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Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! Academy Opens Early Childhood Development Center

State-of-the-art Center is available for children of the members of the community



(NDG Wire) Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! Academy, one of the ten Texans Can! Academy campuses in Texas, today announced they will open an Early Childhood Development Center in

April 2009. The new, state-of-the-art center will accept children ages six weeks to 12 years.

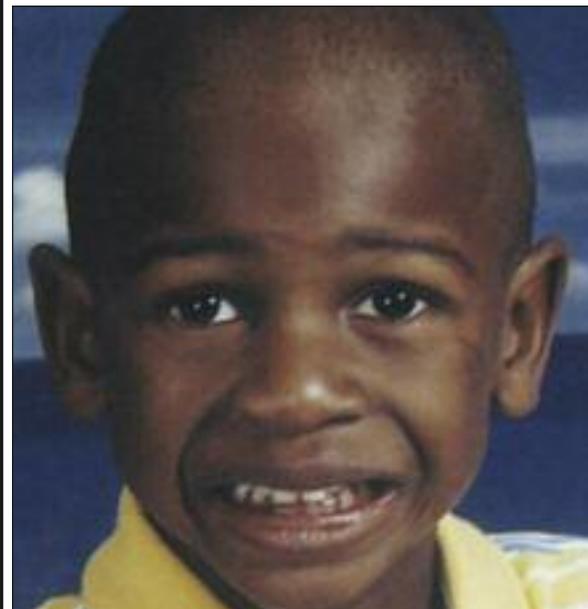
The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is a licensed early care and education pro-

gram that will serve the children of Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! Academy students, staff, faculty and the surrounding community. Texans

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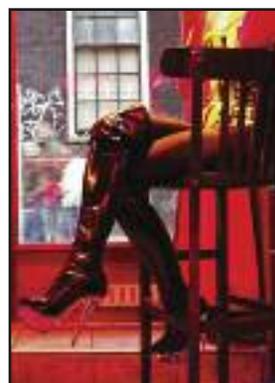
DCHHS Provides HIV/AIDS Testing in the Fight Against Prostitution

(NDG Wire) The Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has joined forces with the Dallas Police Department (DPD) in the fight against prostitution. The formal intervention and outreach initiative, called New Life Opportunities, targets “truck

stop” prostitutes.

The goal is to offer these women and men an opportunity to gain education, information, and access to various social services as an alternative to continued involvement in the criminal justice system and /or risk of further victimization.

Those arrested in the operation are given a choice: commit to a rehabilitation program catering to their needs or face possible jail time for years of criminal activity. DCHHS’ role is to educate, examine, and test and treat individuals for gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and



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Lil Kim’s Steps are Fine; Wardrobe Malfunctions

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Busting Financial Predators Is Job 1 for Police, Adult Protective Services Partnership by Texas Health & Human Services

After 2½ years of collaborating to protect seniors from financial exploitation, Cindy Chumley and Bruce Friar are hard to shock. Some cases, however, still have the power to blow even their hard-bitten old pros’ minds.

“We were following up on evidence that a paid caregiver for a 96-year-old man had been making unauthorized purchases with his credit card,” recalls Friar, a detective for the Austin Police Department. “In the process of tracking down

card charges, we called an auto dealer for information about a car that had been bought in the gentleman’s name.

“The person on the other end checked some records, then got back on the phone and asked, ‘Do you want

info on just that one car in his name — or all three?’”

The financial exploitation investigation, which originally focused on \$1,300 worth of charges — quickly turned into a major

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COMMENTARY

Black and Green

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX
NNPA Columnist

Earth Day is April 23, but environmentalists, taking a page from Black folks’ book, have decided to make a month of it and declare April “Earth Month.”

They are right to take as much time as they need — we will all perish if we cannot sustain our planet. And so there have been actions, large and small, to focus our atten-

tion on issues of environmental sustainability.

There was a booth outside my local Whole Foods with free samples of a “environmentally friendly” laundry detergent, and an earnest young woman who explained why it mattered that this detergent be chosen over traditional brands.

It produces fewer pesticides for the

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People In The News...



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Eddie Glaude Jr.

Any serious list of these newly influential Black public intellectuals should include Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr., a professor of religion and African-American studies at Princeton University.

Although Glaude may be best known as a collaborator with Dr. Cornel West and talk show host Tavis Smiley on the efforts that launched the Covenant With Black America, his writings and speeches on post-civil rights politics, including *In A Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics*

of Black America, stand to definitively shape the thinking of Blacks and others born during and after the civil rights movement.

Glaude's 2007 *In A Shade of Blue*, urges African-Americans to be mindful of the civil rights experience, but avoid "fixed ideas and categories of the past" that could limit the impact of Black political action. He contends that the ideas of pragmatism elaborated by American philosopher John Dewey are appropriate to the renewal of



African-American politics.

A native of Moss Point, Miss., Glaude says his career owes much of its current prominence to mentorship by leading senior scholars, rigorous self-study and intellectual discipline.

Raised in a working-class family, Glaude credits his parents with making education the highest priority for Glaude, his brother and two sisters.

"I've been blessed. I've been in the right places to connect with people who've helped and influenced me enormously," he notes.

There's currently an all-star cast of Black scholars based at Princeton that includes two of Glaude's former mentors. They are West and Dr. Albert Raboteau, a professor of religion and African-American studies, who now count themselves as friends

and colleagues of the young scholar.

"What Glaude has done is to locate Black nationalism much more centrally in the mainstream emergences of the Black churches, such as the African Methodist Episcopal church. ... He broke new ground in the understanding of Black religious thought and identity. I see widespread references to that book," Raboteau says.

A political science major at Morehouse College, Glaude initially encountered theology and Black nationalist politics while studying those sub-

jects in religion and African-American history courses. It was also at Morehouse where Glaude would form friendships with fellow students who are the founding members of The Jamestown Project, a Massachusetts based action-oriented think tank of diverse young leaders.

Prior to joining the Princeton faculty, Glaude spent six years teaching at Bowdoin College in Maine. His SUNY Stony Brook sociologist wife, Dr. Winnifred Brown-Glaude, was teaching at the University of Southern Maine then.

Frederic White

Frederic White is Dean and Professor of Law at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, a position he has held since fall 2008. As dean, he is the chief academic and administrative officer of the School of Law.

White was born and raised in Cleveland and became the first member of his family to graduate from a four-year college. A political science major at the College, he participated in

student activism on campus. "In effect," he says, "I was fighting the system that I'm now a part of."

White was accepted by the Law School and the Journalism School, and says his experiences during the demonstrations helped him decide. "When we students took over buildings," he told Class-Action, the magazine of Golden Gate Law, "I was impressed by the quality and fervor of the African-

American and white lawyers who represented us. They weren't doing it for money. I said to myself, 'I ought to do that.' That's what drew me to law school."

Dean White began his legal career in 1973, as an associate attorney in the Cleveland, Ohio, office of the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, where he specialized in municipal finance. In 1978, he joined the law faculty of

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University where he remained until 2004.

Besides teaching courses in property, wills and trusts, land use control and local government law, Dean White also served as associate dean for five years. As associate dean he was responsible for supervising admissions, registrar, financial aid, career services, student services, and secretarial services.

He also served as chair or a member of the following

committees: Faculty Appointments, Academic Standards, Admissions, Library, and Legal Career Opportunities Program (LCOP). He served as Vice President of the University Faculty Senate and as President of the University Black Faculty and Staff Organization.

Before joining the faculty at Texas Wesleyan School of Law, Dean White also served as Dean and Professor of Law at Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco, Calif.,

from 2004-08. He earned his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College, New York, N.Y.



Dr. Charlita L. Shelton



The Board of Trustees for the University of the Rockies, along with Bridgepoint Education, announced the appointment of Dr. Charlita L. Shelton as president of Bridgepoint Education's University of the Rockies in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dr. Shelton comes to University of the Rockies with nearly 18 years of higher education experi-

ence. She began her career at San Diego's Kelsey-Jenny College where she served as a proctor, an assistant dean, director of career services, and director of community outreach and student/alumni relations.

In 1997, Dr. Shelton joined the University of Phoenix where she began as an academic counselor and later became the director of academic affairs for the university's San Diego campus.

