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Disney's First Black Heroine Stirs Controversy

(NNPA) - After claims of racial insensitivity, Walt Disney has made several key changes to its newest princess - a brown-skinned, bright-eyed cartoon named Tiana.

Voiced by Anika Noni Rose, a leading cast member in *Dreamgirls*, Tiana is the star of an animated

film, *The Princess and the Frog*, set for release this Christmas. Media mogul Oprah Winfrey will play Tiana's mother, the *Herald Sun* reports.

Among the racially charged changes made to the film include a shift in Tiana's profession from a chambermaid to an aspir-

ing restaurateur; the character's original name, Maddy, was changed because some critics argued it was too similar to "mammy," a disparaging term for Black women.

The controversy boiled over after it was revealed that Tiana would find love in an olive-skinned,



Anika Noni Rose

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The Restoration of Hope



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DART Health Fair Supports Senior Citizens

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the Dallas Area Agency on Aging, and Eddie Deen's Ranch, invite all senior citizens to the 15th Annual Information and Health Fair on Wednesday, May 13 in celebration of Older Americans Month.

The free event is from 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. at Eddie Deen's Ranch, 944 South Lamar Street, Dallas.

Attendees are encouraged to save on parking by riding DART Rail to the nearby Convention Center Station.

A few of the things awaiting senior citizens are health screenings for

prostate, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, and fall risk, as well as lunch, giveaways and fun including dancing with live musical entertainment by Baron Bacon and a special guest appearance by "Ms. Texas Senior" Dr. Syntha West.

Each year, rain or shine, more than 40 organizations

come together to provide giveaways, drawings and information on a variety of topics including transportation, health, fire and personal safety, and social services. Some exhibitors include American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Alzheimers

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Lil' Kim Ousted from *Dancing With the Stars*

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People Need Help Now, Not Six Months from Now

BY REV. AL SHARPTON

(NNPA) President Barack Obama has led the nation with strength and dignity and has shown the world that we can embrace our international brothers and sisters by allowing room for dialogue that was not present in previous administrations.

In his first 100 days in office he has been deliberate, very principled, and very progressive.

President Obama has convinced the nation that he can tackle the big issues even though a series of missteps had the public questioning his ability.

With his struggles to fill his cabinet - mainly due to tax issues and media slip-ups - folks are gunning for him as an inexperienced leader.

What those people don't see, mainly because of little coverage

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Local Candidate for Garland Office: In His Own Words



Mayor Ronald Jones

Editor's Note: The North Dallas Gazette offered all candidates the opportunity to answer the same questions. The responses below were received after our last issue went to press. We wanted to allow our readers the opportunity to have as much information as possi-

ble before making important decisions. Election Day is Saturday May 9, 2009.

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Mira Lowe

Mira Lowe, former managing editor of JET magazine, has been appointed editor in chief of the world's No. 1 Black newsweekly. In this newly created position, Lowe will oversee all aspects of the magazine's editorial content, staffing and evolving direction on both print and digital platforms.

"Mira is bright and well-respected throughout the industry and has a tremendous sense of news judgment," said Anne Sempowski Ward, president

and COO of Johnson Publishing Company, parent company of JET magazine. "Under her leadership, we will build on JET's strengths and take the magazine from delivering the most important relevant news to our readers in the current weekly print layout to adding a daily and even hourly component."

Lowe's distinguished journalism career expands more than 20 years in the areas of management, editing, writing and production. Prior to joining Johnson



Publishing in 2007, Lowe was the associate editor for recruitment at Newsday, on Long Island, N.Y. She was directly responsible for

recruitment and hiring; staff development and training; and directing internship programs.

The award-winning journalist served as the director of the paper's Minority Editorial Training Program (METPRO), which trained journalists of color interested in pursuing an editing career.

Lowe also oversaw LI Life, a Sunday lifestyle section, in which she brought fresh inspiration to one of the paper's most popular features. She joined Newsday in 1989 as a copy editor and over the years became a supervisory editor

on the news, business and features desks. Lowe, who holds a B.A. in Television and Radio from Brooklyn College and a M.S. in Journalism from Columbia University, was the recipient of the 1999 Publisher's Award for Editing.

She has also taught journalism courses at Columbia University and York College in New York, and has been a guest speaker on diversity and recruitment issues at various colleges and conferences. In addition, she is the co-author of Heart and Soul: A Marriage of Love, Faith and Journalism, a monograph

published by the World Journalism Institute.

"I am honored by this appointment and gladly accept the challenge of leading a magazine that is known for its legacy and service to a vast African-American audience," said Lowe. "With new and interactive features in print and online, JET looks forward to engaging readers for many more years to come."

Additionally, Lowe and her team will offer readers a behind-the-scenes view of JET on Twitter. You can follow Lowe and the Jet editorial staff at twitter.com/jetmagazine.

Lucious & Eva Williams

During the past three decades, Dikita Enterprises has survived three economic



storms without laying anyone off. Dikita has designed and/or managed over a billion dollars in projects including transit, aviation, transportation, schools and universities, infrastructure, water resources as well as

sports and entertainment complexes. Dikita was founded by Lucious Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin after he sold his car for \$6,000.00 and used it for startup capital. Now it has offices in Dallas and San Diego, California and employs 48 employees.

"Part of the reason my company has survived through some tough times is

because we learned to diversify early on," Williams said. Dikita which started out as a civil design firm also provides planning, transit data collection and program/construction management services. "2001 was our worst year ever. It started out weak and then worsened when all of our airport contracts were frozen because of the September 11th terrorist attacks. We had to concentrate on other markets like education and public transit. Fortunately, my daughter and I had saved

for lean times and were able to continue to pay our employees while we only took one month salary that year."

Williams hired his daughter Eva Williams as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer before she graduated from college. "I computerized the finan-

cials," said Eva who earned BBA and an MBA degree in accounting and information systems. "I brought the first computer to the company, my graduation present. We have been a great team for 26 years, with Dad's engineering and marketing expe-

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Tiffany Dale Hunter

Tiffany Dale Hunter, President of Tiffany Dale Agency a full-service public relations and marketing agency, has been selected to join an elite network of more than 2,500 women as a member of the Leadership Texas Class of 2009.

