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TXU Energy voluntarily offers summer moratorium on disconnects

(NDG Wire) TXU Energy recently announced it has again declared a summer moratorium on disconnects for customers in need. A flexible payment plan is available for residential customers designated as low-income, ill or

disabled, or who are at least 62 years of age. This is the fourth consecutive year the company has offered protections to eligible customers.

Customers must contact TXU Energy at 800-242-9113 on or after July

1st to notify the company of their needs and to sign up for special, more flexible payment plans. These measures will be in effect July 1 through September 30, 2010. TXU Energy also waives deposit requirements for residential

customers who are at least 62 years of age and for all customers with a good record of timely payment.

"At TXU Energy we understand that some customers need assistance

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COVER STORY

Despite widespread appeals, Obama fails to nominate Black woman to Supreme Court



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Grammy Award-Winner, Kirk Franklin book signing event in Garland next week

(NDG Wire) Author and gospel recording superstar Kirk Franklin is appearing at a book signing for his latest book *The Blueprint: A Plan for Living Above Life's Storms* on the Garland Barnes & Noble on Monday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Franklin has won seven Grammys, sold over 12 million albums, and has had 20 number-one gospel hits, but the road to gold was not a smooth one and few early observers could have imagined that this product of a poor, broken home would ever succeed.

In *The Blueprint*, Franklin reveals the many obstacles he overcame and how he transformed his life through God to become a proud father of four and devoted husband of fourteen years, as well as one of the biggest multi-platinum-selling gospel artists of all

time. *The Blueprint* provides the necessary tools to succeed; it is the essential guide to creating a better life, one day at a time.

Early reviews of *The Blueprint* include:

"Once again, Kirk

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Dallas Black Dance Theatre welcomes DanceTheater of Harlem for season finale performance series: Spring Celebration

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TRUTH CLINIC

Rising above your bad circumstances

BY JAMES BREEDLOVE

Hilary Clinton might want to keep a closer look over her shoulder as to who might be in the race to become the first woman president. First lady Michelle Obama may have inadvertently placed her hat in the ring as a result of the commencement speech she gave last Saturday at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. In fact, when considering the strength of Michelle's poll

numbers President Obama better be looking over his shoulder also.

The first lady gave an impassioned emotionally charged speech to the 270 graduates and overflow audience at the Pine Bluff convention Center that highlighted the legacy of the historically black school that started with seven students, some of whom could barely read at a first grade level.

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TRI-City Fire Departments host Meet & Greet to attract diversity of job seekers

(NDG Wire) For the first time in recent history Plano, Garland and Denton Fire Departments are uniting to present a Meet & Greet/Q&A workshop to discuss the requirements for joining the fire service. The open meeting will be

held on Saturday, May 29 at the Garland Fire Administration Building, 1500 E. Hwy 66 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Candidates for fire rescue and firefighter jobs usually find out about job opportunities from fire-

fighters they know. While "word of mouth" advertising is a wonderful tool that speaks volumes about the rewards of the profession, this method does not effectively reach a great percentage of the population—particularly minorities and

women.

These three fire departments have noted a lack of diversity in gender and race among attendees at recent entrance exams. Two points have consistently been cited for this defi-

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Lena Horne

(NNPA) - Legendary singer, actress and dancer Lena Horne died on Sunday night at the New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center at the age of 92.

The Brooklyn-born entertainer was the first Black performer to be signed to a long-term contract by a major Hollywood studio and who went on to achieve international fame as a singer. The cause of her death has not been reported.

Horne was a mantle of African-American beauty, who as a versatile and iconic performer made her

name from a variety of entertainment platforms including the big screen, where she was the first African-American actor to sign to a long-term contract by a major Hollywood studio; in music, where she won four Grammy awards, and in night clubs, where she extensively toured despite the racism that plagued her era.

As an entertainer, Horne's light skin complexion allowed her to traverse through doors that many other Black entertainers had a hard time walking



through.

Still, she was loved and highly respected because she refused to let herself become "an imitation of a White woman", as she would later say.

Horne got her start in

entertainment as a 16-year-old dancer at Harlem's famed Cotton Club and worked the jazz club circuit before jumping into movies with her major studio debut in 1942 with Panama Hattie. Horne's success in movies helped pave the way for actresses such as Halle Berry and Dorothy Dandridge to become silver screen starlets and for crossover entertainers such as Diahann Carroll and Diana Ross to exist.

But, more importantly, her pioneering roles helped open doors for African-American actors to rise above subservient roles in

Hollywood.

Although born in a Black upper middle-class family, Horne spent her life cutting through the red tape of racism. Although she has 22 film credits to her name, her outspoken criticism of the unequal treatment of Black soldiers during World War II and her left-leaning political views and associations got her blacklisted from Hollywood for much of the 1950s.

Despite her absence away from the big screen, Horne went on to become one of the most revered night club performers in the post-war period. During the

movement for civil rights, Horne was an active participant in marches and protests, including the 1963 March on Washington where she spoke and performed.

Horne spent the last years of her life focused on her musical career. She released her last studio album, "Being Myself", in 1998 on Blue Note records. She was 81 at that time. She received a Tony Award in 1981 for her one-woman Broadway show, "Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music".

She is being mourned in

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Rae Lynn McFarlin

(NDG Wire) Texas Woman's University senior Rae Lynn McFarlin of Bonham is one of only 60 students in the U.S. and two in Texas to receive a national Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship. She will use her \$5,000 scholarship to pursue a doctorate in chemistry at Texas A&M University.

"When I first heard of this award as a freshman, I was astonished at the accomplishments of the TWU Phi

Kappa Phi Fellows," McFarlin said. "To receive the fellowship as a senior is one of my highest honors as a TWU student, and the funds will be a tremendous help as I begin graduate studies in the fall."

McFarlin is completing her term as the TWU student regent. She will receive a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from TWU on Friday, May 14 with a 4.0 grade point average. She also

will serve as the commencement speaker during the TWU College of Arts and Sciences graduation ceremony May 14.

The Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship is the second prestigious national scholarship awarded to McFarlin. Last fall, she and fellow TWU student Victoria Loveland were among 46 students in the nation to receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the National Consortium of Measurement and Signals Intelligence Research Scholars Program, funded by the Na-

tional Science Foundation.

"I wouldn't have dreamed it was possible to receive national awards if it weren't for the support of TWU faculty and staff," McFarlin said. "Being at TWU has taught me that the sky is the limit in terms of my possibilities as a student and as a future college professor and researcher."

The TWU Former Students Association named McFarlin as one of two TWU Outstanding Seniors during TWU Honors Convocation in April. She is a past presi-

dent and vice president of the TWU chapter of the national mathematics honor society Kappa Mu Epsilon, and is a member of the TWU Honors Scholar Program, the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the TWU Leadership Institute.

She presented her research at the 2008 national Kappa Mu Epsilon Conference in Philadelphia and interned at the U.T. Southwestern Medical School during the summer of 2009.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's old-

est, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.



Photo by Shannon Drawe

James Aaron Williams, Ph.D.

James Aaron Williams, Ph.D., is the founder and driving force behind J. A. Williams Associates, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in Police Policies, Practices and Procedures nationwide. Dr. Williams provides case consulting and expert trial and deposition testimony to law firms in both plaintiff and defense litigation mat-

ters.

Dr. Williams is an Associate Member of the American Bar Association and serves on the ABA Criminal Justice Committee. He is an Adjunct Professor for Criminal Justice Studies at Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey. He received his Doctorate Degree in Criminal Justice in 1995. He received his certification as a Forensic Examiner from the American College of Forensic Examiners. Dr. Williams has been admitted in the federal and state courts as a Police Expert in the specialties of Police Policies, Practices and Procedures and has met both the federal and state court standards of the stringent Daubert Challenges.