In 1999, Dr. Shelton was promoted to the University of Phoenix's Detroit campus where she served as the regional executive director of academic affairs. Two years later, in 2001, she returned to

Phoenix to become the university's associate vice president for campus academic affairs and organizational diversity. Since 2006, Dr. Shelton has served as the organizational diversity officer for Apollo Group, Inc., also in Phoenix, Arizona.

Most recently, Dr. Shelton was named a 2007 "Diversity Champion" by the Arizona Society for Human Resource Management Diversity Leadership Alliance. She also served in the United States Marine Corp in the 1980s, is a published author, is a member of many professional associations, and has served on the board for many community organizations including The Shanti Group which provides housing, education, and direct client services to

individuals and families of those infected with HIV/AIDS.

"Dr. Shelton's commitment to diversity is just one of the many reasons we wanted her to lead the University of the Rockies. She clearly demonstrated that she values diverse groups of individuals who are pursuing a quality graduate education," said Bird.

Dr. Shelton has a bachelor's degree in communications from Western Michigan University; a master's degree in educational administration from National University in San Diego, California; a master's degree in human development, with an emphasis in cultural diversity, from Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, California; and a Ph.D. in human develop-

ment, with an emphasis in cultural diversity, also from

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The Employee Free Choice Act

BY RON WALTERS

(NNPA) One of the apparent mysteries many people ponder is how it was that union membership was responsible for virtually building the American middle class after World War II and now so many people appear to blame unions for the loss of jobs rather than the push for more profits by company bosses. The answer is fear.

In reality, the intimidation of workers has made it more difficult for them to organize in various companies for fear they would lose their jobs. Employer influence over the unionizing process has been a primary reason why the American work force has declined from one-third of the labor force at its heights to 12 percent at present, forcing organized labor and its allies to formulate the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) to make union organizing much easier.

When the National Relations Labor Act was passed in 1935, it spelled out two methods for unions to become organized that exist today. If 30 percent of employees in a company signed up, union organizers could request that the National Labor Relations Board direct the company to hold an election under secret ballot.

But if over 50 percent of employees sign up, the employer could voluntarily waive the election pro-

vision, recognize the union and go directly to collective bargaining. The EFCA proposes that if over 50 percent of workers sign up for a union that could automatically void a secret ballot election, but workers could still opt to have an election with secret ballot if they chose.

As the age of Obama dawns with a focus on improving the economic status of the middle class, it would appear necessary to correct the balance between the power of the corporate bosses and the power of workers represented by their unions.

It is worth noting that one of the primary reasons why the wages of the middle class did not rise for about the past two decades while the upper class wages ran away from the whole wage structure was not only because of the tax cuts enacted by Republican administrations, but because corporations virtual held up cities and their workers.

It went something like this: companies received concessions from cities and towns to locate their operations in them, but in order to make more profit, they threatened to leave and go overseas. For many communities to retain jobs, that put pressure on the cost of making products which meant workers giving up wages and benefits negotiated under collective bargaining agreements.

But even after these

labor "give-backs" boosted profits for a while, many companies eventually left for low-wage labor markets abroad anyway blaming the cost of domestic labor supported by unions.

There is now a great flood of economic resources from the Stimulus Package, the recent national budget and the financial enhancements to small businesses that will boost the labor market and create hundreds of thousands of jobs.

But the rational person must ask under what conditions will these jobs be created; will conform to the downward pressure on wages, or will they be at a wage rate that will allow a person to take home enough money to feed, clothe, and educate their families? Recent census data for 2008 show us that with respect to the group that are union members:

Blacks – 14.5 percent; Whites – 12.2 percent; Hispanics – 10.6 percent; and Asians – 10.6; for a national rate of 12.4 percent. With wage rates that are 65-80 percent of whites when one compares just races or two parent households, Blacks and Hispanics in particular would appear to have a vested interest in strong support of improving union organizing and the higher wage rates and, health and retirement benefits that come from union membership and collective bargaining.

When we think of what it takes to turn the corner economically in this era of history, we must combine turning around the top-down economics that Ronald Reagan instituted with the war on labor, reflected in his attack on the PATCO because of the pilots union strike early in his administration. This attack has continued as a necessary aspect of creating the condition for companies to take massive profits.

Even foreign companies coming into the country have taken advantage of the "right to work" provision of the Taft Hartley Act of 1947 to settle their operations in Southern states that permit companies to reject unions.

So, the hard question the Obama era must face is whether, in the attempt to retain an industrial base, the labor system it builds resembles the Third World, or sets an example of the kind of standards of fair wages and benefits that should be the model for workers around the world. The EFCA must be supported.

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Economic Recovery Payments Coming For People Who Receive Social Security And SSI Benefits

BY TOM CLARK

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which the President signed into law in February, provides for a one-time payment of \$250 to people receiving Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ben-

efits.

The one-time recovery payments will go out in May 2009 and all payments should be received by the end of May. In April, Social Security will send a letter with additional information to each person who is eligible for the one-time payment. The payments will be sent auto-

matically, meaning no action is required on the part of the person receiving benefits. The economic recovery payments will be made separately from a person's regular monthly payments.

All adults who receive Social Security benefits, including disabled adult children (but not minor

children) are eligible for \$250 payment. In addition, all persons who receive SSI payments, including minor children, are eligible for the payment. Anyone who receives benefits or who was eligible to receive benefits during any of the three months prior to

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Somali Pirates Threaten Revenge on France, U.S

MOGADISHU, (Xinhua) -- Somali pirate groups Tuesday vowed to kill American and French crews of ships hijacked by them after U.S. marines shot dead three of the four pirates holding a U.S. captain hostage, local media reports said.

The threat came after a three-day hostage drama of Captain Richard Phillips, who was abducted after his ship Maersk

Alabama was briefly taken by Somali pirates, ended with the killing of three pirates and capture of the fourth by U.S. special forces.

"If they have started killing us, we (pirate groups) have decided to take revenge and kill any American or French crew or passenger members of ships we capture fishing in our seas," Jaama Siyad, a pirate spokesman told local

Shabelle radio in Mogadishu.

Siyad said pirate gangs were in agreement that if any group hijack a ship with either a crew or a passenger from France or the U.S. they would immediately "shot them in the head".

Two Somali pirates were killed and four others captured by French commandos in a rescue operation on a French

yacht off Somalia. Four French passengers were rescued while another was killed in the shootout between the pirates and French troops.

The Somali government has welcomed the rescue operations of both French and American troops saying it was the right thing to do in such circumstances.

The Somali government has always been

opposed to the payment of ransoms to pirates saying it encourages more pirate activities in the Horn of Africa coast.

Somali pirates are holding several ships with a couple of hundred crew members but it is not clear if they include American or French nationals.

Somali pirates do not usually harm their captives in expectation of the hefty ransom payout often

received following negotiations with foreign governments or ship owners.

Dozens of countries have their navy patrolling the pirate infested Somali waters and the Gulf of Aden to prevent hijackings of commercial ships plying the important waterway after the UN Security Council authorized member states to fight piracy and the armed robbery at seas off Somalia last year.

Volunteers Needed for Garland Healthy Living Expo

Volunteers are the backbone of any important undertaking. The same is true for the Healthy Living Expo on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Garland ISD Special Events Center.

The event theme is "Healthy You, Healthy Earth: Rx for a Better World." The City of Garland, Garland ISD, Baylor Medical Center at Garland and the Garland Chamber of Commerce will join forces to demonstrate

how caring for both ourselves and the earth creates a healthy lifestyle, and has a positive impact on the world around us. The Expo will offer exhibitor booths, free services, demonstrations and entertainment, all focused on helping citizens make positive changes to their daily lives.

Volunteer opportunities are available for adults and older teens. Duties will include exhibitor check in, guest

and exhibitor relations, arts and crafts, and other interactive activities. Some exhibitors will need volunteer manpower to help accept donation and recycling drop-offs.

Anyone interested in volunteering can download a volunteer application at www.GarlandGoesGreen.org or contact Shelley Franklin at 972-205-3285 or sfrankli@ci.garland.tx.us.

45,000 North Texas Residents Pull Together for March for Babies

In challenging economic times, the work of non-profit organizations plays an even more important role in helping people maintain their health and get the services they need.

On April 18th, families and businesses throughout North Texas will join together in March for Babies to support the March of Dimes work of helping moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives.

Families and businesses such as Texas Health Resources, Baylor Health Care System, and HCA North Texas, are turning out in force so that one day all babies will be born healthy, thanks to efforts funded by the March of Dimes.