"Tiffany Dale Hunter is



one of the outstanding women leaders competitively selected from across the state to participate in the longest-running women's leadership development program in the US. Throughout the year-long program, she will have the opportunity broaden her perspective on our state by exploring five Texas cities and receiving cutting-edge information from renowned experts, government officials and other leaders to positively inform her work and community for years to come," said Candace O'Keefe-Mathis, the CEO of the Foundation for Women's Resources.

Leadership Texas, now in its 27th consecutive year, is the flagship program of

the Texas-based foundation headquartered in Dallas.

Launched in 1983 as the first statewide program for women's leadership development, Leadership Texas is patterned after, though not affiliated with, the co-educational civic programs that have found success in a number of cities throughout the state and nation. "Our founders decided to create Leadership Texas to help women become better, more informed leaders in our state's communities, organizations and corporations," O'Keefe-Mathis added.

The theme for the 2009 program year is 'The Changing Face of Texas.' "Participants will visit Austin, Texarkana, Galveston Island, El Paso and Fort Worth where each city's opportunities and challenges will help to illu-

minate the participants' knowledge of our rapidly evolving state across three common themes- the economy, education and the environment," O'Keefe-Mathis said.

"We consider it a privilege to offer these influential women leaders from a broad diversity of professional and personal backgrounds some new perspectives, opinions and validation on some of the issues, people and places they might not otherwise encounter outside of the program. We recognize that it is necessary for today's successful leaders to understand the cultural, social and economic shifts before us and the programming of Leadership Texas provides opportunities and access to help the women impact the future of our evolving state."

CONGRATULATIONS Ms. Ebony LaTae Fagan

It seems like yesterday that you were our little Ebony. We have been proud of each stride you have taken from your schoolwork to singing in Covenant's Church Choir in Carrollton, attending the Barbizon Modeling School, working part time at Chili's Restaurant in Addison and even finding time to help your mom at her styling salon. We have loved you with every step and will continue to love you unconditionally!



We are blessed and happy that you love hanging out with your friends, shopping at the malls; you also enjoy reading and learning new and exciting things. We are especially proud that your future goals include attending a local community college and moving forward with your plans of a Pediatric Degree at Baylor College of Medicine. You have always loved working with children.

Your full potential is ahead. Many roadblocks are now behind you; we are grateful that you saw them as interesting side roads to reach your path in life that God has before you.

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Meeting the Basic Welfare of Society

BY WILLIAM F. SCHULZ

The most important moment of the 2008 presidential debates was one that was little remarked upon at the time. It was in the second debate that the candidates were asked whether health care was "a privilege, a right or a responsibility." Sen. John McCain said it was a responsibility -- of government and business. But Sen. Barack Obama said that it "should be a right for every American" and cited as "fundamentally wrong" his mother's experience of being denied payment for her treatments as she lay dying of cancer.

What was important about Obama's comment was not just his commitment to guaranteeing access to health care for every American but that the would-be President had framed a social good -- in this case, health care -- in terms of a human right.

Americans typically think of rights in terms of the traditional civil and political rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution: such things as freedom of speech, press and religion; racial equality; and due process. But the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which the U.S. voted for in 1948, has a much more robust understanding of rights, encompassing such economic and social rights as the right to education, to work, and, indeed, to health care. Article 25 of the UDHR, for example, says that "Everyone has a right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care."

This doesn't mean that governments are required to hand out free housing and medical care to everyone. The old anxiety that by recognizing social and economic rights we invite socialism is foolish.

What it does mean is that government and other institutional centers of power are required to structure access to basic human needs (food, clothing, housing, work and health care) in ways that make them available to people in proportion to their capacities. Notice the reference to "other institutional centers of power." The obligations imposed by human rights do not end at the doors of city hall, the state house or the U.S. Capitol.

The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), on whose board I sit, has developed its Criteria for Philanthropy at Its Best, including its recommendation that grant-makers "provide at least 50 percent of [their] grant dollars to benefit lower-income communities, communities of color and other marginalized groups, broadly defined" and at least 25 percent "to promote equity, opportunity

and justice in our society."

NCRP's criteria do not tell foundations exactly how to spend their dollars. But they do recognize that the possession of power entails an obligation to meet basic human needs or, in other words, to help fulfill fundamental human rights.

Government can't do that alone. Corporations can help. But grant-makers, too, have a critical role to play. President Obama has reframed at least one critical need, health care, as a right and promised to see to its fulfillment. It is time now for foundations and other grant-makers as well to see their missions, diverse and complicated as they may be, in terms of meeting the basic welfare of society.

Schulz is former executive director of Amnesty International USA, and is currently a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress.

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Barack Obama Has Earned 'Straight A's in My Book'

BY U. S. REP. MAXINE WATERS (D-CALIF.)

(NNPA) Last week President Barack Obama completed his first 100 days in office. Many of us still feel the excitement and pride of his election in November and his inauguration in January as our nation's first Black president.

Nonetheless, the media have devoted a lot of attention to this artificial timeline, and to his great credit, President Obama already has significant accomplishments. He is making a positive impact on our nation and indeed the world.

His strong and bold leadership so far has earned him straight A's in my book.

President Obama has worked well with Congress, including members of the Congressional Black Caucus. He has helped us

pass and enact important legislation, including bills providing health care coverage for 11 million children and restoring fair pay for women and other workers.

Most significantly, he has moved swiftly, wisely and effectively to dig us out of the economic crisis that he inherited.

The President's economic recovery package is already making a difference all over our country: helping save and create jobs for millions, cutting taxes for 95% of American workers, funding vital projects, and laying the foundation for our future by improving education, making health care affordable and transitioning to clean, renewable energy.

As Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, I have emphasized that our economic

recovery also depends on our response to the foreclosure crisis. The President has established a plan to help up to 9 million families avoid foreclosure by making it easier for homeowners to modify their mortgages and lower their interest rates.

In addition, the Administration is helping to implement a program I spearheaded to stabilize neighborhoods by working with local communities to fix up foreclosed properties and make them available to low or moderate-income homebuyers.