James A. Williams retired from the United States

Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration as Deputy Associate Special Agent in Charge and Chief of Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces on worldwide assignments. His career management positions included Chief of Divisional Intelligence, Chief of International Law Enforcement Training, Chief of International Mobile Units, Senior Drug Enforcement Policy Advisor to the Central Intelligence Agency and United States Country Attaché on Diplomatic assignment to the Caribbean. He has directed investigations and training programs in countries internationally, and has held the highest US Government security clearances including Crypto with the US Department of State and Top Secret

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partment with the US Department of Justice.

Dr. Williams' professional expertise makes him the perfect candidate to address professional organizations seeking a certified presenter in the areas of Law Enforcement Standards, Police Conduct, Wrongful Arrests, Drug Investigations and Wrongful Deaths. His presentations are intensive and informative, graphically exposing flaws in the criminal justice system and demonstrates corrective steps our society must take to ensure individual rights and equal protection under the laws. TRIAL LAWYER ORGANIZATIONS will gain current information on national police policies, practices, and procedures. UNIVERSITIES and COLLEGES will gain information pertinent to the nature of crime and the criminal jus-

tice system. EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, and CIVIC organizations and institutions will gain from in-

formative presentations on narcotics, their usage, and preventive measures.



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Get personal with the Census

BY LENNA WEBB

NORTH DALLAS TEXAS
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If you or anyone in your family falls into any one of these groups, you stand to lose a lot if you are NOT counted in the 2010 Census.

Infant, Pre-School Child, Child in School, in College, Women, Unemployed, Low-Income, A Prisoner in Jail, an Hispanic, a Black, an Immigrant (legal or otherwise), a Business Owner, a Property Tax

Payer, Senior Citizen, Disabled or just a citizens wanting his or her community to get it's fair share of services paid for by the Federal Government, which come from your tax dollars to start with!

You need to know that? First, census data on state populations determine the number of seats in Congress each state receives and how those districts are drawn. Second, the census provides the figures that determine the number of electors each

state receives for presidential elections. Third, census numbers determine the allocation of hundreds of billions of federal program dollars. Fourth, federal agencies and private litigants use data on race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, age, and disability to monitor compliance with civil rights laws and to determine where disparities exist and remediation is required. Finally, the private sector uses census data to make important deci-

sions about their businesses, including investment strategies, hiring plans, and location of facilities.

Census figurers determine the allocation of close to \$400 billion annually for planning and implementation of federal programs and services such as school construction, housing and community development, road and transportation planning, and job training. Also, ap-

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Founded in 1873 as the Branch Normal College; it was nominally part of the "normal" (education) department of Arkansas Industrial University, but was operated separately due to segregation. The school rejoined what is now the University of Arkansas System in 1972 taking on its current name.

As Mrs. Obama recalled the struggles of the original seven students she reminded the class of 2010 that while life was full of uncertainty with no guarantee of success for those students the opportunities today were plentiful but the graduates still had to be prepared to overcome adversity.

While her and President Obama's struggles with adversity were part of Mrs. Obama's speech the remarkable stories of two University of Arkansas graduates are noteworthy.

Samuel Lee Kountz, the eldest son of a Baptist minister, was born in Lexa, Arkansas, in 1930. He first became interested in medicine at the age of eight, when he accompanied an injured friend to a local hospital for emergency treatment and witnessed the doctors relieving his friends suffering. He completed his early education in Lexa, then spent three years at a Baptist boarding school. Although the school provided him with the discipline he needed, its academic program was weak, and he was

forced to take remedial courses before gaining admission to the Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College of Arkansas (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff).

One of the first black students to graduate from the University of Arkansas Medical School in Little Rock, Kountz went on to complete his medical training at Stanford.

Dr. Samuel L. Kountz became one of the world's most distinguished surgeons and a pioneer in the field of kidney transplantation. In 1961, while working with Dr. Roy Cohn at the Stanford University Medical Center, he performed the first successful transplant between humans who were not identical twins.

Six years later, he and a team of researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, developed the prototype for the Belzer kidney perfusion machine, a device that can preserve kidneys for up to 50 hours from the time they are taken from a donor's body. It is now standard equipment in hospitals and research laboratories around the world.

Following his groundbreaking research at Stanford and the University of California Kountz became chairperson of the department of surgery in 1972 at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, a large teaching facility affiliated with the State University of New

York. Simultaneously, he was appointed chief of general surgery at Kings County Hospital. Although he had been offered a number of prestigious positions, he chose Downstate-- situated in the heart of a predominantly black, ghetto area of Brooklyn--because of his desire to improve the quality of medical care in the African American community.

In a news interview shortly after his arrival in Brooklyn, Kountz explained that he had refused to let racism--or any other obstacles--stand in the way of his career. "When I convinced myself in my teens that the same process that had created me had created everyone else, and that 'they' had no corner on things ..., except that they had economic advantages and better access to things, I suddenly realized that I had a certain control over my destiny," he said. "It was a great revelation.... I cannot think of a single instance since 1952, when I have been denied anything because of being black."

At the time of his death at age 51 in 1981 he had personally performed some 500 kidney transplants, the most performed by any physician in the world at that time.

Mrs. Obama also singled out Quinna Childress of Newport, a 2010 graduate with a 3.935 grade-point average in biology who plans to attend medical school.

The second of 10 children, Childress was homeless at age 16, a high school student living out of a car who worked nights and weekends as a nurse's aide.

One day at work while contemplating quitting her job, Obama said Childress thought about the lot of her patients who were struggling to overcome illness. "They needed me more than I needed to give up." Receiving a research grant from NASA and graduating from college were unthinkable, but she has done both.

In addition to her many other honors, in the summer of 2009 she was one of the 24 selected from over 1000 applicants for the Yale University School of Medicine BioSTEP program to perform biomedical research in the Department of Neurosurgery, becoming the first student from UAPB and any Arkansas college and university to receive this honor.

These stories serve to validate that no matter the degree of your blackness, the depth of your poorness, or the magnitude of any adversity that may beset you just remember that you are being tempered in the cauldron of life in preparation for the ultimate success that God has in store for you. You have the power within to not let any adversity defeat you.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com.

U.S. Department Of Health & Human Services and Ad Council report increase in awareness of lupus among women

New Radio PSAs Launched in Time for World Lupus Day

(NDG Wire) Twenty-two percent of 18-44 year old women in the United States reported hearing more about lupus compared to a year ago, according to a national online survey released today by the Ad Council.

In an effort to further engage minority women, who are at the greatest risk for lupus, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office on Women's Health (OWH) and The Advertising Council are distributing new radio public service advertisements (PSAs) in time for World Lupus Day (May 10).

Lupus affects minority women three times more than white women. Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune in-

flammatory disease that causes the immune system to mistakenly attack the body's own healthy cells and tissue.

It strikes adult women 10 to 15 times more frequently than adult men. Symptoms of the disease include fatigue, hair loss, painful or swollen joints, fever, skin rashes and kidney problems.

Launched in March 2009, The "Could I Have Lupus?" PSA campaign targets young, minority women of childbearing age, 18 to 44, who are at greatest risk for lupus.

The objective is to help these women understand the disease, its effects, and identify early warning signs so that they can request a medical evaluation from



their doctor or community health center.

"When we started this campaign, we faced a very limited awareness and knowledge about lupus among women at greatest risk," said Frances E. Asher-Goin RN, MPH, acting director of OWH at HHS. "Through our work with the Ad Council, we are significantly increasing awareness and providing women with the opportunity for an early diagnosis, which will reduce the number of lupus

related deaths."