Texas Health Resources CEO Doug Hawthorne, FACHE, is serving as chairman of the March of Dimes' 2009 "March for Babies" walks in Dallas and Fort Worth. This is the first time one person has lead the

walks in both cities.

The March of Dimes event raises awareness about the devastating impact of prematurity and birth defects and serves as the organization's main fundraiser of the year. In Texas, one in seven babies is born premature compared with one in eight babies nationally. And, every three and a half minutes a baby is born with a birth defect.

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syphilis. HIV/AIDS testing is also offered.

DCHHS has been working with the DPD since the Spring of 2007, when the Dallas Police Department came to a group of social service agencies asking for help to address the ongoing issue of prostitution at truck stops.

There are five truck stops in southern Dallas County where 2,000 trucks stop each day. In recent years, Dallas police have documented more than 800 persons who regularly engaged in prostitution in this area. Once a month, the DPD deploys to the area to make prostitution arrests.

Those arrested are transported to a staging area where DCHHS and other social service agencies are ready to provide information, counseling and other services for those choosing

to break the cycle of criminal activity.

They are able to meet with professionals, representing healthcare, housing, mental health, identification, communication services (Community Voice Mail) and additional services, who can determine what services they may need and negotiate terms of potential treatment programs. Those choosing to participate are offered probation for their participation in the program.

"The DCHHS Mobil Medical Clinic has been a part of this project since the planning phase," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director.

"Most of these people have some type of drug dependency, mental illness, or they've suffered from some type of mental or physical abuse. To be able to

test and treat this population allows us to curb the spread of sexually transmitted diseases in the community."

The DCHHS STD Program offers rapid testing, treatment, and partner notification at its clinics located at 2377 North Stemmons Freeway, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call (214) 819-1819. DCHHS Mobile Medical Clinic travels to various locations around the County and offers free testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydia. HIV and Syphilis results are available within the hour.

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140 DAYS OF OPPORTUNITY

Lawmakers Suggest New Rules For Building Toll Roads, Emissions, and Veteran Tuition Rates

BY: TESSA HOWINGTON

Due to the Easter Holiday, the Texas Legislature had a short, but busy session last week.

Before leaving for the holiday, the Senate passed three bills to the House of Representatives for review.

The first bill passed to the House, Senate Bill (SB) 17, by Senator Robert Nichols, restructures the way Texas' toll roads are developed and funded.

In particular, the bill amends the already existing Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA), or the governing process in deciding which agency builds and funds roads.

Currently the CDA does not give a specific procedure for deciding who builds toll roads or what authority has the right to decide that a road will be a toll project or a public project.

If passed, SB 17 would give regional toll authorities first choice in building a toll road, then, if they decline, the Department of Transportation would get the option to build the road as a public project. If neither party is interested, the project would be open to private developers.

In relation, the Senate also passed SB 404, by Dallas Senator John Carona. SB 404 would extend the mandatory state legislative review of the CDA from September 2009 to Sept-

ember 2015.

Both SB 17 and SB 404 were passed on Monday, April 6. As of Friday, April 10, they have not been scheduled for any House action.

The third bill passed by the Senate was Senator Kip Averitt's bill, SB 16, on Wednesday, April 8. SB 16 would improve the air quality in Texas by developing programs and new technology to capture, store, and reuse carbon dioxide, reduce emissions, and require buildings to become more energy efficient. The bill would also create incentive programs for people who purchase hybrid and electric vehicles and certain energy efficient appliances.

As of Friday, April 10, SB 16 has not been scheduled to be heard by the House.

On Monday, April 6, El Paso Senator Eliot Shapliegh made news by introducing his bill, SB 204, to the Senate. SB 204 would ban the use of trans-fat in restaurants across the state, forcing establishments to use healthier alternatives in cooking.

Trans-fats are any artificially produced fats, like cooking oils, used to prepare, store, or serve food. Trans-fats are thought to increase the risk of heart disease and cause obesity. The state of California passed a similar law in July of 2008,

and 15 cities nationwide have passed the ban; most notably, New York City in December of 2006.

Senator Shapliegh said, "Across Texas, a silent epidemic of obesity is shortening lives, raising health care costs and putting more and more Texans at risk. With Senate Bill 204...we can make sure that more Texans live strong and healthy lives."

The bill was referred to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, but has not been scheduled for any action as of Friday, April 10.

Various House Committees also met last week, and the House passed an amended SB 297.

The Senate passed SB 297 to the House on March 25; SB 297 would regulate college tuition for veterans, and veteran or current military spouses and children, by providing them with in-state resident tuition rates regardless of how long they have lived in Texas.

On Wednesday, April 8, the House passed the bill with an amendment by Rep. Marc Veasey. The amendment would excuse children with deployed parents from any attendance requirements for the semester their parent is in a foreign combat zone.

Veasey stated, "The purpose of this amendment is to honor the sacrifices made by our soldiers and their family

members during times of war. Many of these soldiers have been deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan for years at a stretch, and the personal and economic costs to their families can be severe. This tuition exemption is a small way that we as a state can give back to these families who have given us so much."

The bill was passed unanimously out of committee and by the House.

Veasey added, "Time and again, we've asked these men and women to put their lives on the line. I'm glad to see such a strong majority of my fellow representatives join me to provide what help we can to these soldiers' families."

Since the bill was amended by the House before being passed, it will now be sent back to the Senate for review. If the Senate agrees to the House's

amendment, it will be sent to the Governor to be signed into law or vetoed; if the Senate does not agree, it will be amended again and resent to the House. As of Friday, April 10, SB 297 has not been scheduled to be re-reviewed by the Senate.

Both the House and the Senate did not hold session on Good Friday and will reconvene on Tuesday, April 14.

Texas Democratic Women of Collin County Happy Hour & Meeting Announcement

All are welcome to socialize with Texas Democratic Women of Collin County (TDWCC) at the Irish Rover in Frisco, on Gaylord Parkway on Saturday, April 18, 7 pm.

The next meeting of the TDWCC will be held on Monday April 27 6:45pm at Collin College Preston Ridge Campus 9700 Wade Blvd, Frisco - Founders Hall, Shawnee Room F148.

The guest speaker is Lynne Sipiora, Director of the Samaritan Inn. She will be speaking about the services provided by the organization.

The Samaritan Inn, in McKinney, is the only homeless shelter in Collin County. TDWCC members are encouraged to bring donations of paper goods (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels & napkins) to the meeting for use by the Samaritan Inn.

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The JD Project Announces 2009 Summer Law School Boot Camp for Students-of-color

The JD Project announces its 2009 Summer Boot Camp online distance learning program to prepare entering minority law students for law school. The JD Project is committed to reversing the trend of the disappearing Black and Latino lawyer.

One of the most significant issues facing the communities of color is serious under-representation in the law. While the American Society is over 30% persons-of-color less than 15% of the legal profession is lawyers of color. Even fewer attorneys of color are in large firms and corporation. The most recent National Jurist discussed the "Disappearing Black and Latino Law Student". In fact, fewer Black and Latino students are being admitted to law school than in the last 20 years.

The lack of equitable representation of minorities in the legal profession is a serious problem not only for minority communities but also for society as a whole.

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on voluntary respect and adherence to the legal system. For groups to respect the system, it is essential that they feel the system will fairly protect their interest. The lack of minority attorneys and judges is a significant factor in the disillusionment that many minorities feel with the legal system.

As important, the minority community needs lawyers to have informal access to legal knowledge. Lawyers serve on community organizations boards, run for office, serve on committees and generally provided value legal knowledge and analysis. Since lawyers tend to volunteer in communities they live in or with which they identify, the lack of minority lawyers mean a decrease in legal knowledge for minority community.

Finally, in America one of the most significant source of power is the ability to make the law, define the law and interpret the law. Without minority lawyers, minority communities have decreased

power. The 2009 Summer Law School Boot Camp of The JD Project is to assure that entering law students of color do well in law school, particularly their first year. This is important so that they can maximize their career options and be prepared to give back to their community with legal knowledge, skills and support.

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The Boot Camp teaches students to study effectively for law school, introduces students to the writing, thinking and test-taking skills needed to excel on law school exams, and builds a network of academic support that crosses school boundaries.

The participants will work on the study skills, strategies and techniques they will need to achieve their goals as law students. The students will learn how to study to learn read, write and think like a lawyer

This is a 150 hour online program. It is \$ 750 (Compared to \$2000 for other 40 hour programs).