The President has also taken seriously his pledge to stand up for American consumers struggling through this recession. He has summoned the C.E.O.s of credit card companies to the White House to tell them that the era of business-as-usual is over. And this week

Congress passed the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights that protects against sky-high interest rates, due-date gimmicks and unfair and confusing credit card agreements.

In addition to his direct and concrete effect on our nation by implementing successful policies, he has had an intangible but no less real and noticeable effect on the American psyche. Barack Obama continues to inspire. He is a role model both here at home in America and overseas. People like him and Michelle and their daughters.

Although times are tough and we realize there is still much work to be done, he has great confidence and in turn gives Americans confidence. We believe that he will continue to make our country better and our lives better.

Childhood Immunization Requirements Change for 2009-2010 School Year

The State of Texas has adopted new immunization requirements for students in Texas elementary and secondary schools. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, all kindergarten students will be required to have two doses of Varicella vaccine, two doses of MMR vaccine, and two doses of the Hepatitis A vaccine prior to enrollment.

Also students entering the Seventh grade in the 2009-2010 school year are now required to have the Meningococcal vaccine, two doses of the Varicella vaccine, and a booster dose of the Tdap vaccine prior to enrollment.

"This new law greatly impacts all children entering kindergarten and 7th grade across the state,"

states Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "We encourage parents to bring their children in now to ensure that their children's immunizations are current and up-to-date prior to the start of the new school year," Thompson continued.

Varicella or Chickenpox vaccine is the best way to prevent chickenpox. Vaccination not only protects vaccinated persons, it also reduces the risk for exposure in the community for persons unable to be vaccinated because of illness, including those who may be at greater risk for severe disease.

While no vaccine is 100% effective in preventing disease, the chickenpox vaccine is very effective: about 8 to 9 of every 10

people who are vaccinated are completely protected from chickenpox.

In addition, the vaccine almost always prevents against severe disease. If a vaccinated person does get chickenpox, it is usually a very mild case lasting only a few days and involving fewer skin lesions (usually less than 50), mild or no fever, and few other symptoms.

Measles is the most deadly of all childhood rash/fever illnesses. The disease spreads very easily, so it is important to protect against infection. To prevent measles, children (and some adults) should be vaccinated with the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. Two doses of this vaccine are needed for complete protection.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). Hepatitis A can affect anyone. Vaccines are available for long-term prevention of HAV infection in persons 1 year of age and older. Good personal hygiene and proper sanitation can also help prevent the spread of Hepatitis A.

Meningococcal vaccines protect against most types of meningococcal disease, although they do not prevent all cases.

Tetanus (lockjaw) is a serious disease that causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over the body. It can lead to "locking" of the jaw so the victim cannot open his mouth or swallow. Tetanus leads to death in about 1 in 10 cases.

Diphtheria causes a thick covering in the back of the throat. It can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, and even death.

Whooping cough — known medically as pertussis — is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection. Although it initially resembles an ordinary cold, whooping cough may eventually turn more serious, particularly in infants.

Whooping cough is most contagious before the coughing starts. The best way to prevent it is through vaccinations. The childhood vaccine is called DTaP. The whooping cough booster vaccine for adolescents and adults is called Tdap. Both protect against whooping cough,

tetanus, and diphtheria.

DCHHS offers childhood immunizations from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, on the first floor of the DCHHS building, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway. The clinic is open Wednesdays from 8 a.m.—6 p.m. While the cost is \$10 for children on their first visit and \$5 for children who have previously visited the clinic, no one will be refused service due to their inability to pay.

No appointment is necessary. Parents are asked to bring their child's vaccination records. For more information, call (214) 819-2163. For a list of neighborhood clinics visit our website online at www.dallascounty.org.

New Research Shows Healthy Choice Lives Up To Its Name Latest Findings Presented at the 2009 Experimental Biology Conference

ConAgra Foods announced new research that shows people who ate Healthy Choice(R) really did get healthier. Participants in the 24-week study, on average, lost 18 pounds - all as fat - trimmed their waistlines by about three inches, and lowered their cholesterol by 12 points. Leading cardiologist Dr. James Rippe, founder and director of the Rippe Lifestyle Institute, led the research team that conducted the study, which was presented during the 2009 Experimental Biology Conference April 18-22 in New Orleans, La.

"We know that healthier eating and being physically active are key to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, but when

pressed for time, it's a challenge to achieve and maintain such a lifestyle," said study author Dr. Rippe. "These findings are important because they show in a long-term study that Healthy Choice products offer the convenience and nutrition people are seeking to help them reach their goals."

Men and women with health conditions common to many Americans, such as being overweight and having elevated cholesterol, followed a plan centered on eating Healthy Choice products every day. Overall portion and calorie control was emphasized along with choosing other foods consistent with healthy eating such as fruits, vegetables, whole

grains, low-fat dairy and lean meat. Participants also became more physically active by starting a simple walking program, starting with 15 minutes three days per week and progressing to 45 minutes four days per week. A control group followed the physical activity program without making changes in their food choices.

In addition to significant positive changes in body weight and cholesterol, the Healthy Choice group also showed significant improvements in overall diet quality compared to the control group, including reduced intakes of fat, calories, satu-

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DFW International Airport To Receive Stimulus Funds For Runway Renovations

(NDG Wire) DFW International Airport recently received a second grant from the federal stimulus bill, known officially as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The stimulus funds, which will be distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), total \$8.8 million and will be used for

the renovation of Runway 13L/31R, including lighting and surface repairs.

DFW CEO Jeff Fegan thanked U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas for her assistance in securing the grant.

"We appreciate Congresswoman Johnson's continuing support to DFW as the economic engine of North Texas," said Jeff

Fegan, CEO of DFW. "We continue to enhance the infrastructure of our Airport and rehabilitate its existing structures to benefit our passengers and the region."

DFW will use the new funding for the second phase of its rehabilitation project on runway 13L/31R. The funding grant will go into a capital account specifically earmarked for airport

improvements. Federal grants are not part of the Airport's annual operating budget.

"This grant will help keep DFW extremely cost competitive for our airlines," added Fegan. "These funds will also mean new opportunities for local businesses to do more work at DFW."