The Ad Council's national survey found that 22 percent of women surveyed said they had seen or heard the campaign advertising. Additionally, 15 percent reported they have recently heard, seen or read something about lupus, compared to 10 percent in 2009. Notably, one year after campaign launch, 14 percent of women surveyed reported having visited a website for more information about lupus compared to 9 percent of women surveyed a year ago.

"The exposure this campaign is receiving in the media is translating into action," said Peggy Conlon, president and CEO of the Ad Council. "We are looking forward to continuing

our work with the Office on Women's Health to develop essential communications tools that will further educate women about lupus and its symptoms."

New campaign PSAs launching today consist of :30 and :60 second English and Spanish radio spots. Created pro bono by Los Angeles-based ad agency Muse Communications, the PSAs feature the stories of real women and conclude with the tagline, "For answers. For support. For hope." and direct women to visit www.couldihavelupus.gov or www.podriayotenerlupus.gov, or call a toll-free number (1-800-994-9662) to learn more about the symptoms and treatment options for lupus and access local resources.

"Our sincere hope is that the work we have done and will continue to do contributes to the call to action for women of color," says Shelley Yamane, president and chief strategic officer of Muse. "We believe if we can significantly increase awareness to the symptoms of this dreaded disease, we can contribute to the early diagnosis and successful treatment of Lupus for thousands of American women," she added.

Per the Ad Council model, the PSAs will run and air in advertising time that is donated by the media. To date, the Lupus Awareness campaign, has received more than \$27 million worth of donated media since its launch in March 2009.

During National Stuttering Awareness Week (May 10–16) The Stuttering Foundation and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Team, advocate for early intervention for children who stutter

(NDG Wire) More than three million Americans stutter. Nearly 5 percent of all children go through some period of stuttering. Children ages 2–5 are affected the most.

There are four factors most likely to contribute to the development of stuttering in children:

- Genetics (approxi-

mately 60% of those who stutter have a family member who does also)

- Child development (children developmental delays are more likely to stutter)

- Neurophysiology (differences in brain development)

- Family dynamics (high expectations and stress

or pressure to talk can contribute to stuttering). The major factors that place some children more at risk for continuing to stutter include:

If a child has any of these risk factors and is showing some or all of the warning signs, a parent should be more concerned and seek a screening or

evaluation from a speech-language pathologist who works with children or specializes in stuttering.

The speech-language pathologist will decide whether the child is stuttering, and then determine whether to wait a bit longer or begin treatment right away.

For free information on

stuttering and a detailed explanation of each risk factor, contact ASHA at 800-638-Talk (8255) or the Stuttering Foundation at 800-

992-9392.

You may also visit www.asha.org or www.stutteringhelp.org.

'Girl Talk' Event on May 15 at Methodist Dallas focuses on Women's Health

(NDG Wire) Women's health will be the focus of "Girl Talk," a free community health event from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 15, in Hitt Auditorium at Methodist Dallas Medical Center, 1441 N. Beckley Ave., Dallas.

The program promises healthy conversation about the latest advances in women's health. Physician

experts will discuss issues such as uterine fibroids, hysterectomy, breast health, and the minimally invasive treatments available at Methodist thanks to da Vinci® Robotic Surgery. Unlike traditional methods, this sophisticated robotic technology enables the surgeon to operate with minimally invasive precision, which dramatically reduces

pain, scarring, and recovery time. There also will be free refreshments and a chance to "test drive" the da Vinci Robot.

Participants will hear the Rev. Dr. Sheron Patterson as the inspiring keynoter. So bring a friend and enjoy living, laughing, and learning, along with light refreshments and giveaways. Opportunities are

provided for audience participation in question-and-answer sessions.

Free parking is available in the visitor parking lot at 221 W. Colorado Blvd. at Bishop Avenue.

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(NDG Wire) The City is accepting applications for a vacancy on the Utility Advisory Board. The vacancy is in Position 7. Candidates for this position must be employed (or

have been employed) within the energy industry such as electric generation, transmission, distribution, or marketing. This will be for a term ending August 31, 2012.



If you are interested in applying please submit a Utility Advisory Board Application

to the City Secretary's Office by May 10, 2010 at 5 p.m. The mailing address is City Secretary's Office, P.O. Box 469002, Garland, TX 75046-9002 or you may email your information to Mkayser@garlandtx.gov. City Council will interview candidates at the May 17, 2010 Work Session.

McKinney hires new Assistant Chief of Police

(NDG Wire) The McKinney Police Department (MPD) today announced the appointment of Randy Roland as Assistant Chief of Police. Randy previously served in several roles at MPD, including Captain heading up the Criminal Investigation Division. He fills the role left vacant by Rex Redden, who was hired as Chief of the Carrollton Police Department.

"The Assistant Chief of Police position is critical to this department's efforts to provide for the public safety of our citizens, the smooth administration of our operations and our interactions with the rest of City government. It is a testament to the depth of talent within this

police department to have several qualified people to choose from when a promotional opportunity presents itself. After careful consideration, I have selected Captain Randy Roland as McKinney's new Assistant Chief of Police. Randy brings a wealth of talent to the position. He is well-known, well-liked and well-respected throughout the community," said Chief Doug Kowalski.

Roland has over 20 years of law enforcement experience, serving the last 10 with the MPD. In McKinney, he has commanded all three major divisions and served as our Public Information Officer. He has graduated from the prestigious

Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and the Management College of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration. Roland is active in the community, including time serving on the Boards of CASA and the United Way.

"I follow in a long line of successful MPD Assistant Chiefs that have gone on to lead area police departments as Chief of Police. They have raised the bar on this position, and I am honored to be appointed to it by Chief Kowalski. I am proud to be able to serve the men and women of the McKinney Police Department and the citizens of McKinney as their Assistant Chief of Police," said Roland.

Richardson Library is the Best in Texas (at least for its size)

(NDG Wire) Richardson's library director, Steve Benson, has been seen walking around with a big smile on his face these past few days. He's obviously beaming with pride over last week's release from the Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR) index which shows Richardson's Public Library retained its position as the top Texas library in the 50,000 to 100,000 population category.

The 2010 edition rates 7,930 public libraries in the



United States using the latest federal data. Libraries are then rated, scored and ranked on 15 input and output measures. We're especially happy with the turnout, because it shows we outperformed the library systems in 13 other cities with which we compare our performance.

The 2010 index is based upon data from the

2008 fiscal year. Here's a look at some of the statistics of the Richardson Library:

- Circulation per hour -- 302 books
- Visits per hour -- 142
- Reference questions per capita -- 1.28
- Expenditures per circulation -- \$3.36
- Collection turnover (Circulation total/# items in collection) -- 4.24
- Volumes per capita - 2.30

Hats off to library staff.

City's Memorial Park Plaques honor fallen Plano veterans



(NDG Wire) The City of Plano recently installed two granite plaques on the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park listing the names of citizens who served in the military and were killed in action.

The new plaques currently showcase the names of 40 Plano residents — some whose military serv-

ice dates back to World War I.

The Veterans Memorial at Memorial Park was built after a group of citizens approached City Council requesting consideration of a project to honor Plano residents who had served the military over the years. The

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Carrollton Police Offer RAD Class

(NDG Wire) The Carrollton Police Department will be offering a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 15 and 16. The class will be held in the Carrollton Police Department Training Room (2025 E. Jackson Rd). RAD is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women.

This class is open to women who are at least 17 years old. Each class is 12 hours in length and you must be present for at least 9 hours to successfully complete the course. Cost for the class is \$5. Attendees of the class should dress comfortably.

Sweatpants and workout pants/shorts are acceptable along with comfortable tennis shoes.