Admission is on a rolling basis till the program is filled. Because of the intense nature of this program it is important that students start as early in the summer as possible, preferably by June 1st. For more information, contact Professor Vernellia Randall,

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Can! is a non-profit organization providing a second chance for at-risk youth and their families through relationship-based education,

The ECDC is the third on-campus care center for Texans Can! schools. There are programs available at the Dallas Can! Academy location in downtown Dallas at 4621 Ross Avenue and at San Antonio Can! High School in San Antonio, Texas. Each of the centers provide high quality services that address the developmental needs of children while their parents are either in school or at work.

The Carrollton Farmers Branch ECDC will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack will be served to children.

Enrollment fees will be based on a sliding scale of income and will be made

affordable for students. Financial assistance is available to families who qualify.

While children are attending the ECDC, their learning will be enriched with Southern Methodist University's Language Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP) curriculum. LEAP was designed to address the particular edu-

many colors, recognize most or all of the letters of the alphabet, count to 20 or write their names lag in developing reading and writing skills.

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The students of Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! who enroll their children in the Center will sign a commitment called PACT (parent and child together). The agreement stipulates that the parent will take a minimum of one hour of parent training classes each month.

The goal is to teach positive parenting skills so families are able to break the long term cycle of failure, poverty and hopelessness through education and training.

For more information or to register, please visit www.texanscan.org or call 972-277-4297.

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Ages accepted: Six weeks to 12 years (call for information regarding children four to six weeks old)

Cost: Varies, call for details

cational needs of pre-school children. The curriculum is a language-rich pre-reading program.

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Serving Up "Greens" – Family Style

Going green is a family thing. The Live Green Expo on Saturday, April 18 will offer many unique activities for everyone. A free event, the Expo is affordable.

In addition, the Expo is accessible by providing the perfect way to start the day with a ride on DART's redline rail and a free shuttle to Plano Centre.

Children can explore fun art activities such as bubble prints, jewelry making, kite flying, and even recycled dolls and masks. Artist, Dee Dee Hall and volunteers will offer interactive sessions where children will recycle and reuse fabric to create a charming new playmate or repurpose a milk jug into a mask of their own design. DMA resident storyteller, Ann

Marie Newman will inspire children to create fun, showy flowers from phone book pages.

Kite flying exhibitions will be performed throughout the day on the professional kite flying demonstration field or people can fly their own kite on the recreational flying field. Attendees will be shocked and amazed at the inspiring, acrobatic tricks of the kites flown by professionals at 10 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.!

Hot fashion has gone green and the Eco Fashion Event will bring the best of every season to the catwalk. Watch students from Plano Senior High School strut their stuff in organic cotton, bamboo, plastic wear and vintage clothing reworked into original

cutting edge style.

The Live Green Expo will feature Ed Begley, Jr, over 180 exhibitors, an eco friendly vehicle ride and drive, a one stop drop off for recycling and shredding, plus Food Alley a featured area with locally grown, organic foods and cooking demonstrations with Real Men Cook and Iron Chef, Kent Rathbun.

DART will provide onsite shuttle service to the Plano Centre from the remote parking facilities at Collin College. Irving residents will have a private shuttle service running all day from Irving to the Plano Centre. Call ahead to reserve a ticket on the Irving shuttle at (972) 721-2533.

For more information, visit online at www.livegreenexpo.net.

North Dallas Ques

The men of Omega - Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter sponsored its 18th annual Talent Hunt program at the Garland Plaza Performing Arts Center. Fourteen outstanding high school students showed off their vast reservoir of talents and captivated the audience.

Performers showed their talents as vocalist, musicians and interpretive movement dancers.

Program chairman Horace Satisfield & Master of Ceremony Michael Hartman presented the awards to the 3 winning contestants and certificates to other participants.

The program was very well attended by community supporters, sponsors and featured praise dance team from "Dance Fusion Outreach" of the Douglass Community Center, Plano Texas

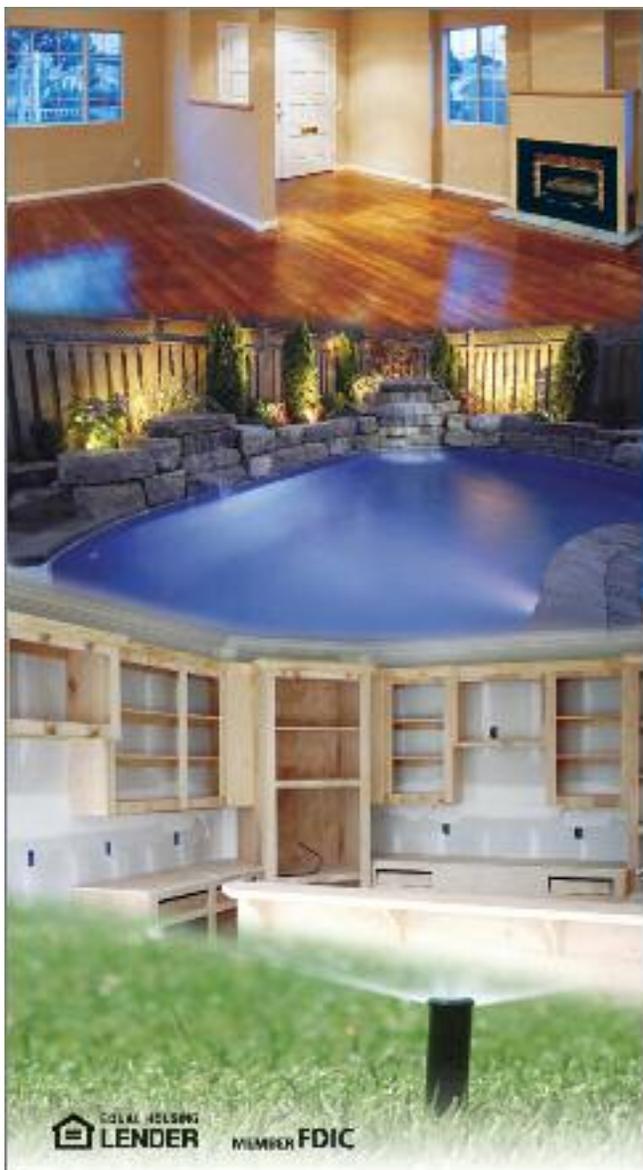
mitment and tradition of providing a positive outlet for student/performers and 9th District Winners.

This exceptional community service program

was started and continued by Brothers Wayne Williams, Lawrence Carriere, Ron Silas, Wayne Powe, and this years' talent hunt chairman, Horace Satisfield.



Pictured L to R: 2nd Place winner Tahira Clayton, Jasper HS, 1st Place Winner Imani A'ni Handy, McKinney Boyd HS, Talent Hunt Chairman Horace Satisfield, and TonyBo Bello, Plano East HS



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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 at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

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

Egypt & Nile River Cruise - 12/24/09 to 01/04/2010 Join in the fun on an unforgettable 12-day journey. Go to <http://sdntravel09.group.toursite.com> for details. Then call 972-293-6075 for enrollment information.

March 18 - April 18
Through Her Lens: Emerging Female Exhibit at Bath House Cultural Center, 521 East Lawther Drive, Dallas (214) 670-8749

Plano Children's Theatre presents Disney's High School Musical 2 each weekend. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door. Reservations strongly recommended. Theatre is located at 1301 Custer Road, Suite 706 in Plano. For tickets call (972) 422-2575.

March 27 - April 18
Closer performances are Thursday - Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors at www.EnterStageLeft.org. All performances will take place at Teatro Dallas, 1331 Record Crossing Rd. Dallas, TX 75235.

March 28 - October 25
The George Washington Carver: An Extraordinary Man With A Mighty Vision at The African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue, Historic Fair Park, Dallas, TX, 214 565-

9026, \$5-Adults/\$2Children www.aamdallas.org

April 16-May 9
Garland Civic Theater season finale "Sweeney Todd" at the Granville Arts Center. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 23, 30 & May 7 at 8:00 p.m. on April 17, 18, 24, 25, May 1, 2, 8, and 9. Matinees run April 19, 26, May 3 and May 9 at 2:30 p.m. www.garlandcivictheatre.org

April 17
McKinney Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee (PAC) Meet the Candidates Roundtable Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Dr., McKinney, TX (972) 529-6779, 7:30 AM- 9:00 AM

April 17 & May 15
Auctions for Police Impounded Vehicles are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the Garland City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce Street. All items will be sold for cash to the highest bidder without warranty or guarantees and are offered as is/where is. Call 972-205-2415 or see the website at www.JoePippinAuctioneers.com.