DFW operates seven

runways and handles more than 650,000 takeoffs and landings per year.

DFW is one of about 3,400 airports designated as part of the national airport system eligible to receive ARRA funds. The FAA is moving swiftly to work with airports to ensure eligible projects have completed or nearly completed design and plan-

ning requirements.

Under ARRA, the FAA received \$1.1 billion to allocate to qualified airports on a discretionary basis. Those funds will be distributed based on a project priority system that addresses airport safety and security, infrastructure, runway safety, increased capacity, and mitigation of environmental impact.

140 DAYS OF OPPORTUNITY

Education and Safety Discussed in the Legislature Last Week

BY TESSA HOWINGTON

It was a busy week for the Texas House of Representatives, who had an extended session last week in Austin as they met through Saturday, May 2.

The House committee started their review of the Senate's budget mid week; the Senate has been reviewing the House's version of the budget since Monday April 27 as well.

On Tuesday, April 28, the House passed House Bill (HB) 1736, also known as the Tim Cole Act. HB 1736 defines compensation for people who have been wrongly imprisoned in Texas. If the bill becomes law, people who were erroneously convicted will be entitled to \$80,000 for each year they were in prison, a monthly stipend for life, health care, and 120 hours of tuition at a state university.

HB 1736's Senate review started on Thursday, April 30, and is expected to pass the Senate quickly.

This bill is different from HB 498, which would create the Timothy Cole Innocence Commission; a commission to investigate wrongful convictions, handling of evidence, eye witness testimony, and establish more reliable policies for collecting evidence. HB 498 has been passed by both the House and the

Senate last month and is expected to be signed into law by Governor Rick Perry soon.

Also on Tuesday the House passed HB 1257. The bill allows small businesses a tax extension if their business was damaged in a natural disaster. The bill would give businesses a financial break in the aftermath of a disaster by allowing the business to pay their property taxes quarterly instead of in a lump sum by January 31 of every year.

HB 1257 was received by the Senate for review on Wednesday, April 29, and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee on Friday, May 1.

On April 29 the House also passed two bills to the Senate.

The first, HB 960 by Rafael Anchia, would allow cities access to the FBI's National Crime Information Center database to do background checks on people who have applied for a permit to open a sexual oriented business.

Anchia said, "This bill gives cities and counties a much-needed tool in their ongoing effort to protect communities against the bad actors in the sexually oriented business industry."

The second bill passed on Wednesday was HB 1799. This bill requires electric companies to print

on every bill's first page "For more information about your electric service, please visit www.power.tochoose.com."

The website lists all electric service providers and their rates for an area so consumers can make an informed decision about their electricity provider. The bill is designed to keep prices low and competitive state wide by letting consumers know how to easily see all options and available information to them when choosing a utility company.

Both bills, HB 960 and HB 1799, were received by the Senate, but as of Friday, May 1, are not scheduled for review.

On Friday, May 1, Governor Perry signed HB 873 into law. HB 873 promotes the entertainment industry in Texas by providing tax breaks for film makers if they decide to film in Texas. The bill's goal is to draw more movie and television projects to Texas generating revenue for the state, creating jobs, and encouraging tourism.

The Senate was also productive last week. On Monday, April 27, the Senate's State Affairs Committee reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 1164, which would allow students who have a concealed handgun license to carry their firearms to classes on universi-

ty campuses and keep guns in dorms.

The bill is intended to make students safer after attacks on campuses like the Virginia Tech massacre in 2007 killing 33 students. The bill was left pending in committee, and as of Friday, May 1, not sched-

uled for any further action.


On Tuesday of last week the Senate passed SB 1350 by Dallas's John Carona. SB 1350 would give local transportation authorities more money for road construction projects by creating a revolving fund to borrow from using

secure loans. The bill is expected to pass as the Senate's version of the budget already has \$1 billion allotted for this purpose.

On Wednesday, April 29, the Senate passed SB 3

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Paul Quinn College announces "100 in 50 Campaign"

Academic scholarships to benefit incoming students

(NDG Wire) President Michael J. Sorrell, Esq. has announced the "100 in 50 Campaign" for students interested in pursuing their college education at Paul Quinn College.

The Campaign focuses on highlighting the benefits of attending the small liberal arts college through a media blitz and community outreach effort that is designed to expand enrollment.

"We are offering a \$2,000 academic scholarship to the first 100 students, with grade point averages of 3.0 or better, who commit to attending Paul Quinn in the

fall," said Mr. Sorrell. "We've decided that in these difficult economic times, families need more help, not less, in sending students to college. Paul Quinn College is a school that will always strive to do more for our students and their families. These scholarships are an example of this attitude.

"For the next 50 days, we will be actively recruiting students by showcasing the well-rounded college experience that we provide," he continued.

In order to receive the \$2,000 award, which will be applied to each student's

financial aid package, applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, have completed 2009-2010 FAFSA and commit to attend Paul Quinn College. The "100 in 50 Campaign" ends on June 26, 2009 and all files must be completed by that time. Applicants can call the Office of Enrollment at 214-379-5449 or apply online at www.pqc.edu.

As over 8,000 students prepare to graduate from Dallas-area public schools alone, the pool for new students is huge. During these trying economic times, many are looking at options

that will allow them to stay close to home.

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Sorrell is the 34th

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rience and my financial and management knowledge."

Eve's daughter, Erika Warren, a high school senior who recently accepted admission into Texas A&M, has joined the family business. Erika does transit data quality control and plans to pursue an engineering degree. "I am glad to have this business legacy of survival and excellence to pass on to my daughter and granddaughters," Lucious Williams said.

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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 beginning at 2:30 p.m. www.garlandcivictheatre.org

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.; Saturday 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.

May 1 - 27

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters 25th Annual Summer Youth Arts Institute, 650 S. Griffin St. Dallas 8 pm \$50 Institute Registration fee; \$1 Performance fee info@tbaal.org 214-743-2440

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.

The Democratic Party of Collin County is hosting Ron J. Anderson, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Parkland Health & Hospital System at 10 AM at the Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus, Room C104 (2800 Spring Creek Parkway). The audience will hear one of the nation's leading advocates of healthcare for the poor.

