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National Urban League's 2009 Economic Empowerment Tour

(NDG Wire) The launch of the National Urban League's 2009 Economic attendees. Empowerment Tour will take place in Dallas, Texas multicultural homeowners on June 13, 2009 at the at risk and unemployment Dallas Convention Center. rate Co-hosted by the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas during "Home Ownership

Month", the event is expected to draw nearly 5,000

With over one million among Africans American spiraling at 14.4% the National Urban League is addressing the crisis with an initiative targeted to help job seekers and homeowners in danger of foreclosure

Marc H. Morial, President and CEO, National Urban League, said "Economic equality gaps existed long before this crisis, and now, multicultural communities are among the hardest hit by the loss of

jobs and homes."

"The Economic Empowerment Tour events will give families the necessary resources and information that may help them save a home or secure a job during these challenging times. A total of eight

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Readying America's Future by Saving the Present



Super-sized list of celebs for **Celebrity Baseball Game June 13**

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Selling Power

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First Black Woman to Head Fortune 500 Company

(NNPA) - When Anne Mulchay steps down as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Xerox Corporation, a Black woman will head a Fortune 500 company for the first time. The company released a statement May 21 stating that Xerox Corporation President Ursula Burns will

be replacing Anne Mulcahy effective July 1.

Burns, who has been with Xerox since 1980, started with the firm as a summer intern focusing on mechanical engineering. She was named president of the company in 2007 and has been instrumental in from Diversityinc.com conhelping to revive the com-

pany's financial health after shares plummeted 80 percent in 2000.

Burns will also join the list of four other Black male CEOs and fifteen other nonblack women CEOs of a Fortune 500 company.

Additional reporting tributed to this report.



Tyson's 4-year-old daughter dies after accident

(AP) The 4-year-old daughter of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson died Tuesday, a day after what police called a "tragic accident" in her home. Phoenix police spokesman Andy Hill said Exodus Tyson was pronounced dead in a hospital just before noon.

Police said the girl was playing on a treadmill Monday in her central Phoenix home when she either slipped or put her head in the loop of a cord hanging under the console.

Exodus' 7-year-old brother found her and told their mother, who was in another room. She took Exodus off the cord, called 911 and tried to revive her.

Responding officers and firefighters performed CPR on Exodus as they took her to the hospital, where she had been listed in critical condition since Monday.

Tyson was in Las Vegas at the time of the accident and flew Monday to

Phoenix, where he was seen entering the hospital.

Cynthia Schwartz, a spokeswoman for Tyson, said the family would release a statement. They had not made any funeral arrangements, she said.

Hill said it was unclear whether an autopsy would be performed.

BY JAMES CLINGMAN (NNPA) Much has been written, discussed, researched, and analyzed on so-called "Black Spending Power" or "Black Buying Power," as some would call it.

For Black consumers especially, but also for other so-called "minority" groups in this country, the aggregate amounts of money earned each year, and then spent, are staggering. In addition, and again especially for Black consumers, our aggregate "buying power" can be

described as a perpetual cash register, ringing, buzzing, and chiming 24/7/365. Why do we and others always pontificate about our "buying power" and seldom, if ever, discuss our "selling power"?

Black selling power makes the case for us to get more involved in teaching our children entrepreneurship, at least teaching them how to think the way an entrepreneur thinks. It makes a great case for more Black businesses and.

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Clifton Duncan Davis

Clifton Duncan Davis (born October 4, 1945) is an American actor who has appeared on television shows such as AWorld Apart (playing Matt Hampton) and That's My Mama (on which he had the lead role) in the 1970s, and on Amen as Reverend Dr. Reuben Gregory from 1986 to 1991. Davis has also acted on Broadway, and he was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Actor in 1972 for his performance in a musical

version of Two Gentlemen of Verona.

He made a guest appearance on the third episode of the first season of The Bobby Vinton Show in September 1975, singing "I've Got The Music In Me" and "Never Can Say Goodbye". He successfully sang the Polish lyrics with Vinton to the show's "My Melody of Love" theme song. Before finding fame in acting, Davis worked as a songwriter, most famously penning The Jackson



5's #2 hit "Never Can Sav Goodbye".