The course will be taught by nationally certified RAD instructors, Officer Lauryl Duncan and Officer Shannon



Hartzell. Instructors will provide each student with a workbook/reference manual. This manual outlines the entire Physical Defense Program for reference and continuous personal growth, and is the key to the free lifetime

return and practice policy for RAD graduates. If you are interested in attending the class or would like to register, please contact Officer Hartzell at 972-466-9122 or Officer Duncan at Lauryl.Duncan@cityofcarrollton.com.

The RAD System is a comprehensive, women-

only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. For more information, please visit ad-systems.com/faq.html.

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DCCCD colleges set commencement ceremonies in May

(NDG Wire) Hundreds of Dallas County Community College District students are crossing the stage during commencement ceremonies that began on Sat., May 8, and which conclude on Sat., May 16.

Graduates from DCCCD's seven individually accredited colleges – Brookhaven, Cedar Valley, Eastfield, El Centro, Mountain View, North Lake and Richland – will hear a variety of keynote

speakers and receive greetings delivered by members of the district's board of trustees.

The remaining ceremony is for El Centro College Saturday May 16 at 3 p.m., Davis Field House in the Jesse Owens Memorial Complex, 9191 S. Polk St., Dallas; the keynote speaker is El Centro's professor of the year, Hal Spiegel, faculty member in the department of information technology.

Cedar Hill ISD turns deficit budget into a 25% fund balance

(NDG Wire) A growing number of North Texas school districts are struggling with a deficit budget.

Last year 50 percent of Texas school districts adopted deficit budgets based on the budget information for the current year filed with the Texas Education Agency.

Cedar Hill ISD however has a strong 25 percent fund balance on its \$57 million dollars budget. (That's a \$57million dollar balanced budget, plus \$15 million in savings).

Cedar Hill had a deficit budget during the 2000-2001 school year, but has been

tightening its budget belt and building its' fund balance since the CHISD school board decided that would be the last year for a deficit budget.

Tough decision had to be made:

- Reduce janitorial staff-cut 30 positions
- Cut Social workers
- Did away with block scheduling to cut down on the number of teachers needed
- Make the school buildings more energy efficient saving 23 % in the last four years
- Crack down on out of

district students

While making those cuts, the Cedar Hill School District decided to enhance its Fine Arts program. It started an Orchestra program from the elementary schools up. The school district purchased instruments for elementary students and the Cedar Hill Education Foundation raises funds to provide instruments for the intermediate level. The program will expand through to the Cedar Hill High School by the year 2014.

The community of Cedar Hill has helped fill in the gaps of the cuts in other

areas. Church and community groups provide mentors and tutors for students. Non-profits assist the school district in providing summer activities at the schools.

The high percentage for the fund balance enables Cedar Hill ISD to borrow money and issue bonds at a lower interest rate. In 1999, when CHISD had a deficit budget, it could not get a bond rating. Now it has one of the highest bond ratings in the state for a school district of its size and characteristics. CHISD has a AA- bond rating from both Standard and Poor's and Fitch.

UNT Dallas Campus holds graduate reception

(NDG Wire) A standing-room only crowd watched as 124 graduating seniors were honored at the University of North Texas at Dallas' graduate ceremony/reception May 6. The ceremony was its last as an extension campus of the University of North Texas.

The graduating class includes Jean Hackney, who celebrated her 70th birthday on May 6, and Kimberly Storms, who recently was selected one of two outstanding undergraduate students in the Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management Department at UNT in Denton.

Storms waited 17 years

after earning her associate's degree at Tarrant County College before going back to school to earn her bachelor's degree. During that time she had three sons—"a 25-year-old who is married, a 19-year-old who is in the Navy, and a 20-year-old who is a student at TCC."

"I've been real busy with my kids and everything, but it was finally my turn to come back and do this, and my husband has been wonderful about it too," Storms said.

Through the years she also worked as an office manager, and it was in human resources many years ago when she devel-

oped "a real passion" for HR. "I was working in HR when the ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] was implemented and Workers' Comp was revised and the Civil Rights Act of 1991, so I was really excited about all the things that were going on."

Her family lived in Arlington, so she had planned to go to the University of Texas at Arlington. But one day UNT recruiters on the TCC campus told her about the new Dallas Campus. "I was excited to discover that UNT Dallas has a human resources program and UTA doesn't."

The drive from south Arlington to Denton was not feasible, Storms said, so she was intrigued by the UNT Dallas Campus. She said it turned out to be a great experience.

"I have loved it. I've really enjoyed the teachers. I've been taking mostly management classes, and

your trifecta of management teachers has just been amazing. They really care about their students, and I think that it's more of a personal campus down here," Storms said.

She plans to take a year off from school and then come back to earn her master's degree. Then she would like to teach on the college level.

"I'd like to teach business courses and I like writing policy, so I want to do some HR writing. I'd like to get more legal background and ideally I'd like to write on court decisions and what they mean to the HR field. That's something really exciting to me."

Many Dallas Campus students choose not to attend commencement ceremonies on the Denton campus, so the "graduate reception" at UNT Dallas is the closest thing they will experience to a graduation ceremony. Undergraduate commencement will take place at UNT May 15.

Provost John Beehler placed a Dallas Campus stole over the graduates' robes in a ceremony much like the hooding of doctoral graduates.

The graduating class includes many who are the first in their families to get a

college degree.

The UNT Dallas Campus opened in January 2000 as a satellite campus of UNT in Denton offering junior- and senior-level courses.

The school will become a four-year university, admitting its first freshman class, in the fall semester.

The school is in the midst of preparing its application for separate accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Until separate accreditation is achieved, the degree programs at UNT Dallas will remain SACS accredited under UNT.



University of North Texas Dallas graduation ceremonies.

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Former Jeffries Street kid gives back as mentor and golfer

ATTACHED (NDG Wire) The Swing 'Fore' Kids Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday June 21, 2010 at the "Tour 18" Golf Course located at 8718 Amen Corner in Flower Mound, Texas. This is the 12th annual charity golf tournament to benefit The Jeffries Street Learning Center in Dallas. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. There will be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, a raffle, breakfast and an awards luncheon.

Among the golfers signed up to play is Edward Turner, 29, an insurance broker, who used to be a student at the learning center. "It was a high crime neighborhood when I was growing up with drugs and shootings," said Turner. "Before the learning center opened up in late 80's,



Edward Turner

I did not always get my homework done. The center made a difference. I had a safe place to go to get help with my homework from tutors after school." Turner is now a volunteer at the center helping students with their homework when he gets off

work in the afternoon. "It feels good to help students with algebra problems and see them understand it."

For more than two decades The Jeffries Street Learning Center has provided educational and mentoring programs for low income and under-privileged children and adults in the South Dallas/Fair Park community. The center averages 75 children and adults daily who participate in after-school tutoring, computer and financial literacy, home-buyer training, GED classes, First Tuesday Club for Seniors and summer camp programs.

Anyone interested in being a sponsor or taking part in the golf tournament can call 214-426-1834 or log onto the website at www.jeffriesstreet.org

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Plano City Council agreed to the measure and appropriated funds to the Public Art Committee to enhance the park's renovation which was completed in November 2008.

Shortly after the Veterans Memorial dedication, many of those same citizens asked the City to consider erecting a plaque to honor Plano's men and women killed in action.

Once the project was approved, countless hours were spent researching old records and collaborating with the Office of Protocol in Washington, D.C. in order to collect names of the fallen.

The list was completed September 2009 and work began on the plaques now installed at the Memorial.

"There was a great deal of research needed to make this project right and we could never have com-



The Visiting Nurse Association needs volunteers to "Adopt a Grandma." Eldercare Friends volunteer training will be held May 19, 2010. Photo by Suzanne Miller, City of Plano


pleted it without the tireless efforts of those that worked on this project," said Ron Underwood, Landscape Architect for the Plano Parks and Recreation Department.