"Return to the Pythian: The Early Days of Dallas", at 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave., Dallas. Community members are invited to socialize and participate in a pre-show discussion of the history of Blacks in Dallas from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

May 10

1st Annual Mother's Day Champagne Brunch & Fashion Show 11AM-3PM, All guests invited to bring gently used articles of clothing and accessories to be

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May 11

The 1st Session: Politics 101 The Collin County Commissioners Court 7:00 pm Collin College Preston Ridge - 9700 Wade Blvd, Frisco

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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

Understand Today, Own Your Tomorrow: A New Perspective on Your Finances at 6PM, Center for Community Cooperation. 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, 75204, \$10.00 non-members. Info: www.planfund.org or 214-942-6698.

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May 15

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Diversity Training 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. The cost is \$99.00 for Garland Chamber of Commerce members and \$119.00 for the non-members. The event will be held at Garland Chamber of Commerce located at 675 W. Walnut in Garland.

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.

Community & Career Job Fest from 10AM-2PM at Cornerstone Baptist Church NEW LOCATION 1819 Martin Luther King Blvd. Dallas, (214) 426-5468

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The Resume Writing Workshop, Fort Worth Library, 2-4 p.m.

May 30

The Rowlett Fire Rescue's Safe Sitter Class for youth between 11 and 16 years of age. The class will instruct on how to feed, play with, and bathe an infant, infant CPR and other general safety tips. Cost of the class is \$30. Info: call Gloria Adams at 972/412-6230.

Job Interview Preparation Workshop, Fort Worth Library, 2-4 p.m.

June 18-21

N'COBRA 20th Annual Conference will convene at Mt. Tabor Family Life Center, 3700 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas. Info: www.ncobrahoo.com; rwashley@yahoo.com.

June 20

Juneteenth Celebration 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano

June 23

The Goodwill Industries Hiring Fair, 4005 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 9 - 1 p.m.

July 28

Putting America Back to Work Job Fair, New Cowboy Stadium, 925 North Collins, Arlington, TX 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

August 5

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The Restoration of Hope

Revitalizing West Dallas

BY JACQUINETTE MURPHY

Mayor Tom Leppert joined with three local non-profit organizations to officially launch the West Dallas Restoration Collaborative Project on Saturday May 1 at 3200 Puget Street. A lot of land near Singleton Boulevard and Hampton Road, once a sore reminder of the downward spiral of the West Dallas area, is now a glimpse of hope for community and the city at large.

Over the last three-years, Builders of Hope, Habitat for Humanity and the Dallas Faith Communities Coalition partnered on the initiatives to return the joy of affordable home ownership, increase the economic development and to restore a sense of community back to this area of Dallas widely known for its high drug and crime rate.

Staged in a large, grassy vacant lot just behind the homes, the purpose of this event was to celebrate the milestone acquisition and elimination of forty-two dilapidated and vacant residential properties slated to be replaced with new and renovated homes for working families. Both public and private sector contributors spoke of the future and present value of this partially realized community investment.

Builders of Hope, a certified housing counseling organization and community housing development organization whose focus is on the West Dallas area, is one of the groups leading the charge.

"We are transforming neighborhoods like West Dallas to neighborhoods of hope and home ownership," said Norman Henry, the president of Builders of Hope CDC.

"It hinders the

progress of neighborhoods when there are drug-ridden houses. We have to deal with the blighted, abandoned and vacant properties in order for redevelopment to occur." Their goal is to make West Dallas a viable option for homebuyers through the building of homes on vacant lots, renovating existing residences and the offering of homebuyer education programs.

Scott Begin, chief executive officer of the Dallas Habitat for Humanity shares the mission of Builders and synced their resources to help reshape the western corner of the city. "We know that by building multiple houses in these neglected areas, we are creating a sense of pride for these new home-owners and their neighbors, impacting crime and bringing new businesses," he stated.



Vacant and dilapidated properties on Puget Street in West Dallas slated to be demolished as part of the West Dallas Restoration Project.

Habitat for Humanity, a Christian Ministry, is the largest non-profit homebuilder in the city of Dallas and has served 600 low-income families and invested \$50 million in 20 Dallas county neighborhoods to rebuild communities since 1986.

Leppert begin with applause for the community organizations and funding partners. "This is a celebration of what we can do," said Leppert.

"The City of Dallas is very focused on revitalizing neighborhoods that are centered on affordable housing. This investment is going to spur more and really change the community. When you have ownership and people are involved in the community and have their heart in it, it reduces crime, increases education and brings together all those things that make a community."

The communities and families were common threads weaved into the many conversations.

Builders of Hope have even incorporated a compensation plan for the members of the community to rebuild their own neighborhoods. He stated members of the community would rebuild the houses demolished.

"This will enable them to give back to the com-

munity and it will break the cycle." The citizens will be earning wages, which can reduce crime rate. By building their own homes, per Henry, it will create a sense of pride and a desire to protect your own property. "We pay them more than minimum wage," said Henry. "As a result, we are able to produce housing that is more affordable."

With the significant funding and resources of The Rees-Jones Foundation and Mr. Ray Nixon, the three non-profits were recently able purchase 26 properties from a landlord to further their project goal to the tune of about \$1 million dollars. This is the first step in their journey and increased their capacity to do more.

"Today we are making a new commitment to build 300 new and renovated homes in West Dallas in the next four years," said Phil Wise of the Dallas Faith Communities Coalition. "We are here to not only change communities but to change families. We are doing this one family at a time."

City of Dallas District #3 Councilman, Steve Salazar, estimated that the addition of forty-two homes could annually bring about at least \$1.3

million dollars into the West Dallas area if each household earned at least \$30,000 per year. "There is nothing more exciting to see families contributing to West Dallas and spending their money here," said Salazar.

The sound of the bulldozers was the closing remark as Irby Walton, Sr., a demolition contractor of more than 30 years, demolished the first house. "It feel goods every time I tear one of these down."

Henry summed, "This is a great day for West Dallas!"