He also appeared in the film Scott Joplin in 1977. Davis released one acclaimed studio recording in 1991 on Benson Records titled Say Amen. He also appeared as a panelist in the second ver-

Chicago, Illinois, the son of Thelma vanPutten Langhorn, a nurse, and Toussaint L'Ouverture Davis, a Baptist minister. He was raised in Mastic. New York. In addition to being an actor and a singer, he is also an ordained Seventh-day Adventist Church minister after his studies from his alma maters, Oakwood University and Andrews University.

sion of The Match Game.

Davis was born in

For the last 25 years he has been an active part of Youthville, USA a children's services organization. He currently serves as National Spokesperson and Advisory Board Chairman. Since the end of 2005 Davis has held the position of Executive Director for Welcome America, a Non-profit organization located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that produces the largest fourth of July celebration each year in the nation.

Davis is a frequent guest host on Trinity Broadcasting Network.

Davis is the author of an autobiographical essav entitled "A Mason Dixon Memory" in which he

recounts his experiences as an eighth grader dealing with prejudice on a trip to a southern state.

Davis is the keynote speaker at the Renaissance Cultural Center's 16TH Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legend Awards and Scholarship Banquet June 12, 2009 at the Fort Worth Club 306 W. 7th St., Ft. Worth, Tx 76103. The reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and the Living Legends Banquet starts at 7:00 p.m. For tickets and more information visit online www.renaissanceculturalc enter.org/.

Ledisi

Singer/songwriter Ledisi (pronounced led-duh-see and adopted from the word that means "to bring forth" in the Yoruba language of Nigeria) is the epitome of the performer that - after she earns a standing ovation people stare wide-eyed and mumbling, "Where has she been all this time?" The lady will tell you - in a voice of equal parts sweet, slightly weary yet triumphant -"Here ... all the time."



Frustrated at the lack of interest she was getting from major record companies,

Ledisi and Sundra Manning, her friend, launched LeSun Records in 1999 with Ledisi's debut project, Soulsinger. She had ears and necks turning with earthy jams like Outta "Get MyKitchen" ''Iand Wantcha Babe," but what was most striking was the uncompromised manner in which she covered touchy taboo material such

as "Papa Loved to Love Me" "Coffee" (incest) and

(domestic violence). Diane Anderson-Marshall of One World magazine marveled that Ledisi was "iconoclastic...to a fault." Following her 2002 sophomore CD Feeling Orange but Sometimes Blue - which contained her singular

approach to jazz for the new millennium - Ledisi's voice took center stage. Like Chaka Khan without sounding anything like her, Ledisi's is a voice that always reflects a reservoir of strength even in the most tender of moments. And

women related to it in no uncertain terms. Valencia Stewart in Savoy sang her praises, "It's easy to mistake one of Ledisi's electrifying performances for a sanctified church meeting." Joyce E. Davis in Upscale wrote, "Her voice reaches and aches...wallows and resonates...the girl is just plain ol' bad!" And lest you think the men were unmoved, J. Freedom du Loc mused in Vibe, "she's an emerging singer with a serious jazz jones...miscast in a post-millennial musical climate."

A breakthrough for Ledisi at urban adult contemporary radio occurred upon the release of the 2004 all-star collection Forever, For Always, For Luther - a salute to soul music legend Luther Vandross. On this album, released by Verve Records via its GRP subsidiary, Ledisi covered the R&B master's "My Sensitivity (Gets in the Way)"

Ledsi is headling at TBAAL's Evening of NeoSoul on June 12 at 7:30PM. Tickets at 214-743-2400.

viewers at home with her powerhouse voice.

For more on SUNDAY

BEST and this season's winner Y'Anna Crawley, visit www.BET.com/sundaybest



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Y'Anna Crawley

The votes are in! Y'Anna Crawley has been named BET's SUNDAY BEST! The 32-year-old Washington, DC resident won America's hearts over Jessica Reedy, 20, in the gospel singing



competition during the season finale. Over a 10-week season, Crawley's bubbly personality and bravado voice captured the hearts of viewers, bringing in the larger percentage of the more

than one million total votes. Along with the title of SUN-DAY BEST, Crawley brings home a national recording contract and a 2009 Lincoln MKS.