"I would like to thank Plano residents Shep Stahel, Bill and Kathy Pritchett, David and Karen

Marks, Chris Gallucci and Cliff Pratt for their dedication."

Memorial Park is at 2101 Bay Hill Drive, near Custer Road and Spring Creek Parkway.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Miller at 972-941-5401.




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Ongoing

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

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

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

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

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNo

LimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

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

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

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May 14

Smucker's Stars on Ice is proud to welcome America's leading medal contenders - 2009 Men's World Champion Evan Lysacek; 2006 Olympic Silver Medalists Tanith Belbin & Benjamin Agosto; and 2006 Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen. They will be joined by World Champion and Six-Time National Champion Todd Eldredge; and Two-Time World Bronze Medalist and Three-Time National Champion Michael Weiss; and more, including several medalists from the 2010 U.S. and World Figure Skating Championships and the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. For more information, visit us online at www.starsonice.com or at www.americanairlinescenter.com.

May 14-16

The Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival is an award-winning, multi-day eclectic arts and music festival that draws over 70,000 attendees... and we're celebrating our 18th anniversary in 2010! Festival programming includes two main outdoor performance stages, the Acoustic Café, our award-winning Singer/Songwriter Stage, the family friendly Kidz Korner, Teenz Zone, strolling entertainers, buskers and acrobats, the Taste of Texas Food Garden, the City of Richardson Petting Zoo, the Art Guitar Auction, and lots of interactive displays and exhibits. For more information, please visit them at www.wildflowerfestival.com

May 15

The Hamilton Park Historic Preservation Foundation is hosting its first Hamilton Park Golf Classic at the Eastern Hills Country Club, 3000 Country Club in Garland. The shot-gun starts at 8:00 a.m.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving North Texas McKinney Office is hosting a **Celebration of Life Memorial and Tribute "The Legacy They Left Behind"** 10:30 a.m. at the Dr. Glenn Mitchell Memorial Park Fountain; 300 W Louisiana St, McKinney.

Bicycle Fest: To kick off ozone season and National Bike Month, Irving will host a Bicycle Fest from 10 a.m. to noon at Centennial Park, 444 W. Second St. The event will offer a unique chance to network with area cyclists, discuss safe bicycling routes, and learn about adult and children's bicycle safety. Several "meet and ride" locations are being coordinated. Interested bikers should e-mail contact information to bikeirving@gmail.com to join a group. Call 972-742-2296.

Methodist Dallas will host **"Girl Talk"** at 10 a.m. in the Hitt Auditorium. Physicians will be on hand to discuss women's health issues and minimally invasive procedures. Methodist Health System Board member, Rev. Dr. Sheron L. Patterson will be the keynote on the topic of *Sister, Get Your Health Right*. Attendees will be able to "test drive" the da Vinci robot.

May 16

Irving Public Library presents **PAWS (Pet Audience Wins Skills) for Reading**, with a welcome party at 1:30 p.m. at the Central Library. The PAWS program allows children in grades K-6 to practice their communication skills by reading to dogs and is part of Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.). Beginning in June, the PAWS program will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month at the Central Library. Registration is required. To register: 972-721-2458.

May 20

Snap Out of It! Women's Conference & Expo is a one day event from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. designed to inspire, empower, educate and enlighten women and led them back to the purpose and gifts that are inside them. Admission: \$44, Info: DeDe Murcer Moffett at 469-358-9076 or <http://www.dedemurcermoffett.com/Snap-Out-Of-It-Conference.html>

Plano (DFW) Career Fair Meet face to face with Plano/Dallas area employers from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. To see a complete list of jobs available and to pre-register for this event, visit choicecareerairs.com. Admission and parking are free. Info: 702-257-1562

An Evening of Spoken Word special guest is Michael Guinn, Fort Worth National Poetry Slam champion from 7-9 p.m. for a re-

laxing evening of poetry and spoken word. South Dallas Cultural Center Theater (corner of Robert B. Cullum Boulevard and South Fitzhugh.) Info: FREE admission, 214-939-2787

May 22

Fine Arts Chamber Players presents a free **Bancroft Family Concert** at the Dallas Museum of Art at 3:00pm featuring award-winning Dallas violin virtuoso Laura Liu with pianist Yurie Iwasaki. 1717 North Harwood, Dallas, TX 75201. Admission to the concert is free and no reservations or tickets are required. Auditorium doors open at 2:30pm for the 3:00 p.m. concert. Info: 214-520-2219 or fineartschamberplayers.org.

May 24

The City of Dallas Department for Historic Preservation will facilitate a **community meeting** at 6:30 p.m. in Methodist Dallas Hitt Auditorium.

May 29 – November 7

Amon Carter Museum's Ansel Adams: Eloquent Light features 40 photographs by the artist. Admission to the Carter is free.

June 1

WWE Smackdown returns to Dallas, TX for the first time of 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for Smackdown at American Airlines Center World Heavyweight Championship match, THE PHENOM" The Undertaker vs. Chris Jericho, Rey Mysterio & Kane vs. CM Punk & Luke Gallows, and many more!! Details at www.americanairlinescenter.com.

June 3 – 5

Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series Qualifying Night, WinStar World Casino 400K and the Firestone 550K IZOD IndyCar Series- Starts June 3, with the WinStar World Casino 400k Camping World Truck Series practice

and qualifying, followed by the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series opening practice. Then June 4, the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series practice and qualifying followed by the WinStar World Casino 400k Camping World Truck Series race. To finish off the weekend, the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series will be held. Info: www.texasmotorspeedway.com or 817-215-8500.

June 5-6

Grassroots Campaign Training in Dallas from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. each day at Southside on Lamar, 1409 South Lamar Street, Dallas. The DFA Campaign Academy brings local activists, campaign staff and candidates together for two days of intensive campaign training.

June 7 – July 2

Thriving Minds Summer Camps offer creative, hands-on activities for elementary and middle schoolers. Led by professional artists and instructors, campers will explore the world around them and express their imagination through visual and performing arts, theater, dance, creative writing and more. Participants will also receive breakfast, lunch and a daily snack (breakfast will only be served at the Bath House and Oak Cliff locations). The camps are free and open to Dallas residents, but space is limited.

June 10

Dr. Cordell Adams author of *Light Bread* is appearing at Allen Public Library, 7 p.m.

June 25-26

The Dallas Symphony presents **Planet Earth Live** June 25 and 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Info: 214.692.0203 or visit DallasSymphony.com.

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Despite widespread appeals, Obama fails to nominate Black woman to Supreme Court

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
NNPA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

(NNPA) In what could be considered as the most powerful public appeal to President Obama thus far on behalf of racial justice, 28 Black women sent the President a letter early this week, expressing concern that he might appoint Solicitor General Alena Kagan as the successor for retiring Justice John Paul Stevens on the U. S. Supreme Court and reasserted a request that he consider a Black woman instead.

But, the May 9 letter was too late. Less than 20 minutes after receiving the document, emailed to the NNPA News Service around 10:37 p.m. from Melanie Campbell, CEO and convener of the Black Women's Roundtable (BWR), a breaking news email from the Washington Post came headlined, "Obama to pick Elena Kagan for the Supreme Court". By morning, the news was out and widely reported.

Still the letter was strong and clear, sending an "end-of-honeymoon" type message that President Obama must begin to listen to those he credits for having put him in office with hopes for Black progress.