April 18-19
African Cultural Festival 6 pm on Sat, 4 pm on Sun - \$10 UNT College of Music Concert Hall, 415 Avenue C in Denton 12th annual music festival featuring UNT ensembles and guest performers from Ghana.

April 18
EarthKind Plant Sale from 8AM - 3PM at 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX, contact Gregory Church 972-548-4232, gchurch@ag.tamu.edu or ccmgatx.org.

YMCA's Healthy Kids Day 9AM-12PM Plano YMCA - Legacy Park. www.planoyymca.org

3rd Annual Fiesta Latinoamericana! at the Amphitheater at Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek

Parkway (across from Collin County Community College). \$1 per person. Food available for purchase, and coolers, lawn chairs and picnics are welcome. 972-661-2764 or <http://www.dfwinternational.org/FiestaLatinoamericana>.

Live Green Expo 9AM-5PM Enjoy a free, family event encouraging environmentally friendly lifestyles. Drop off electronics, books and plastic bags for recycling! "Food Alley" with cooking demonstrations, local producers, organics and more. Call 972-816-9489 or visit www.livegreenexpo.net

City of Garland Home Buyer Workshop and a sustaining homeownership class from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at the City of Garland Unified Learning Center (COG-ULC), 232 Carver Drive. Call the Garland Fair Housing Office at 972-205-3300.

4th Emerging Women's Business Camp hosted By Joy Wallace, CEO, Joy Foods, Inc, in Dallas at 10 am at Dallas Executive Airport, www.bac5.org, 214/376-6530.

Neighborhood Clean Up, Old Settler's Park- Meeting Point 821 East Louisiana Street, McKinney, Texas Starting at 7:30 AM until.

Meet the Candidates Forum at 6PM at the First Church of McKinney, 401 W. Erwin Ave, McKinney

April 25
African Film Festival is part of the African Unity Festiva at SMU's Meadows School of the Arts, from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. Four films will be shown that represent multiple African nations and social issues, and will be presented in their original language, with English subtitles. Admission is FREE.

Ollimpaxqui Ballet at the International Museum of

Cultures, 7500 W. Camp Wisdom, Dallas at 6 p.m., 972 708 7537.

April 25 & May 16
The City of Garland's Environmental Waste Services Department is hosting a free Compost Gardening Class on Saturdays April 25 and May 16, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at 1434 Commerce Street. Limited to 50 participants, drawings will be held for eight compost bins. To register, call 972-205-3500.

April 27 - May 24
Sarah, Plain and Tall at the Kalita Humphreys Theater, located at 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd., at Blackburn St. Performance times are Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; and select Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Single ticket prices begin at \$16 and are available by calling the box office at 214.522.8499 or by visiting www.dallastheatercenter.org.

2009 Garland Election Candidates Forum 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center 300 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040

April 29
Collin County Christian Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM - 8:15 AM Keynote speaker Dr. Frank Lazarus, Pres., Univ. of Dallas. Admission \$20 per person, price includes buffet breakfast. 214 757-7259, www.collinchristianprayerbreakfast.com.

May 2
Africa Day 12 Noon to 6 pm - FREE at J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street in Dallas Interactive workshops for children, African arts and crafts, cultural booths.

Garland Goes Green Healthy Living Expo 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM G.I.S.D. Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. - Garland, TX 75040

May 4
Comerica Bank Collin 60 at the Marriott Legacy Town Center with VIP reception at 11 a.m. followed by luncheon: Noon-1:30 p.m. www.ComericaCollin60.com

May 5
Trinity Parkway Public Hearing Trinity River Corridor Project - Dallas Convention Center Arena located at 650 S. Griffin Street, 7:00 pm, 214-671-9500

May 8
Business Roundtable and Taste of Africa Evening in Flag Room of Dallas City Hall at 12 noon, cost \$25

May 9
Taste of Africa in the African American Museum at 7 pm, \$50 African ambassadors, dishes from 8 African nations, African Business Leadership and African Student Leadership awards.

The Brookhaven College Handbell Ensemble and Campus Bells of Brookhaven will perform in a FREE special concert at the Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Contact Bonnie Riddle, director, at the Brookhaven College School of the Arts at 972-860-4730.

May 11-12
ACCESS 2009 Business Expo at the Arlington Convention Center - More than 200 companies and public agencies expected to make business with minority suppliers from all over Texas. See www.dfwmbdc.com or call 214-630-0747.

May 13
Business Skills Lunch Series Noon - 1:00 PM Garland Chamber of Commerce 675 W. Walnut - Garland, TX 75040 Speaker: Eddie McCreary Topic: The Art of Persuasion

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Missing Black Men Get Even Less Media Than Black Women

BY DIASIA ELLERBEE

(NNPA) "Why don't you talk about me? Don't you care where I might be? Am I the wrong color to have my story on TV?"

"Why don't I get air time? Is it the fact that I don't have naturally straight hair? Is it that America isn't interested? Is it that America just doesn't care?"

"So ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, FOX News Why don't you talk about me?! Don't you care where I might be?! Am I the wrong color to have my story on TV?!"

Each one above is from the poem "Black Woman Missing" by George L. Cook III. The poem represents the lack of national media focus on missing Black women - but, Black males get even less.

According to Connie Marsteller of the National Crime Information Center, there were 614,925 people missing in 2008 under the age of 18. About 16 percent, were Black men.

During that same year there were 163,239 people missing over the age of 18, according to Marsteller. Approximately 14 percent, represent missing Black males over the age 18.

African-American males such as William Van Croft IV, 17, Wallace Richards, 23, Dennis Palmer, 44, and Adji Desir, 6, are currently missing and have not yet received the national media attention as other missing people such as Laci Peterson, or Elizabeth Smart; White women usually get more attention than men of all races when they are missing.

Blackandmissing.blogspot.com is an online blog site that is dedicated to informing the public about missing Black children both male and female that may or may not have been heard about in the media.

According to black-

andmissing.blogspot.com Adji Desir is an African-American boy missing since January 10 from Immokalee, Fla. Desir has the mental capacity of a 2-year-old and is developmentally disabled.

If you put both these names in Yahoo's search engine, Adji Desir name will produce 478,000 results.

Haleigh Cummings name will produce 4,440,000 results, which is 10 percent more.

Both children went missing around the same time and in the same state. Although conditions of their disappearances are different, does race or gender play a factor in the national media attention that they receive?

Yes, says Derrica Wilson, president and CEO of Black & Missing Foundation, Inc., an online website that provides exposure and educational training for the missing persons loved ones.

Wilson believes that when it comes to African-American boys, people are more likely to associate their disappearance as being a runaway. Wilson mentions that the Black men on her website never receive national attention and are never seen on television.

"Therefore there is no amber alert and without an amber alert there is no media coverage locally or nationally", said Wilson. "Now when it comes to Black men, there are more missing Black men in the United States than missing Black women, according to the FBI missing person's report. The reason I believe that Black men do not receive media exposure is because society, media, and law enforcement like to relate their disappearance to drugs, crime, or violence."

Missing children activist, and blogger "omega7.com", Alonzo

Washington agree that African-American men and boys get the least amount of media attention among missing people.

In terms of Black males, the only Black males that would receive coverage would be someone of high stature, according to Washington.

"If you're grown, a man, and Black, then you can forget about it," Washington said. "Young Black boys may get a little

According to Jason Cherkis who writes an online blog for the Washington City Paper, the police department waited until February 11, 2009 to issue a press release.

In his blog, he cited a comment by Cherita Whiting that speculated an indifference in Van Croft's case. Whiting is a activist for education in the D.C. metropolitan area.

"Billy's mother filed a missing person report with

Washington also believes that when it comes to African-American children especially males, the police will say that they ran away.

"When it comes to the area you live in, your color, and gender, the more unlikely the police will be in finding you and the less the media will cover you," Washington said. "Even when Jennifer's Hudson nephew was missing, her story took the backseat to the Caylee Anthony story. They covered it for a minute, and now it's like it didn't happen."

According to Detective Adams, every police department has their own way of handling a missing person's case.