Public officials and private sector contributors to the West Dallas Restoration Project - (from left to right) Dallas Deputy Police Chief, Rick Watson; Dallas City Councilman District 3, Steve Salazar; Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity CEO, Scott Begin; Builders of Hope President, Norman Henry; Dallas Mayor, Tom Leppert; Dallas Faith Communities Coalition, Phil Wise; and The Rees-Jones Foundation, T. Hardie.



Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert speaking in celebration of the joint efforts of the public and private sectors to mobilize this revitalization effort.

DTC Presents: *Sarah, Plain and Tall*



**Rick A.
Elina**

Dallas Theatre Center ends its 2008-2009 season with the world premiere of *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. This marks the final production of its last full season in the historic Kalita Humphreys Theatre designed by famed architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Expanded to a full length musical, *Sarah, Plain and Tall* is based on the award-winning novella by Patricia MacLachlan, and is directed by Joe Calarco. Think *Little House on the Prairie* meets *Oklahoma!*

The story opens with

Sarah Wheaton (Becca Ayers) a free-spirited young fisherwoman from Maine and her weak-willed brother William (Kenneth Boys) as he's about to marry the shallow, over-indulged Estelle (Kate Loprest). Finding her honeymoon love nest a bit too crowded, Estelle cajoles William to convince Sarah to answer a personal ad placed by a widowed Kansas farmer. The farmer, Jacob Witting (Herndon Lackey) is looking for a new wife as well as a surrogate mother for his two children.

After arriving on Jacob's farm, Sarah soon discovers that Maine is a long way from Kansas, and not just geographically

speaking. Her days spent fishing are all but over since the closest shoreline happens to be the one that surrounds the muddy pond where the cattle bathe. Though Sarah is undeterred, Jacob begins to wonder if luring this fish out of water was such a good idea. Jacob's children, Anna and Caleb, are divided over their new guest. Caleb (Max Ary) immediately takes to Sarah and becomes her staunchest supporter, whereas Anna (Kate Wetherhead) does not cotton to the idea of someone replacing her deceased mother. While Anna continues to grieve for her mother, she harbors anger towards her father and

resentment towards her brother. Since her character lugs most of the emotional baggage of the play, Ms. Wetherhead must perform the length and breadth of the acting spectrum, and she does so brilliantly. Maintaining a mood that is heartwarming rather than heartbreaking testifies to her skill as an actor and to Mr. Calarco's ability as a director.

As the title character, Ms. Ayers is a singing and dancing dynamo whose onstage persona perfectly exemplifies the liberated spirit of her plain and tall character. At times, she resembles the great Katherine Hepburn. Or does she resemble Cate Blanchett resembling the

great Katherine Hepburn? Regardless, Ms. Ayers is an extremely gifted and talented actor with a formidable stage presence.

Perfectly cast as Jacob, Mr. Lackey's rich baritone voice greatly complements his character's rugged pioneer spirit. In one particular duet with Ms. Ayers, it becomes quite clear that the beauty of their chemistry is highlighted by the contrast of their personalities. Imagine juxtaposing the furrows of a freshly plowed Kansas field against the deep blue waters of a Maine harbor.

The innovative set, by Tony Award® nominated set designer, Anna Louizos, brilliantly captures the essence of both Maine and

Kansas, not an easy task to accomplish.

Sarah, Plain and Tall is a moving story about family, love and hope that confirms the age-old axiom that home is truly where the heart is. This show is fun and entertaining for the entire family.

Sarah, Plain and Tall, presented by Dallas Theatre Center, runs through May 24, 2009 at the Kalita Humphreys Theatre, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. at Blackburn St. Visit DallasTheaterCenter.org or call 214.522.8499 for more details or to purchase tickets.

Rick A. Elina is a playwright and the theatre critic for the North Dallas Gazette.

Lil' Kim Ousted from ABC's *Dancing With the Stars*

American rapper Kimberly Denise Jones a.k.a. Lil' Kim has been ousted from ABC's *'Dancing with the Stars'*, along with her professional partner Derek Hough.

Lil' Kim, 33, who con-

sistently scored high through most of the season, seemed to be winning when she was eliminated on May 5, after viewers voted her out on May 4.

"There was a real shock in the room," the *New York*

Daily News quoted host Tom Bergeron as saying regarding her departure.

Hough, 23, who won last season with Brooke Burke, has nothing but praise for his professional partner. "She's an amazing

person, an amazing soul, and amazing spirit and an amazing dancer," he said.

Despite having been ousted from the show, Lil' Kim remained upbeat about her time on *'Dancing with the Stars'*. "This is one

of the greatest experiences life," she stated. I've ever experienced in my

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by Florence Shaprio of Plano. SB 3 reforms the public school accountability system and restructures curriculum requirements – focusing on math, science, and English, to make students more college ready when they graduate. It will also allow students who are not planning on attending college to take vocational training courses for credit. If passed, it will go into effect for the 2013-2014 school year.

The bills passed by the Senate have been received by the House, but as of Friday, May 1, none have been scheduled yet for review.

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Big Names Support R.I.P. Dallas to Turn Out the Vote



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(NDG Wire) Propositions 1 and 2 will dramatically alter Dallas forever — either by clearing the way for development or by significantly reducing Dallas'

economic growth. So, who better than the people who will deal with the consequences — the next generation of leaders — to cast the deciding vote.

R.I.P. Dallas, a group of multi-ethnic young people from across the city, invited the student body, community members and the media to learn more about Proposition 1 and 2 for the local May 9 election. "The ramifications of Prop 1 and 2 affect us more so than anybody else. For the first time in any local election, we have the ability to be the deciding factor," said R.I.P.

member De'Juan Collins. "Young people from any background can come together to protect the future of our city."

Along with R.I.P. members, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, Paul Quinn President Michael Sorrell, Former Dallas Cowboy Deion Sanders, award-winning program director and K104 morning drive personality Skip Cheatham and others attended the rally at the Isabell and Comer Cottrell Student Union Building on the Paul Quinn College campus on Wednesday April 29.



The Collins Twins of Collins Investments, De'on & Dewayne Collins are flanking the Mayor of Dallas T. Leppert and the President of Paul Quinn College Michael Sorrell.