"As we have throughout history, African American women played a significant role in the 2008 election because we were especially aware of the impact this presidency would have for generations to come," states the letter, dated May 9. "Our trepidation regarding General Kagan is premised on the lack of a clearly identifiable record on the protection of our nation's civil rights laws. As women leaders, we greatly respect General Kagan's intellectual capabilities and highly accomplished record in the Administration and academia. Nonetheless, there is a dearth of a specific empha-

sis on the civil rights laws utilized in the protection of racial and ethnic minorities and those traditionally disenfranchised in this nation."

The letter also asserted, "Especially disconcerting is the perceived lack of real consideration of any of the extremely qualified African American women as potential nominees. While we were very pleased to witness the placement of the Honorable Leah Ward Sears and Judge Ann Claire Williams on the reported lists of potential nominees, there did not appear to be any serious consideration of their candidacy, once again."

The women's names, listed on the bottom of the letter, represent a broad section of leadership in the Black community. The letter described them as members of the "Black Women's Roundtable of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP) and African American female faith leaders and legal scholars".

The letter not only appeals to the President's espoused sensitivity to the plight of African-Americans, but reminds him of the staunch position of the late Dr. Dorothy Height who he eulogized only two weeks ago: "Mr. President, the nominations and appointments you make today will be far-reaching, particularly for the Supreme Court. As we continue to promote the legacy of our late founding leader and Co-Convener, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, we will always seek to highlight the concerns of Black women, our families and our communities. Thus, as Dr. Height stated in our previous meeting with your Administration, we believe it is time for African American women to be represented in all sectors of government – including the Supreme Court of the



GETTY IMAGES: U.S. President Barack Obama (R) is joined by Vice President Joe Biden while introducing Solicitor General Elena Kagan (C) as his choice to be the nation's 112th Supreme Court justice during an event in the East Room of the White House May 10, 2010 in Washington, DC.

United States, which in its 221 year history has not had a Black woman nominated to serve on our highest court in the land."

Supreme Court appointments are rare given that justices serve for a lifetime. Still Obama has nominated Kagan, a former dean of Harvard Law School rather than seize the opportunity to not only make history, but to further diversify the court with different perspectives. The BWR also cited "Justice Stevens' leadership in protecting and defending civil rights on the Supreme Court" as a compelling need to appoint someone with similar views.

Political scientist and Black political strategist Dr. Ron Walters says the Supreme Court appointment

is yet another revealing moment for the administration of America's first Black president as close to 100 percent of African-American voters supported him.

"It is another one of those pin pricks where African-Americans are not happy with the president's decision. These things were inevitable, but they continue to happen. And this was just another one," Walters says.

Walters sought to explain Obama's decision as disseminating from the "elite crowd of Harvard law school that's the other world that he's been traveling in since he was a very young person."

He warns, "Don't underestimate the strength of that culture because it is certainly there. And he is a part

of that culture. As a matter of fact, I would dare say that he is more a part of that culture than he is of the civil rights culture."

Another disappointing issue has been the President's handling of Black economic justice as he has maintained a "rising tides lifts all boats" philosophy even as Black unemployment remains stagnant or continues to rise month after month.

A push for greater diversity on the court had been a major topic of discussion over the past weeks since Stevens announced his intent to retire late this spring. In a recent column, NNPA Columnist George Curry quotes Glenn Greenwald, a lawyer and former civil rights litigator, as predicting

that Obama's next appointee would be more conservative than Stevens.

The column quotes Greenwald: "(1) Kagan, from her time at Harvard, is renowned for accommodating and incorporating conservative views, the kind of 'post-ideological' attribute Obama finds so attractive; (2) for both political and substantive reasons, the Obama White House tends to avoid (with few exceptions) any appointees to vital posts who are viewed as 'liberal' or friendly to the Left; the temptation to avoid that kind of nominee heading into the 2010 midterm elections will be substantial... and (3) Kagan has already proven herself to be a steadfast Obama loyalist with her work as his Solicitor General, and the desire to have on the Court someone who has demonstrated fealty to Obama's broad claims of executive authority is likely to be great."

Curry adds, "The most disturbing aspect of a possible Kagan appointment is her admiration of the Federalist Society, a network of conservative and libertarian students, law professors, attorneys and judges whose goal is to advance the conservative agenda by pushing America's legal system to the right."

According to the letter, "The Black Women's Roundtable network comprises an intergenerational membership of Black women civic leaders of international, national, regional and state-based organizations and institutions that works collectively to advance policies and strategic initiatives that help to improve the lives of underserved women and girls. Our BWR members work in a wide range of social justice, civic, corporate, labor, academic, women and youth organizations."

Dallas Black Dance Theatre welcomes Dance Theater of Harlem for season finale performance series: Spring Celebration

Dance Theatre of Harlem performing The Greatest (pas de deux), performance highlight Nejla Y. Yatkin's Journey to the One, and Camille A. Brown's premiere, Our Honeymoon is Over

(NDG Wire) The Spring Celebration Series of Dallas Black Dance Theatre marks the season finale performance for the 33rd season of Dallas Black Dance Theatre. May 19th through 23rd at the AT&T Performing Arts Center's Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre Dallas Black Dance Theatre welcomes guest artist Dance Theatre of

Harlem as they perform the *The Greatest* (pas de deux). Dance Theatre of Harlem brings their dancer's graceful beauty and delicate steps to the stage of the Wyly Theatre.

Co-sponsored by TACA and Bank of America and supported through Raytheon the Spring Celebration series is highlighted with the

return of Nejla Y. Yatkin to Dallas Black Dance Theatre with the complete ballet suite of *Journey to the One*. "This stunning non-traditional contemporary tango will thrill audiences as it begins with a suite of five company dancers, progressing to four male dancers, on to the trio, a duet and ending with the *Journey to the One*

— the passionate female solo of veteran dancer Janine Beckles," says Founder/Artistic Director, Ann M. William. Dallas Black Dance Theatre also performs Camille A. Brown's premiere *Our Honeymoon is Over*, a duet inspired by the strife and challenge between man and woman in relationship as ex-

pressed through the artistic dance movements of Dallas Black Dance Theatre.

The Metroplex can experience Spring Celebration for five performances beginning Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. concluding with the Sunday, May 23rd matinee performance at

2:30 p.m. The expanded number of performances has proven to be a gem and you will not want to miss this season finale.

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

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(NDG Wire) Get ready Dallas/Fort Worth to embrace the inner circus performer in you! Lace up your big, floppy clown....uh, running shoes, put on your red nose, and be a part of the 2nd Annual Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Red Nose Run, which benefits the Dallas chapter of the American Heart Association. Slated for Saturday, May 22 at 8:00am, the Fun Walk and Run is an opportunity for Children of All Ages to get moving by running or walking at the Fun Walk or 5K Run with family and friends. The Ringling Bros. Red Nose RunSM will be held at Woodall Rodgers Plaza off Houston Street and Continental Avenue in Downtown Dallas.

In addition to the actual Run, circus performers will show families an action-packed CircusFit[®] approach

to health and fitness by combining the fun of circus skills with stretching, strength building and aerobic exercise. Immediately after the Run, Ringling Bros.® will host a Circus Celebration featuring the hilarious antics from the Ambassadors of Laughter ... Kelly, Slappy & Monday...and performances from student contortionists, acrobat and hula hoop artists from the Lone Star Circus School.emony.

Started in 2004 in Birmingham, Alabama, the Ringling Bros. Red Nose Run has grown to select markets across the country including Dallas/Fort Worth. The Ringling Bros. Red Nose Run encourages families to discover the FUNdamentals of fitness.

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(or young at heart) to be active and physically fit while at the same time supporting and raising funds for local community outreach.