Tim Ryan is an assistant news director for KUSA, a local NBC station in Denver, CO.

Ryan said that in almost every case, it's about if law enforcement decided how important the case is. He believes that the media needs some sort of belief or standard for the stories that they report on.

"Local news people like myself are not the ones who determines what makes local news," Ryan said. "There are certain reasons why stories get played or not. I can't tell you if race does play a role. There are cases that we covered of all races that hasn't received national media coverage. Things that make national news is whimsical. I think it is important to state that local media does not make those choices."

Martin G. Reynolds is the editor of the Oakland Tribune in California. Reynolds said that they don't necessarily have a reporter dedicated to missing children and that it would have to come across the radar for us to report about it.

When told about the numbers of missing African-American males, Reynolds said:

"They get less positive attention...There is plenty negative attention. We were not aware that there was such a large number particularly in African-American children. It was something I wasn't aware of, but something I will look into."

Reporter Kathy Chaney for the Chicago Defender believes that Black males do get far less national media coverage which leads to families looking for other media outlets such as the Jerry Springer, Maury Proovich, or Steve Wilkos show.

Chaney admits that when the Chicago Defender was daily they had a problem reporting missing children because they would be found the next day and the newspaper would have already printed the story.

"I think they get far less coverage," said Chaney. "I think it's because they are boys. It's just not reported of teenage boys running away. I don't think that anyone expects them of running away or missing. You think of foul play immediately."

Adji Desir and William Van Croft IV are still missing and they need their stories heard.

"There is a defect in journalism when a certain prototype is given more media coverage," Washington said. "There is clearly a standard in television. There are so many ramifications we have to fight for. There are some disparities when it comes to equality in the value of our lives."

To give information regarding the case of Adji Desir, please call the Collier County Sheriff's Office (239) 793-9300, the Tampa FBI office (866) 838-1153 or the Miami FBI office at (305) 944-9101. To give information on the case of William Van Croft IV, please call (202) 727-9099

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William VanCroft IV



Adji Desir

teaser, but never an ongoing investigation like Caylee Anthony, Elizabeth Smart or Samantha Runnion."

"The mindset of the media is that if it bleeds it leads," said Detective Richard Adams of the Youth Investigation Division Missing Person Unit in the District of Columbia.

"Media wants something sensational," Adams said. "They have to have something fantastic and that's going to catch the viewer's eye. It's all about numbers and ratings to them."

William Van Croft IV has been missing from the District since January 31, 2009. He has Asperger's Syndrome and went missing a year after the death of his father.

DC Youth Investigations on Jan 31", Whiting said. "It sat on a desk somewhere and they just started investigating this case on February 10.

I have sent multiple messages to the At-Large Council members and every police officer that I can find who is associated with Ward 1 Precinct 107.

It would make sense that a missing person, especially a special needs teenager could get the attention of the police and public officials to at least have the police issue a press release that the child is missing. This has not been done. When the press release occurs, the media responds and starts spreading the word that Billy is missing."

Lil' Kim's wardrobe malfunctions; steps work fine

(AP) Lil' Kim nearly had a big wardrobe malfunction on "Dancing With the Stars."

This week's front-runner on the ABC dance competition had some trouble with her top at the end of a jive with partner Derek Hough on Monday night. Host Tom Bergeron provided cover while the rapper adjusted as she and Hough approached the judges table.

Lil' Kim told KABC-TV after the show: "I don't know why this happens a lot of the time, but ... the girls were tryin' to come out."

The nearly X-rated moment was edited out by the time the show was rebroadcast on the West Coast, but it didn't seem to bother the judges: Lil' Kim and Hough posted a night's best 28 out of a possible 30 for their spirited dance.

Michael Jackson Auction Cancelled

(News.com) A HUGE auction of Michael Jackson memorabilia scheduled for next week has been cancelled, with auctioneers agreeing to return all the items to the singer.

Auctioneer Darren Julien said the cancellation of the planned April 22-25 sale was the result of an agreement with Jackson, who had filed a lawsuit in March demanding the return of certain items.

A public exhibit of the 1,400 lots which opened yesterday in Beverly Hills will continue until April 25.

"The auction isn't going to take place. We wanted to reach an agreement (with Jackson) and

we have reached one today that is mutually acceptable and beneficial," Mr Julien said.

Mr Julien said all the items - including a single crystal white glove worn in the singer's Billie Jean performances and the gates to his Neverland Ranch in California - would be returned to Jackson when the exhibit closes.

Jackson's spokesman, Tohme R. Tohme, said in a joint statement with Mr Julien the two groups "are pleased" with the agreement and that it "allows Michael Jackson to retain ownership of the Collection of Michael Jackson".



Cheers To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday

BY RICK ELINA

We encounter few things in life that have the capacity to destroy our emotional equilibrium like the loss of a loved one. The death of someone close can scar the landscape of our psyche leaving a wide path of devastation in its wake. Even the collateral damage can be significant.

Michael Brady's critically acclaimed Off-Broadway play, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, presents the subject of death with the poignant force of a hurricane's direct hit. Reaching an emotional Category 5 on the Saffir-Simpson scale, the eye wall eventually breaks down and Mr. Brady allows us to bask in the glow of the sunshine that always follows the storm.

Mesquite Community Theatre presents *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, as the second installment of its 2009 Season.

Under the remarkable direction of Brad Stephens, the audience is given equal parts tragedy and therapy. Mr. Stephens, who also serves as set and sound designer, asked his actors to dig "deeply into uncomfortable emotional places" in order to bring honesty to their characters. For the most part, they deliver in an exemplary manner.

The play opens on the beach house deck of Gillian's husband, David. It's the eve of Gillian's 37th birthday and her absence is heartfelt. As he stargazes from the beach, David recounts Gillian's tragic and senseless death two years prior.

Played by Josh Hepola,

David has not been able to grieve the loss of his wife properly. In terms of the Kubler-Ross 5 Stages of Grieving, he spends most of his time straddling steps one and two (Denial and Anger) with frequent plunges into step four (Depression).

The story of Gillian is in essence David's story. Yet Mr. Hepola falls short of portraying the brooding husband that one would expect from a wounded recluse like David. While certain key emotional scenes are delivered with a great deal of confidence, others fall flat or seem rushed.

David's daughter, Rachel played by Rebekah Kennedy, is equally wounded by the loss of her mother. Ms. Kennedy is an extraordinary actor playing

at an emotional level well beyond her years. She infuses her character with the overwrought damage of a daughter that has witnessed her mother's death.

Also, visiting for the weekend is Gillian's sister Esther (Lacy Lambert) and her husband Paul. Esther, a psychologist holds the mirror of introspection and forces David to take a painful and honest look into the shell of the man he has become.

On the flip side of the coin, Paul, played by the superb Larry Jack Dotson delivers the more comedic moments of the play. Together they conspire to lift David from his depression by introducing him to Kevin (Jenny George) a former female student.

Though deceased, Gillian (Arlette Morgan)

propels the story to its satisfying conclusion. Ms. Morgan, one of the most gifted actors in the area, glides across the ample stage like a celestial spirit floating on a heavenly cloud. Her glow is angelic and her mission, as both actor and character are divinely inspired. No wonder David spends his time gazing toward the stars.

Over all, this production is well worth the drive to Mesquite.

To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday runs through April 25, 2009. For more information contact Mesquite Community Theatre box office at (972) 216-8126 or mctweb.org.

Rick A. Elina is a playwright based in Plano, Texas and the Theatre Critic for the North Dallas Gazette.

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NCTCOG's 43rd Annual General Assembly Meeting Scheduled June 12

(NDG Wire) North Central Texas Council of Government's 43rd Annual General Assembly Meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 12, 2009 at the DFW Airport Hyatt Hotel. Special features of this year's assembly will be:

- the election of officers and directors to NCTCOG's 2009-2010 Executive Board; and
- the presentation of three regional awards: The Linda

Keithley Award for Women in Public Management, The William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award, and The Regional Cooperation Award;

• the recognition of the 2009 CLIDE Award recipients. In conjunction with the General Assembly, NCTCOG will conduct its 31st Annual Mayors and Council members Workshop. This half-day workshop will offer sessions for both newly elected and continuing local elected officials on

planning and zoning, and legal responsibilities for Council members.