Your Gut Wants A Meeting

BY LYNN A. ROBINSON

Have you ever had a knot in your stomach? It's a commonly accepted indicator that something is amiss. You're stressed about a decision. It's a warning of sorts. Perhaps you're about to hire the wrong person or take your team into perilous territory. The tension in your belly is part of your intuitive physical system communicating, "Danger ahead. Redirection is needed!"

Many scientists believe we have two brains. The one between our ears, and the lesser known, but equally important one in our gut. They communicate with each other. When your head gets upset, your stomach takes notice and vice versa.

Do a Gut Check!

The next time you're faced with a decision, large or small, check in with your gut. Does an option you're considering feel off, or right, in your belly?

Is your stomach tied in knots at the thought of making an offer to the person you just interviewed or does it feel relaxed and at ease?

Here are some questions to ask:

- Is there an alternative that feels better?
- Is this the right time to make this decision? Does waiting a few hours, (days, weeks or months) feel better?
- Do I need more information before making this decision?
- Does the whole thing feel wrong? Or just part of it?
- What would make this decision feel right?

Is there a question or issue that keeps coming to mind that you've been dismissing? Pay attention to it. Bring it to your conscious awareness and check in with your gut. It may provide some valuable information about the correct course of action.

Intuition is a skill that, when practiced, can be honed to perfection. Imagine having a reliable "gut check" meter you can use each time you need to make a decision! As you've been reading this book, you may have begun to recognize the primary way you receive intuitive messages.

The term "gut feeling" is often used generically for a whole host of other body sensations. Physical sensations are a huge part of our intuitive guidance system. When I asked people to describe their "gut" feeling in more detail, I received a surprising variety of answers.

- A vibration through my whole body
- A mild electric zing
- Chills up and down my spine
- A warm surge of energy through my body
- A buzzing around my head
- "Goosebumps" on my arms
- My left knee hurts
- My stomach knots up
- Indigestion
- Generalized tension in my body that wasn't there previously

- Cold feet

There were many more answers, but suffice to say, the body's owner was aware when they were receiving an intuitive communication.

One entrepreneur I spoke with said she was contemplating taking on a new piece of business. However, when

ever she picked up the phone to dial the prospective client



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and say "yes" she felt like "someone pulled the plug on my energy." She ended up turning the client down. Later she overheard someone at a networking event talking about this client and describing how incredibly difficult they were to work with. "It was like my mind was telling me to go ahead. But my body was smarter."

So, how do you learn to interpret these physical messages? First, simply be aware of what's going on with your own body. Think back to a successful decision you've made over the past few days. How did it feel in your body? Where did you feel it? How would you describe the sensation? Repeat this same set of questions with an unsuccessful decision.

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years as the current Mayor along with 29 years of experience in the council manager form of government with most of it at the executive level that included five years as an assistant city manager; parliamentary and leadership skills that have helped bond the Council into one of the most productive councils in the history of Garland; municipal budgetary skills; and in depth working relationships at the regional, state, national and international levels.

My neighborhood and community based involvement and program creativity provides balance between business, government and communities.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? I was elected as Mayor of Garland in 2007.

If successful, what would be your top three (3) priorities in this elective office? My top three priorities are: 1. Maintaining public safety and addressing the budget. 2. Keeping Garland economically sound (economic development and redevelopment. 3.

Maintaining strong initiatives to keep neighborhoods and communities viable and growing.

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? As the incumbent I will maintain the vision that has been realized as explained in My experience is vital to maintaining the continuity of governance and maintaining the high quality of leadership on this City Council.

Ongoing projects must be completed on time and within budget. I am the only candidate who thoroughly understands the Council Manager form of government and have worked in creating a \$700- 800 million public budget.

I have forged an extensive prolific relationship with this Council and this continuity and cohesiveness must be maintained. I am the President Elect of the Metroplex Mayors Association, an active member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and I have also established positive working relationships with many elected officials across this region, state, and nation.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Be specific: My vision as initially stated in 2007 is that Garland become and remain the "City of Choice" for businesses to locate and succeed; for people to live and raise a family; with a government that is transparent and open; where education and the performing arts thrive.

In August 2008, CNN Money Magazine named Garland as one of the top 100 cities in America to live in. Forty new businesses opened their doors in Garland in 2008 – the vision has become a reality. We have made government more transparent, the arts are thriving, DCCD is building a new campus in Garland and the Economic Development Partnership between Garland ISD, the City of Garland, and the Garland Chamber of Commerce continue to have a positive impact on our city.

What do citizens deserve from this public office? Because of the downturn in the national economy, budget challenges have directly impacted all

cities including Garland. The Mayor and the Council have made and will continue to make the proper legislative decisions to slow down spending, minimize tax and fee impact, and direct management to make the appropriate decisions to maintain the high quality of critical services. We will take advantage of federal programs and Stimulus funding that is being made available to cities. To date we have been recipients of some Stimulus funding and have submitted additional shovel-ready projects. As a member of the Regional Transportation Council, I directly had an impact on Garland receiving \$11.7 million in transportation Stimulus funding. Also, as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, I have requested an additional \$23 million of Stimulus funding for additional projects throughout the City of Garland.

How does your charac-

ter, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations? Citizens deserve a qualified, experienced, full-time mayor with proven leadership skills who is accessible and available; a mayor who looks upon the job as one of service and who is totally committed to the will of the people. I have functioned in that capacity and I will continue to do so.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific: Character and ethics are paramount to my philosophy of life and should be required of any leader. I work hard to be an example of such a person. I am a family man (married 42 years, two sons, 2 daughter-in-laws, and seven grandchildren). My proven leadership is part of the public record. My skills as a certified mediator, negotiator, and professional Christian counselor puts me in the ideal

position of addressing practically every citizen's needs that comes to the Mayor. My Mayor's Evenings In /Evenings Out along with my professional experience in city government and volunteer experience on various community/civic Boards have kept me in touch with citizens needs and expectations.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Be specific: My commitment is to continue to make Garland the "City of Choice" as stated in my vision. I will continue addressing the needs of the citizens by making myself available and accessible as a full-time Mayor while maintaining the high quality of services that have been established. I will use my experience, knowledge, talents, and proven leadership skills to keep this city moving forward.