In addition to a race t-shirt and circus goodie bag, each paid registration will receive a ticket to an upcoming Ringling Bros. performance of ZING ZANG ZOOM, playing at American Airlines Center and Fort Worth Convention Center this summer. Registration for the race is \$30 through May 15. After that date, registration increases to \$35 from May 15 through May 21 and \$40 on race day. Registration for children 12 and under is \$15. A family package is available for \$80, which includes registration for two adults and two children.

For information or to register, visit DFWRedNoseRun.com.

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both the entertainment and social justice worlds.

"Ms. Horne was a pivotal figure in the entertainment world. She was a consummate entertainer whose dignified stage presence destroyed many of the stereotypes in which other Black entertainers of her era were cast. She was a cross-over

success before the term was widely used. Although many have failed to fully acknowledge her civil rights efforts, Ms. Horne used the power of her celebrity to change the shape of racial discrimination in the United States," said Dr. E. Faye Williams, national chair of the National Congress of

Black Women in a statement.

"Her life was genuinely iconic. The beauty and enjoyment that she brought to the masses with her entertainment will last far longer than many of the entertainers who followed her. She was a unique personality who will truly be missed."

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proximately \$12 billion in funds for federal programs that are beneficial to workers and their families are based on these numbers. Things like: Unemployment Insurance, Food stamps, Section 8 Housing, Choice Vouchers, National School Lunch Program, Head Start, State Children's Insurance Program, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, Foster care, Child Care Mandatory & Matching Funds, and School Breakfast Program

Local governments in particular require data at the neighborhood level for school planning, transportation, and economic development. They use census data to: Fund child care to enable low-income and working families to work, train for a job, or obtain an education; Fund health care for infants and children; Fund policing agencies and community-based entities to work together to reduce crime; Fund local agencies for food, health care, and legal services for senior citizens and individuals with dis-

abilities; Develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women; Determine the number of people eligible for Social Security and Medicare benefits.

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Check Resources plus announces second Frisco branch location

(NDG Wire) Check Resources Plus, a convenient, consumer-oriented, and affordable financial services institution will celebrate its second grand opening within just a few weeks of opening its first branch office in West Frisco. The company combines multiple financial services under one roof, including check cashing, short-term consumer loans, utility bill payments, tax preparation, and a wide variety of other business services.

With many working class people without a formal relationship with a mainstream financial institution, there is a critical and urgent need for financial options, particularly in these turbulent economic times. Check Re-

sources Plus has embraced as a company value the belief that helping to support financial education in the community served, can help consumers learn about making sound money-management decisions.

The grand opening celebration will be held Tuesday,

June 15th from 5:00-7:00. The event will feature door prizes and refreshments, with the opportunity to network with local business owners, local elected officials, and community residents.

Check Resources Plus is located at 279 W. Main Street, Suite 139, (214) 436-

5190, and the newest Frisco location that opened last week in the Preston Stonebrook Center at 7151 Preston Road, Suite 331C - (469) 362-7776. The center is anchored by ALDI's, Hallmark, Plato's Closet, and Le Peep Restaurant.

New book about the history of Dallas

(NDG Wire) *In the Shadow of Big Tex*, exciting, tense and funny. Do you want to know the truth about civil rights in Dallas?

This book is especially geared to African Ameri-

cans. Read about the black struggles of the 1960's in Big D.

Edward Harris, Author and Publisher would like to share with you his memoirs and history about growing

up in Dallas, Texas. This book gives you a humorous and factual look at the movement in Dallas.

To purchase a copy visit www.intheshadowofbigtex.com.

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Franklin takes the church beyond the traditional, transitioning his life's experience into life lessons. Clearly there is more to this man than great music. You will feel the beat of his heart

and faith." – T.D. Jakes, *New York Times* best-selling author

"Kirk Franklin is his genre's most consistently successful mainstream artist for the past fifteen years,

thanks to his fusing gospel messages with hip-hop and pop beats." – *USA Today*

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temporary sound." – *Jet*

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with their electricity bills, which is why we offer our voluntary summer moratorium and continue to offer several other programs to assist our customers in need," said Jim Burke, chief executive officer, TXU Energy. "It's important for customers to call us and sign up for the summer moratorium and to communicate their special needs so we can assist them."

TXU Energy's customer protection measures include:

Summer Moratorium on Disconnects

Certain customers who are designated as low-income, ill or disabled, or who are at least 62 years of age can avoid disconnection of service due to non-payment by contacting TXU

Energy at (800) 242-9113 and enrolling in one of the Summer Moratorium plans described below.

The 2010 Summer Moratorium Plans

Enhancements for customers qualifying under existing PUC rules

TXU Energy will allow customers designated as low-income, ill or disabled, or who are at least 62 years of age and who qualify for a deferred payment plan under the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) customer protection rules to continue to receive electric service by paying 25 percent of their total outstanding balance of electric charges, with the remaining balance to be paid in equal installments over the next five billing cycles (typi-

cally, balances must be paid in three billing cycles).

Special payment program for certain customer groups

A flexible payment plan is also available to customers who are designated as low-income, ill or disabled, or who are at least 62 years of age, even if they do not qualify for a payment plan under the PUC customer protection rules. Customers who enroll will continue to receive electric service by paying 50 percent of the total outstanding balance of electric charges, with the remaining balance to be paid in equal installments over the next five billing cycles.

An additional payment program for other customer groups

Customers designated as either (1) both low-income and who are at least 62 years of age, or (2) ill or disabled can avoid disconnection of service due to non-payment through a special TXU Energy program, even if they do not qualify for a payment plan under the PUC customer protection rules.

Qualifying customers who contact TXU Energy before the due date of their current bill and agree to this program can continue to receive electric service by paying 50 percent of their electric bill that becomes due in each of the months of July, August and September.

Beginning with the first electric bill due after September 30, 2010, customers

subscribing to this plan will be required to pay the deferred balance in equal installments over the next five bills in addition to their actual charges for that month.

Average Monthly Billing is also an option for these customer groups

Customers who call will have the option to sign up for TXU Energy's Average Monthly Billing (AMB) program instead of establishing a payment plan. For many customers, summer consists of several months of high usage bills which can be difficult to pay. AMB spreads electricity costs over 12 months, making a customer's monthly electric bill more predictable. During the higher usage bills of summer, the amount in excess of a cus-

tomers annual average monthly bill amount is placed on their account, but it is generally not due until their usage drops below the average and the deferred amount is gradually repaid.

Waiver of Deposits

TXU Energy waives deposits for residential customers who are at least 62 years of age and for any residential customer with an electric bill payment history of no more than one late payment during the prior 12-month period. TXU Energy provides additional deposit waivers as well, including all PUC required waivers.

For more information on the TXU Energy summer moratorium visit txu.com/billhelp

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Congressional Black Caucus pushes for action on Youth Jobs Bill

BY DOROTHY ROWLEY (NNPA) - Citing the lingering, widespread joblessness among Black youth, members of the Congressional Black Caucus has gathered on Capitol Hill to urge the Senate to pass a bill aimed at putting more of those youth to work this summer.

The 42-member caucus had been in line to receive

\$1.5 billion for the creation of 500,000 summer jobs, as outlined in the Youth Jobs Act of 2010. But after nearly six months, that measure has stalled and currently sits in the Senate along with more than 300 other bills that passed the House.

Sen. Roland Burris (D-Ill.) blamed Senate procedures for the delay, procedures he said make it difficult

to come up with new programs aimed at youth unemployment and other pressing issues.

"This is an emergency," Burris said "I will be working very hard with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle of the United States Senate to say that it is crucial [that the bill be passed]."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, joblessness

among young Black males constitutes the fastest climbing demographic, with more than half of Black males ages 16 to 19 unemployed. In the nation's capital, overall joblessness hovers

at about 10 percent.

Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) called for advocacy groups such as the NAACP to step forward and demand action on the bill. Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick

(D-Mich.) said failure to quickly address the matter could cause serious societal problems.

"If we don't, we'll suffer the consequences," Kilpatrick said.

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ciency: inadequate advertisement about fire service jobs and the lack of proper educational preparation for this career field.

This Meet & Greet/Q&A Workshop is intended to help recruit potential applicants and will feature local fire service representatives talking about their individual fire departments' hiring requirements and processes.

The idea for this Meet & Greet was conceived and

developed by recruiters Captain Floyd Jones of Plano Fire, Firefighter Merrill Balanciere of Garland Fire, and Captain Quentin Brown of Denton Fire. The three were unsatisfied by the number of fire service candidates who were ill prepared, and by the years when too few minorities and women signed up for firefighters careers.

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Contract 0171-04-071 for INSTALL MEDIAN BARRIER in TARRANT County will be opened on June 04, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Contract 0902-48-708 for WIDEN FROM 2 LANE TO 4 LANE DIVIDED in TARRANT County will be opened on June 03, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Contract 1605-02-020 for GR, BS, PAVEMENT AND STRIPING in TARRANT County will be opened on June 04, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Contract 1978-01-049 for LANDSCAPE in TARRANT County will be opened on June 04, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Registration for those persons interested is now going on for our Bowling League at the AMF Richardson Lanes, 2101 N. Expressway, Richardson, Texas 75080, 972-231-2695 that is sponsored by our Athletic Ministry. Call the church for fees and other details.

June 8, 11:30 a.m.
Join us for our Living A Legacy Luncheon honoring our Senior Sisters & Caregivers at our Family Life Center, 210 Abrams Street in Richardson, Texas (down the street (east) from our main building. Call the church for luncheon fees

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Join us for a Fellowship Program with our guests Bethany Baptist Church and Pastor Rev. A. K. Haynes

May 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
You're invited to a FREE Family Event as the Dallas Police Department Northeast Division presents the 2010 Kids Safety Fair at 9915 E. Northwest Highway in Dallas. Parking will be at Northwest Highway at ht Audelia Road. There will food, fun and more.

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May 16, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

You're invited to our Guests' Reception.

June 14

Get ready for our Vacation Bible School/Summer Seminar Series. Call the church for details.

**Dr. Leslie W. Smith,
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"Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou went, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth." 2 Samuel 7:8 & 9 (KJV)

David was nearing the end of his life; and the prophet Nathan was responding to David's idea to build a temple where the Ark of the Covenant would stay. God was reminding David through the prophet, Nathan, of his roots and where He had brought him.

God took David from the fields of pasturing sheep to being the pastor of a nation. God also reminded David that He had cut off all of David's enemies for his sake and the sake of his nation.

David never lost a battle; he was what we call today 'very successful'.

Have you ever felt tempted to look at your accomplishments with pride as if you were the reason for

The Foundation of Success

your success? Have you been tempted to think that your prosperity was due to your ingenuity? Has your material success been a testimony to others that God is the ruler of all aspects of your life, even the material side?

Or do you say, as my daughter-in-law, Cleo, says when given a compliment about anything, "To God Be the Glory!"

The greatest temptation for many people is the pride of ownership. If we think our success is a result of our own effort we offend God and open the door to pride, just as Satan did before he was thrown out of Heaven. *"A man's pride shall bring him low: But honour shall uphold the humble in spirit."* **Proverbs 29:23 (KJV)**

After becoming a Christian, I was on my way to church one Friday evening, in the process I passed a club and said to myself, "Look at all those people going in and out of that club, they could be on their way to a church revival like me."

At once I heard a voice say to me, "If it wasn't for My grace, you would still be doing the same thing." From that day forward, I stopped taking credit for any successes in my life.

Success can be a greater test than any adversity you may face. It has been said that not every man can carry a full cup, a sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall; and the most exacting test of all to survive is prosperity. Success can be a breeding ground for complacency with God and pride of ownership.

Do you really understand who you are and where your successes come from? Do you understand that it is God who has given you the ability to work and achieve? God is the true source of all good things. Does your life reflect this belief?

Good Things to Consider: There are no shortcuts to any place worth going. Vitality shows not only in the ability to persist, but in the ability to start over. Accept challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory. Excellence is not a skill; it is an attitude.

Laughter is the closest distance between two people. The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination. Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes. If you want to stand out, don't be different; be outstanding.

Change is difficult but often essential to survival. Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it.

Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Proper planning can save you your most precious asset—your time. Proper planning can save you money; make your life easier, less frustrating and more fun.



Mr. Monaque Carter, Sr. (Mr. Clark, as she calls him) with his young neighbor, Jennifer, she is one of many youngsters that he has mentored in his neighborhood.

Plano public library system receives 2 Texas Book Festival grants

(NDG Wire) Plano Public Library System (PPLS) has been awarded two \$2,500 grants from the Texas Book Festival.

Harrington Library will use the grant funds for children's classics as well as children's and adult popular series titles. Haggard Library will expand and improve its collection of Chinese language materials.

"We are pleased to enhance our offerings to the public through the receipt of these awards," said Cathy Ziegler, PPLS Director of Libraries.



Director of Libraries.

Texas Book Festival grants are intended to help initiate or continue innovative library and technology programs, and to upgrade book collections.

The festival's mission is to provide additional financial assistance to the state's public libraries. Since its founding in 1996, more than \$2.5 million in grants has been awarded to 600 Texas public libraries. In 2010, more than \$100,000 was distributed to 33 libraries throughout the state.

The 2010 Texas Book Festival is scheduled for Oct. 16 and 17 at the State Capitol Building in Austin.



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Nonprofit Brings Hope to Collin County Community

BY KAYLA TUCKER ADAMS
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

While many mothers are basking in flowers, eating out, and being swept away in all the joys of Mother's Day, some Collin County moms were working hard just to make ends meet. But many of them have trouble making the ends connect. That is where Helping Hope, Incorporated comes in. Helping Hope, Inc. meets the need where the person is and Mother's Day was no different.

For Mother's Day, Helping Hope, Inc. presented Hope on Wheels, a mobile clothing closet, that brings

clothes, household items, and toiletries right to the community. Hope on Wheels was held on this past weekend at McKinney First Baptist Church. In its inaugural event, Helping Hope, Inc. served more than 120 families, comprised of more than 500 individuals.

"Hope on Wheels allowed us an opportunity to honor mothers and their families," said Kimberly Johnson, president and founder of Helping Hope, Inc. "We received an outpouring of support from the community, which allowed us to pour out love and support back to the

community. Our goal was to serve 100 families. In less than 3 hours, most of the items were gone. This is evidence of the great need that exists right here in Collin County."

Helping Hope, Inc. was founded in October of 2009 by two Allen residents. Kimberly Johnson and Shannon Brown shared a common vision of serving the underserved in Collin County. "I have always had a passion for helping those who are suffering," said Shannon Brown, vice-president and co-founder of Helping Hope, Inc. "I know that it doesn't

take much for life to throw someone off track, but I also know that it doesn't take much to reach out and provide a sense of hope to that someone. My vision is for Helping Hope to be that support that provides the hope."

The purpose of Helping Hope, Inc. is to change lives by helping families as they help the community. Helping Hope, Inc. serves the whole family by connecting families to community resources and providing assistance in times of need. HHI changes lives through job placement, training, and support. Helping Hope's signature pro-

grams include Love 365, which is an adopt-a-family program that provides counseling, career guidance and basic home repairs and Lean on Me, which is a short term resolution program that helps individuals facing difficult times in life or experiencing a tragedy or crisis.

In addition to its individualized programs, Helping Hope, Inc. will host events to support the Collin County community throughout the year.

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