The oneseason hour finale earlier this month concluded with Y'Anna performing "The Promise," а song written by

Lou "Buster" Brown, Scott "Shavoni" Parker and Ryan Sims. "The Promise" will be the first single on Y'Anna's debut project as this season's SUNDAY BEST. Lou "Buster" Brown's vast list of credits include projects for Kirk Franklin & the Family, Yolanda Adams, Destiny's Child's Michelle Williams and soundtracks for the DreamWorks animated feature "Prince of Egypt," Pastor Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Life" and the Zondervan and Inspired By Media Group audiobook "Inspired By... The Bible Experience." Crawley gave thanks to

God for her victory saying, "Truly the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. I feel like I have been preparing for this all my life. The ups and downs, highs and lows, and the uncertainty of whether my dreams

would become a reality. God is Faithful and a Promise Keeper!!! I Thank you Lord for sustaining me in moments of transition. Even when I thought my treasure had lost it's value, you knew and reminded me constantly of the investment that you made in me. You're AMAZ-ING! All To you I owe."

Crawley has been successful at every job she's tried -- from banking to make-up artistry -- nothing has ever stopped her from achieving her goals. In 2000, the single mother of two decided to quit a bank job to pursue her life long dream of becoming a professional singer. Singing has always been her passion, even at the early age of seven when she first began to sing at church.

From the beginning of the competition, Crawley immediately grabbed the attention of the judges and

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Attorney General Holder Pledges Full Support For Civil Rights

BY JAMES WRIGHT

(NNPA) U.S.Attorney General Eric Holder has pledged to enforce the nation's civil rights laws, saying that while the country has made significant progress in race relations, a lot more needs to be done.

The first Black appointed to be the nation's top lawyer made his remarks at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's annual luncheon, which was held at the National Press Club in Washington early this month.

Holder, who answered questions from veteran journalist Gwen Ifill and note cards from the audience, said some people are still afraid to discuss race.

"When I made my statement that we were a 'nation

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just as important, the growth of those businesses.

It makes the case for Black people to revert to the ways of our past by producing more of our own products, controlling the distribution of our products, and circulating our dollars among ourselves a few times before they make their exit from our neighborhoods.

Other folks are counting and keeping track of our dollars better than we are, brothers and sisters. Others are monitoring our spending habits and designing advertising and marketing campaigns that give them the power to reach into our pockets and purses, as well as our checking and saving accounts, and withdraw whatever amount the want.

The numbers are available for all to see. "Black spending power" is said to be nearly \$1 trillion annually, folks. How much of that money is being spent at Black owned businesses? How much of the money earned by other groups is being spent at Black owned businesses? of cowards' earlier this year, those three words got a lot of attention," he said. "If I could do it over I would have used different words, however, sadly the speech would not have gotten the attention that it deserves. I basically said that we as Americans need to put aside our feelings and talk about this openly and honestly...That way, we can grow together as one people."

Holder said Americans need to stop looking at affirmative action as a "zero-sum game."

"Studies have shown that where diversity is promoted, everyone wins," he said.

Holder said he will work to stop the "school-to-prison pipeline that is devastating Black males" and make fair housing a primary focus for the Civil Rights Division. He said the Justice Department will study the effects of the criminal justice system on the poor and people of color and work to eliminate the disparity in federal sentencing between crack and powder cocaine.

The Voting Rights Division will be strengthened to make sure that all citizens have the right to vote, he said. "Despite talk that we do not need the Voting Rights Act because President Obama was elected, that is not true," he said.

"We still have problems in regards to race and voting and a vital Justice Depart-ment, just like a vital [NAACP] Defense Fund is the key to eliminating those barriers." He said he agreed with Obama that the next person to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court "should be a great, sharp lawyer who understands that jurisprudence deals with people's lives and not just abstract theories."

Holder said that the process of selecting the next justice was ongoing, but that the administration is committed to diversity in the judiciary.

Holder said that no firm decision has been made regarding what to do with detainees at Guantanamo Bay, which is whether to put them in the states or to send them back to their home countries.

He said, "We've heard from lawmakers on the issue and we will see how this plays out."

Apparently not very much is spent with us because Black businesses combined, had annual revenues of just over \$88 billion according to the 2002 economic census, and we have the least amount of annual revenues per individual business as well.

Considering the fact that so-called Black spending power is nearly a trillion dollars, and yet aggregate Black business revenue is less than \$100 billion, we must change our economic game plan. At a minimum this scenario strongly suggests that Black people are not supporting Black businesses to the degree we can and should - and neither are the other groups.

By redirecting our socalled "buying power" we can increase our own "selling power" and create wealth for ourselves. At present, our spending power translates to power for the businesses of others, allowing them to create wealth and increase their selling power even more.

It's not about how much

money we have; it's about what we do with what we have, and how long we hold on to it.

