sub-committee was immediately formed dealing with flooding and evacuation procedures and funding. This committee is not only dealing with issues of devastation along the coast, but also taking into consideration people who may be negatively affected by severe weather state wide.

The committee also began hearings on education finance last week. They heard bills and testimony in relation to creating and funding more special need programs and improving the quality of education. Funding and new program hearings also started for the state's community colleges.

Past budgets and future cost projections for some of the state's major universities also came to the committee floor. The Senate Finance committee held hearings for the schools in The University of Texas System, Texas State System, Texas Tech University System and the University of Houston System on Wednesday and Thursday.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS McKinney Housing Authority (MBA) Request for Proposals (RFP) for Windows and Screens Replacement

General

The McKinney Housing Authority (MBA) is seeking written proposals from windows and screens companies for the replacement of approximately 445 windows in 26 one store buildings, inclusive of 76 units. Proposals are requested from companies with direct demonstrated expertise in replacement of windows and screens, particularly in older apartment housing.

MHA's selection process will result in awarding a contra to a qualified contractor. The RFP for windows and screens replacement may be obtained from Beth Bentley, Executive Director by sending an email to bbentley@mckinneyha.org; or by fax at 972-562-3385.

Due Date

Submissions in response to this RFP are due no later than 4:00 PM (Central Standard Time) February 13, 2009. Late proposals will not be considered and will not be opened. Respondents are solely and entirely responsible for ensuring that submissions are received before the stated due date and time.

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Questions

Questions regarding this RFP should be directed in writing to Beth Bentley, Executive Director, by email to bbentley@mckinneyha.org or by fax to 972-562-8387 on or before February 13, 2009 at 4:00PM (Local Time).

MHA Rights

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RFP Schedule

RFP available February 4, 2009
Final day to submit written questions February 13, 2009
Submissions are due February 18, 2009
Oral interview (if required) February 25, 2009
Selection of highest ranked respondent February 27, 2009

Church Happenings

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February 15 & 22, 10:15 am
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Black History Month Continues

Black History is America's history and the world's History being remembered. There is an endless list of great and useful inventions being used worldwide that were invented by Black Americans.

Henry T. Sampson in 1971 invented the **cell phone**; how many cell phones do you see in use today? Dr. Philip Emeagwali, considered by many, even President Bill Clinton as a 'Father of the Internet' helped give birth to the 'supercomputer' the technology that spawned the **Internet, World Wide Web (WWW.)** Otis Boykin invented more than 25 electronic devices that are used in **computers and guided missiles** today.

Various industries that are vital to America's success story have been pro-

foundly influenced by the contributions of Black Inventors. We would not be enjoying agriculture and automobiles products; and mass communications as we know them today. Thank God for **Black History Month**.

Numerous individuals are slow to recognize that plenty of Black Americans have excelled, and are continuing to excel and invent useful and life-changing devices; they use **math and science** to make a difference in how we live, work, play, and entertain today.

Walter McAfee, a Black mathematician and physicist **first calculated the speed of the moon**. In the 40s, the U.S. Army program, Project Diana, McAfee made the necessary calculations on January 10, 1946, that allowed a team of experts to send a radar pulse through a special 40-foot square antenna towards the moon. 2½ seconds later, they received a faint signal,

proving that transmissions from earth could cross the vast distances of outer space.

Last week I wrote of my friend, Mrs. Esther Levy Dugay and me, meeting at Prairie View, a Historical Black College and University (HBCU) school; this year we are celebrating our 50th Friendship Anniversary. Our lives and teaching careers were influenced by our friendship of 50 years.

HBCUs, the backbone of Black children's Education, helped build America by educating Blacks when educational opportunities were limited. Early colleges were private institutions; were started by Black churches, Black Americans, the American Missionary Association and the Freedmen's Bureau. After the Civil War, public colleges and universities were formed by state legislatures. The nation's 103 HBCUs continues to mold Black leaders and role

models; they award nearly one in every four bachelor's degrees earned by African Americans.

In 1965, Congress defined an HBCU as "any historically Black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans . . ." In 1981, the White House Initiative on HBCUs was established to expand funding and strengthen the institutions, located mostly in the Southeast. Since then, it has broadened the nation's knowledge of HBCUs, including their significant educational and economic impact on the nation.

In 1944 27 HBCUs banded together to launch the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to fund-raise together and influence the nation's thinking about educating African Americans. Principal organizer Dr. Frederick Patterson, a graduate of Prairie View 1915,



Missionary JoAnna Rochester, Apostle to The Nations, "Every People Tribe and Nation, EPTN) preaching The Word of God @ Word of Life Church in Carrollton, TX.

had a vision that "a unified financial campaign for several Negro colleges seems to be an idea worth toying with."

Alabama has 15 HBCUs; Arkansas has 3; Delaware has 1; District of Columbia (D.C.) has 2; Florida has 4; Georgia has 10; Kentucky has 1; Louisiana has 6; Maryland has 4; Michigan has 1; Mississippi has 7; Missouri has 2; North Carolina has 10; Ohio has 2; Oklahoma has 1; Pennsylvania has 2; South Carolina has 8; Tennessee has 6, Texas has 9 (PV in

Prairie View, TX; Paul Quinn, Dallas; Huston-Tillotson, Austin; Jarvis Christian in Hawkins; St. Phillips, San Antonio; Southwestern, Terrell; Texas College, Tyler; Texas Southern, Houston; and Wiley, Marshall TX); U.S. Virgin Islands has 1; Virginia has 6; and West Virginia has 2.

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From staff reports

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Admission is free. Further information about programs and events surrounding the exhibitions can be obtained by calling the St. Paul United Methodist Church office at (214) 922-0000.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, American Airlines will sponsor the play "Above the Call, Beyond the Duty" at Casa Manana in Fort Worth, 3101 W. Lancaster Ave.

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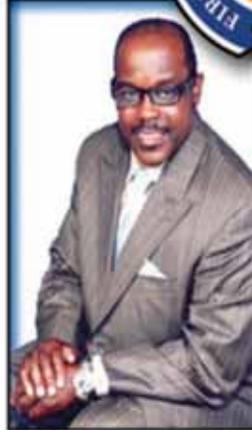
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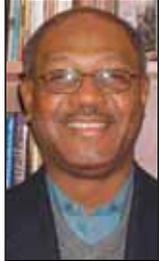



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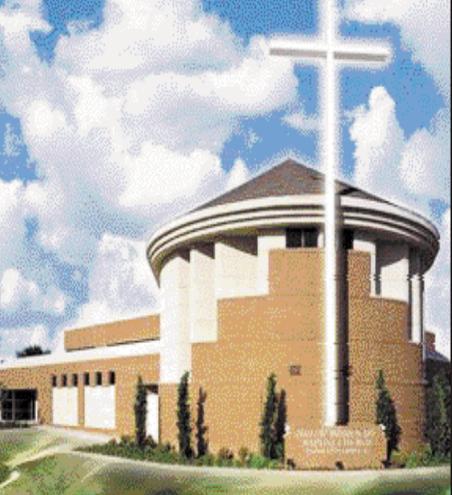
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