Tickets for the Annual General Assembly Meeting are \$50 per person. Tickets for both the luncheon and morning workshop are \$75 per person. To register online, visit www.nctcog.org and click on General Assembly. For more information, contact Lucille Johnson at 817-695-9103, or ljohnson@nctcog.org.

American Airlines Announces Domestic Expansion Of Aircell's Gogo Inflight Internet Service

Wi-Fi to Fly in the Sky On American's MD-80s and Boeing 737-800s

(NDG Wire) American Airlines is taking its high-altitude experiment with Wi-Fi out of the trial stage and has decided to install Gogo Inflight Internet on more than 300 domestic aircraft over the next two years.

The expansion will help American Airlines further enhance its customers' travel experience and meet their evolving travel needs. American, a founding member of the oneworld® Alliance, was the first U.S. airline to launch the Gogo service last August. Since then, thousands of customers traveling on 15 of American's Boeing 767-200 aircraft have enjoyed

Inflight Internet service primarily on nonstop flights between New York JFK and San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Miami.

American will install the Aircell system on its domestic MD-80 and Boeing 737-800 aircraft fleets, beginning with 150 MD-80 aircraft this year.

"We are excited to be able to offer the Gogo high-speed service to customers on other aircraft within the American Airlines domestic fleet, starting with the MD-80s," said Dan Garton, American's Executive Vice President-Marketing.

"Our trial over the past six months offered cus-

tomers the choice to remain connected to work, home or elsewhere when flying on American Airlines.

And it also gave us the ability to study customers' willingness to take advantage of high-speed, onboard connectivity and to gauge how the service performed technically in a variety of settings over an extended period of time. We are pleased that the results were positive and that we have decided to move forward."

Gogo turns an American Airlines flight into a Wi-Fi hotspot, enabling passengers to surf the Web, check e-mail, send instant messages, access a corpo-

rate VPN and more.

Once the aircraft has reached 10,000 feet, users can simply turn on their Wi-Fi enabled devices – such as laptops, smartphones and handheld PDAs – then open their browsers and be directed to the Gogo portal page where they sign up and begin surfing.

Gogo is powered by the Aircell air-to-ground (ATG) system, which uses three small antennas installed outside the aircraft and connects to Aircell's exclusive nationwide mobile broadband network.

Aircell's price for the Gogo service ranges from \$7.95 to \$12.95 based on

length of flight and whether the device is a handheld PDA or a laptop computer. Aircell's pricing plans are:

- Long Flight Pass: \$12.95 – Standard price for flights longer than 3 hours
- Short Flight Pass: \$9.95 – Standard price for flights 3 hours or less

- Mobile Flight Pass: \$7.95 – Mobile device pricing for customers using a handheld device on Gogo-equipped flights of any length

"The passenger response to Gogo Inflight Internet has exceeded even our own high expectations, with many people becoming frequent users who rely

on it to stay connected to the office, friends and family in their travels," said Jack Blumenstein, President and CEO, Aircell.

"We are excited to help American Airlines expand Gogo to the majority of its domestic fleet, enabling more of its passengers to turn flying time into 'me time.' With Gogo, flying becomes whatever you want it to be – productive, entertaining, informative, you name it."

Each paid Gogo session includes full Internet, e-mail and VPN access. Cell phone and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service use will not be available.

Emerging Women's Business Camp

(NDG Wire) The non profit, The Business Assistance Center with 1016 Media will hold the fourth Emerging Women's Business Camp - CEO SISTERS!!! Hosted By Joy Wallace, CEO, Joy Foods, Inc, a worldwide multimillion dollar food enterprise, the Fourth Annual Emerging Women CEOs Small Business Camp at in Dallas Texas on Saturday, April 18, 2009 10 am. at Dallas Executive Airport, www.bac5.org, 214/376-6530.

In 2009 Registrants will meet several dynamic women including Michele Hoskins, the founder of Michele Foods (www.michelefoods.com) a multimillion dollar food company famous for its Honey Crème Syrup taken from her ancestor's recipe.

Joy Wallace, Joy Foods, an marketing sales executive who took a company idea and became a \$3,000,000.00 company in 90 days and now her company is grossing \$33 million dollars. www.joyfoodsinc.com.

Safeway's Wynona Redmond, Public Affairs Director for Dominick's Finer Foods. She oversees the operations of the Public Affairs Office, including public relations, local and state government relations, community relations, special

events and the Dominick's Children's Foundation. Wynona is actively involved in the North Lawndale community on the West Side of Chicago where she grew up. Wynona prides herself on being a leader and mentor in her field of public relations. She was recently elected president of the National Black Public Relations Society. Wynona is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago with a B.A. in communications.

Moderators include Executive Editor Cheryl Smith and Wellness Guru Dr. Lawana Gladney. Over 150 women who owned their own companies have participated in the Camp who collectively possess a net worth a total of \$50,000,000.00. Fee \$150.00. For more information contact Terry Allen at 214.376-6530.

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Chesapeake Bay, she said. It is friendlier to the crabs, already threatened by a toxic chemical mix in the Bay.

Her display tabled brimmed over with free samples of lip gloss, detergent, and other products, as well as literature about the environment. Just one question, I asked. How does this detergent compare in price with the detergent that I might use? It may cost a little more, she said. How little? Five cents, ten cents, fifty? She wasn't sure. And there's the rub.

Too often that which is environmentally friendly is also more expensive than the alternative. As long as that is the case, the cash-strapped are going to go for the economically prudent possibility.

Organic vegetables,

pesticide free and better for us, are frequently more expensive than those that are traditionally grown. Solar and wind energy options are more expensive than other energy.

And yes, this environmentally free detergent and cleanser is, if not more expensive, more inconvenient to produce. And yet we have this planet that we must sustain, and an African American community that must be engaged in sustaining the planet.

While people of African descent do not dominate the environmental movement, several have notably lifted their voices and gained recognition for their work. Dr. Wangari Muta Maathai earned a Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her work

in sustainable development, democracy and peace.

She was Assistant Minister for Environment and Natural Resources in Kenya between 2003 and 2005. A powerful speaker and activist, she has attempted to focus more people on the many ways we can sustain, and save, our environment.

Van Jones was an Oakland, California based activist until President Barack Obama tapped him to advise him on environmental issue. The founder of Greens Jobs for All has worked to promote green jobs for the disadvantaged, and focused on building an inclusive green economy.

Working with legislative leaders like Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and former Vice President Al Gore, Van Jones has gar-

nered national media attention for the power of his ideas. He has been the driving force behind successful legislation to create green jobs, and is likely to help President Barack Obama broaden the ways his environmental program will transform our nation.

Majora Carter is an environmental justice advocate from the South Bronx, and a founder of Sustainable South Bronx, an environmental action organization.

An inspiring national speaker and activist, she has broadened her base by forming a consulting company that helps universities and others "turn green".

Here work began to garner national recognition after she was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship

in 2005. She has gone on to earn several other national and international awards. She has been lauded for her positions on environmental justice and for her advocacy that communities of color should not become dumping grounds for toxic waste.

Wangari Maathai, Van Jones and Majora Carter are all examples of influential environmentalists of color, folk who are both black and green. They remind us of the many ways that civil rights and environmental justice are intertwined, and ways that the burgeoning environmental movement will benefit from African American and African participation.

At the same time, these leaders are implored to include economic aspects of the environmental

movement into their work. While Jones certainly focuses on green jobs, it is important for us all to focus on the ways that environmental friendliness is consistent with economic frugality.

With the official unemployment rate at 8.5 percent, and the unofficial African American unemployment rate hovering above 25 percent, who can blame a sister or a brother from eschewing the organic route, however healthy, in favor of that which is more immediately affordable.

We may want to save the planet in the long run, but at the checkout counter, we may simply want affordable groceries!

Dr. Julianne Malveaux is President of Bennett College for Women. She can be reached at presbennett@bennett.edu.

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enactment (November and December of 2008 and January 2009) will receive the one-time payment as long as the address of record is in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands.

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and/or RRB benefits, you will only receive one \$250 payment. The Social Security Administration will send you this payment.

To assist in processing the payments as efficiently as possible, please do not contact Social Security unless do not receive a payment by June 4, 2009.

Information is available at www.socialsecurity.gov and will be updated regularly.

To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, visit www.recovery.gov.

Tomeji Miller Elected President of North Texas NFBPA Chapter

City of Plano Health Manager Tomeji Miller was recently elected President of the North Texas Chapter of the National Forum of Black Public Administrators (NFBPA).