The Empowerment Experiment (formerly known as the Ebony Experiment), being conducted by John and Maggie Anderson, is even more important when we juxtapose the stark realities of Black "spending power" against the potential of Black "selling power." (See www.empowermentexperim ent.org for more information on the Andersons' work as well as the cities in which they will be speaking this summer.)

I leave you with this thought: You could make a case for the term "Black Spending Power" to be classified as oxymoronic in light of the fact that there is very little power in spending, in and of itself and without a Black consumer consciousness, which is what most of us do everyday. So how about we move away from that term and talk more about "Black selling power"? The power to sell more increases our power to produce more, to distribute more, to establish more businesses, to grow those businesses; and that power can be used to solidify our economic future and pass something more than a few depreciating items on to our children.

We must take greater control of our economic destiny. Yes, it will take sacrifice; just ask the Andersons about that - as well as those of us for whom it is a habit to search for Black businesses to support.

But isn't the sacrifice of driving a little further, paying a few cents more, and encouraging our Black businesspersons worth our children's future?

A legacy of "selling power" will be significantly greater and much more important than a legacy that simply states how money we earned and spent each year. Let's consider ways to increase our selling power; we will be much better off for having done so.

Health

5 Essential Health Tips: The Basics to Practice Every Day

(NDG WIRE) Living healthier doesn't have to be complicated or timeconsuming, according to experts.

1. Move More

Make it a daily challenge to find ways to move your body. Climb stairs if given a choice between that and escalators or elevators. Walk your dog; chase your kids; toss balls with friends, mow the lawn. Anything that moves your limbs is not only a fitness tool, it's a stress buster. Think 'move' in small increments of time. 2. Cut Fat

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Avoid the obvious such as fried foods, burgers and other fatty meats (i.e. pork, bacon, ham, salami, ribs and sausage). Dairy products such as cheese, cottage cheese,



milk and cream should be eaten in low fat versions. Nuts and sandwich meats,

mayonnaise, margarine, butter and sauces should be eaten in limited amounts

3. Quit Smoking

The jury is definitely in on this verdict. Ever since 1960 when the Surgeon General announced that smoking was harmful to your health, Americans have been reducing their use of tobacco products that kill.

4. Reduce Stress Easier said than done, stress busters come in many forms. Some techniques recommended by experts are to think positive thoughts. Spend 30 minutes a day doing something you like. (i.e.,Soak in a hot tub; walk on the beach or in a park; read a good book; visit a friend; play with your dog; listen to sooth-

ing music; watch a funny movie. Avoid difficult people when possible.

5. Avoid Excessive Drinking

While recent studies show a glass of wine or one drink a day (two for men) can help protect against heart disease, more than that can cause other health problems such as liver and kidney disease and cancer.

Spirit of the Heart This Saturday

(NDG Wire) The Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. is sponsoring Spirit of the Heart, a communitywide cardiovascular disease prevention and education initiative.

One in three African Americans suffers from high blood pressure and the prevalence of it in

this group is among the highest in the world.

The "Spirit of the Heart" event will provide the Dallas African American community with information about the importance of knowing their blood pressure, the dangers of high blood pressure, and tips on maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle. High blood pressure amongst African Americans in the Dallas area has increased from 2003.

The public is invited out on Saturday, May 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Southwest Center Mall located at 3663 W. Camp Wisdom Road.

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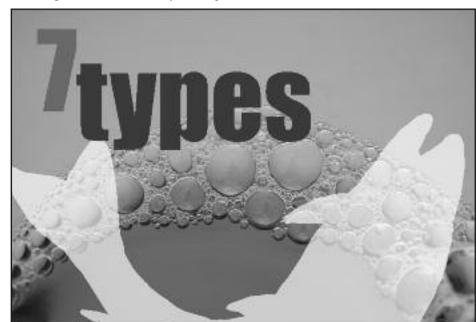
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Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central Texas



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harming plants and aquatic wildlife.

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- + Follow the instructions for yard chemicals including organic alternatives.



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Nearing the End

BY TESS HOWINGTON

With the 2009 session drawing to a close, State Legislators held an extended session last week in Austin through Saturday, May 23, to review proposed bills.

The Texas House of Representatives passed

House Bill (HB) 498, on Monday, May 18. HB 498 creates the Timothy Cole Innocence Commission, which would review evidence collection and processing procedures to prevent wrongful convictions. The commission's namesake, Timothy Cole, served 25 years of a sentence because of a wrongful conviction and died in prison before the conviction was overturned.