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almost-White prince.

"Perhaps Disney doesn't want the future mothers of dwindling White America being imprinted so early in their lives with the notion of a Black suitor," wrote blogger James Collier on ActingWhite.com, an anti-racism Web site.

Another blogger, Angela Helm, complained

to aolblackvoices.com that even though a Black man holds the highest office in America, Disney seems to think a Black man is not "worthy of the title of prince."

According to Disney, the film follows Tiana as she is transformed into a frog and travels deep into the bayous of Louisiana to find a cure from a voodoo

queen.

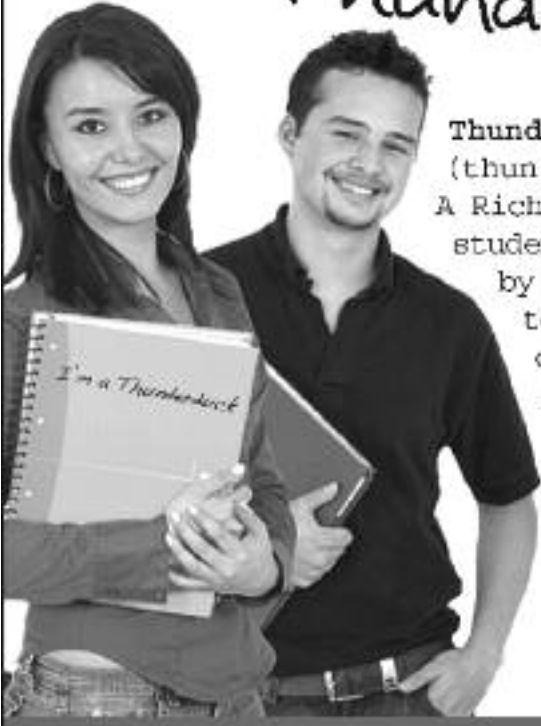
The Herald Sun quoted an unnamed Disney source, who blasted claims that voodoo references and New Orleans setting propagate Black stereotypes.

"New Orleans is an ideal setting for an American fairytale set in the jazz age - it's all part of the fabric of the story."

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It might be a good idea to keep a journal of your decisions. What was the decision? How did it feel in your body? Was it a good, bad or neutral decision? When you become comfortable with the way you receive insight on small decisions, you'll be surprised at the speed with which you'll be able to get accurate intuitive information on larger decisions.

Lynn A. Robinson is a bestselling author, speaker and leading expert on the topic of intuition. She's a sought-after consultant who uses her own highly honed intuitive skills to provide businesses with accurate, on-the-spot insights into goals, decisions and strategies. Robinson also teaches intuition development skills to entrepreneurs and corporate executives who want to enhance their effectiveness. Her latest book is TRUST YOUR GUT: How the Power of Intuition Can Grow Your Business. She can be reached at 800-925-4002 or Lynn@LynnRobinson.com. Her website is www.LynnRobinson.com.



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by the media, are the changes he's made that affected our nation's health care system, infrastructure, urban and foreign policy.

It was at the G-20 Summit that President Obama evolved from being a charismatic politician to a world leader. He took extraordinary steps to repair the United States image worldwide. Leaders of the European countries met with Obama and finally some of the sarcasm of the Bush Administration melted away.

The fact that he is willing to compromise, listen and engage is very reassuring. He's doing work in Latin America, a place ignored for eight years and in various parts of the world we are getting better reception.

In terms of the economy, it is evident that President Obama inherited an economy we have not seen in crisis like this in our lifetime. The major problem is that we are not doing enough to help the public. Small businesses

still cannot get loans and family homes are foreclosing. Obama is trying to help everyone but you can't save the economy by Wall Street only. People need help now, not six months from now.

While there is still much to be done, President Obama has given the nation, and other nations that look up to America, an example of a country that can persevere through grim situations. His achievements as our leader in his first 100 days in office gives us better hope of what he will achieve to improve the situation of our country in the next 100 days, and even 100 days after that.

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After children of her own, my daughter, Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott, emailed this to me. Honoring all mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers any lady that is a caretaker of a child or children.

A special Mother's Day tribute to Minister Sheila, my sisters: Eloyd Avery, Billie Daye, Evangelist Ida Eggins and Sis. Rose Fielding. To my mother's sisters and sister-in-Law that is alive: Aunts Jessie Baker Green, Willie Mae Baker

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In addition, any of the more than 840,000 members of Friday's guest recognition program, Give Me More Stripes (www.givememorestripes.com), who eat at Friday's on Mother's Day will

receive via email a one-time-use Buy One Entree, Get One Free coupon redeemable through May 31. The coupon is required for redemption.

Moms can choose the Friday's^(R) Brownie Obsession, a warm and moist brownie topped with

rich vanilla ice cream or Spiced Up Cupcakes, which features all of the sweetness and spice of pumpkin pie wrapped up in two pumpkin applesauce spice cupcakes topped with cream cheese frosting and garnished with chopped pecans and served with a

side of vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce. The cupcakes were inspired by Lisa Roman, a 34-year-old artist and Army wife from Roswell, Georgia, whose original recipe was judged to be best in class by a panel of food experts on Food Network's "Ultimate

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"When you bring mom to Friday's on Mother's Day and buy her lunch or dinner, we'll throw in a delicious dessert for free," said Andrew Jordan, senior vice president of marketing for T.G.I. Friday's USA. "She can choose to feed her

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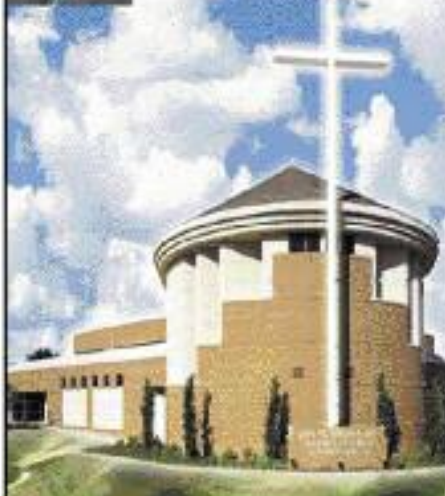
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