As a local chapter President, Tomeji will support the mission of NFBPA which is "embodied in the organization's commitment to strengthen the position of Blacks within the field of Public Administration; to

increase the number of Blacks appointed to executive positions in public service organizations; and, to groom and prepare aspiring administrators for senior public management post."

Tomeji will also serve on NFBPA's Council of Presidents and will attend the annual conference in Oakland, California. She has been a member of NFBPA for 12 years and has worked for the City of Plano for 17 years.

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case that uncovered more than \$40,000 of fraudulent purchases and led to grand theft charges.

Chumley, an Adult Protective Services Specialist for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), says this case was more extreme than most she and Friar encounter in their unique team approach.

However, it fit several classic patterns: The elderly victim had considered the caregiver a good friend; the victim was targeted more for his vulnerability than his modest assets; and a bank helped bring the crime to light.

Adult Protective Services (APS) has recognized financial institutions' value as partners by providing banks and credit unions all over Texas with posters listing common signs of exploitation.

Chumley and Friar, who met while assigned to the same case in 2007, quickly found that their working styles and concern for vulnerable older people made them a great team. A major strength of the collaboration, both say, is the fusion of Friar's hardcore criminal investigation background with Chumley's deep knowledge and instincts in the area of adult abuse and exploitation.

Statistics bear them out. In roughly 30 months of partnering with Chumley, Friar has issued more than 30 felony arrest warrants on APS-related cases. Other cities, they say, could obtain similar results by following their model of direct police-APS teamwork.

Skills, Personalities Mesh

Although Chumley is more boisterous than her reserved, buttoned-down collaborator, their working styles are similar mixes of pure deductive skills and what Chumley describes as "a sixth sense you develop on this job."

"Sometimes you can just feel when something's

not right about a situation," Chumley says. "For example, theft sometimes is disguised in records as gifts to an individual or charity. It may or may not be legit. But if you know the older person has relatively modest income and assets, and the records indicate \$60,000 supposedly gifted to a caregiver or 'charity' — no way!"

Another trait that Chumley and Friar share is compassion. Although both



are vehement about the need to protect the vulnerable, they also know that not every crime of exploitation is inspired by greed and amorality.

In one recent case, Friar said, an elderly client's daughter with severe substance abuse problems used her mother's debit card to make \$1,600 in "nickel-and-dime" purchases and cash withdrawals. Friar and Chumley intervened as usual, but they also monitored the daughter's life after her release from custody. They found themselves impressed by her sincere remorse and her strict dedication to her rehab and recovery process.

With the mother's approval, and under Chumley and Friar's close scrutiny, the daughter has been allowed to return home on a make-good basis.

"The daughter's been sticking to AA, making an honest effort to help and redeem herself," Chumley said. "So, for now, her problems in the past don't matter. No matter what the circumstances are, the final

outcome is the key for us."

Ways You Can Spot and Fight Financial Exploitation of the Elderly

Friends, neighbors and family often provide the tips that APS workers and police use to crack financial exploitation cases. Here are a few signs that may indicate abuse.

A caregiver tries to discourage people from calling or visiting the older person.

The caregiver often speaks for the older person,

even when he or she is present.

The older person is reluctant to discuss matters that were once routine.

The caregiver seems to have no means of support other than the client's income.

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April 26, 3:30 pm
Celebrate with us as we honor Pastor Derrick, Sr. & Lady Diane Bowman, Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior

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With this being Springtime and Baseball Season, this is something to ponder as you consider how easy it can be for you, if you only trust God; especially in these stressful times. Remember, with God, in the end you will win.

A bystander named Harold and the Lord was observing a baseball game. God's team was playing Satan's team.

God's team was at bat

God's Baseball Game

and the score was tied zero to zero. It was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. Harold and the Lord continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate named 'Love.' Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "Love never fails."

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works divinely with Love. The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it

pass: It's now Ball One. Satan threw three more pitches to Godly Wisdom; and he walked because Godly Wisdom never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to Harold and told him as manager of God's Team that He was now going to send in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Harold said, "Grace sure doesn't look like much!"

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw

Grace. Thinking they would surely win the game; Satan wound up and fired his first pitch.

To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried a bit; his center fielder let very few balls get by him.

The Center Fielder went up for the ball hit by Grace; it went right through his glove, it hit him on the head and sent the Center Fielder crashing on the ground. The roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued

over the fence for a home run! In the end, God's team won!

The Lord then asked Harold if he knew why Love, Faith and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game. Harold answered that he didn't know why.

The Lord explained, "If the player's love, faith and wisdom had won the game, folks would think it could be won by their efforts. Love, Faith and Wisdom will get anyone on base, but only God's Grace can get an individual safely Home.

"For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8 & 9.)

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." (Psalm 84:11 & 12.)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13.)

Bags 4 Kids to Create Bags of Hope for Foster Children

The Bag'n Baggage stores located throughout Texas will spread some hope this spring by collecting gently used luggage in their stores throughout the month of April as part of their Bags 4 Kids Trade-in Event.

Every piece that is brought in will be donated to local foster care children near each store. As a thank you gift to our customers for donating their luggage, a \$20 gift certificate will be given to be used on a future purchase.

Over 27,000 children were in the foster care system last year in Texas. Many of them have nothing more than a garbage bag to put their belongings in as they move to a new home. On average, most foster children move three

to four times. April celebrates National Child Abuse Prevention month. There were over 70,000 reported cases of child abuse in Texas last year.

The hope is to fill all of the store windows in Texas with donated luggage. The

luggage brought in will be distributed to foster care agencies in May which is National Foster Care month.

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Wednesday
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"The Church with a Vision"

Community Career Fair Slated For Concord Church, Tuesday, April 21

The City of Dallas is teaming up with Concord Church, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, Dallas County and United Healthcare to hold a free Community Career Fair on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Concord Church in Oak Cliff, 6808 Pastor Bailey Drive, announced Dallas City Councilwoman Vonciel Jones Hill.

The planned Career Fair will feature the combination of not only a job fair but other services as well to help Southern sector residents to address a variety of other needs, said Hill. "Pastor

(Bryan) Carter (Concord Church) helped us understand that in these challenging times, people need more than a job, increasingly they need to look after their health and other things affecting their lives," she added.

In addition to the career fair, companies will be present to conduct Health and Wellness checks inclusive of free eye exams, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings and supplementary health related programs.

Additionally a technology center will be open to assist with Internet access, on line job applications, job

searches, copying, printing and faxing of resumes.

Courses will also be taught on interviewing and resume writing and parenting skills. Dallas County social service agencies as well will be there to discuss various options for individuals regarding home refinanc-

ing and foreclosure.

"We believe as a church you must address the whole person and family," said Senior Pastor Bryan Carter of Concord. "We are excited to join the city and other organizations in recognizing this need. The career fair will feature only those companies

who are presently hiring and have positions open, said Hill.

To date, several corporations including Wal Mart, FedEx, UPS, US Census Bureau and Omni Hotels, City of Dallas Police and Fire Department have confirmed. Over 40 businesses are expected to participate.

The church is located one block west of Camp Wisdom and Highway 67. Pastor Bailey Drive was named after E.K. Bailey, the late founder of Concord. For additional information, call 800-595-3883 or www.dallascityhall.com/humanresources.

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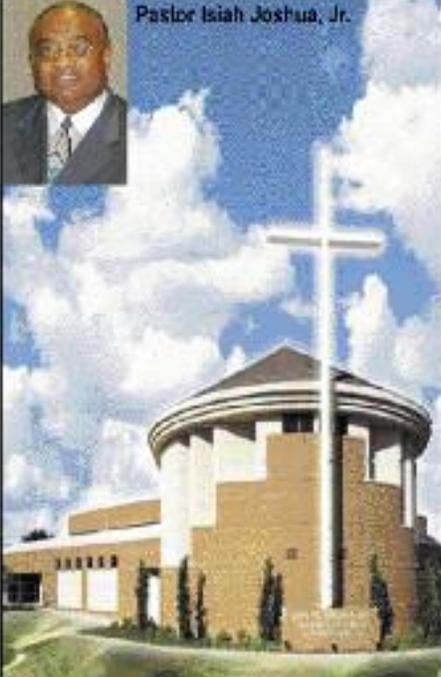
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