Legislation involving overturning wrongful convictions was declared an emergency issue by Governor Rick Perry at the

beginning of the legislative session; as a result, HB 498 is expected to pass through the Senate quickly.

The bill was received by the Senate on Monday, May 18, and referred to the Criminal Justice Committee. On Thursday, May 21, after a public hearing, HB 498 passed out of committee with no amendments to the full Senate for a final vote. As of Saturday, May 23, it has not been scheduled to be voted on yet.

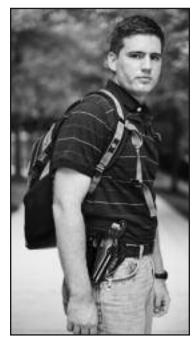
Also on Monday, HB 622 was passed to the Senate for review. HB 622 prohibits drivers under the age of 18 to use cell phones while driving, except to call 911.

"This legislation will help limit distractions and keep teen drivers focused on the road," Representative Solomon Ortiz, the bill's author, stated. "Teenagers already have enough on their minds as it is."

HB 622 has been referred to the Senate

Committee for Transportation and Homeland Security, but as of Saturday, May 23, it has not been scheduled for a public hearing or review.

HB 1937 also passed the House on Monday. This bill will help homeowners make



(AP Photo)

their homes more energy efficient sooner by allowing homeowners to borrow money from the city they live in to help pay for upgrades. The homeowner would pay back the city through a property tax increase.

The Senate referred HB 1937 to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee where it passed with no amendments on Friday, May 22. It will now go before the Governor to be signed or vetoed.

In the Senate, Senate Bill (SB) 2584 was passed to the House on Monday, May 18. SB 2584 would require arresting law enforcement agencies to verify the legal status of suspect.

If the suspect is an undocumented or illegal alien, and is convicted of a felony, authorities would be required to report the convicted person to the Department of Homeland Security for further investigation or deportation. The House referred SB 2584 to the Corrections Committee on Tuesday, May 19; after a public hearing on Wednesday, May 20, it was left pending.

On Tuesday, May 19, the House announced HB 2142 was passed to the

Senate the day before. HB 2142 would prohibit the Texas Department of Transportation from using funds generated by tax revenue to sway voters' opinions by advertising legislation changes.

HB 2142 was referred to the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and was reviewed in a public hearing on Thursday, May 21, where it passed out of committee with no amendments.

On Saturday, May 23, the entire Senate passed the bill and it will now go before the Governor to be signed into law or vetoed.

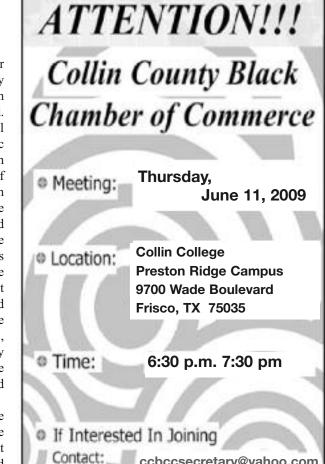
SB 1164 was also passed to the House on Wednesday, May 20. SB 1164 would allow university students with a concealed handgun licenses to carry guns to class and keep them in dorms. The bill was referred to the House Safety Committee where it passed with no amendments on Thursday, May 21; it has not been scheduled for a full House vote as of Saturday, May 23.

On Thursday, May 22, HB 1332 was sent to the Governor's desk for review. If signed, HB 1332 would make students responsible for the cost of replacing or repairing damaged or lost electronic learning materials.

In other House news last week, Representative Ralph Sheffield announced his support for the Voter ID Bill, SB 362. SB 362 would require voters to have proper identification to vote. Opponents say the new requirement would deter voters, but supporters say requiring identification would eliminate voter fraud. In April, before the bill

passed the Senate, public hearings for SB 362 had an unprecedented amount of people testifying which required the Senate to have a two day hearing followed by a 24 hour committee session. SB 362 was passed out of the House Elections Committee last month and was scheduled to be voted on by the entire House on Friday, May 22, but was stalled both Friday and Saturday, May 23. The bill is expected to be voted on soon.

Additionally, the Senate Finance Committee ann-ounced last week that the state budget is expected to move out of Committee for full Senate review early in the coming week.



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Education

UNCF Receives \$26,715 from Kroger Campaign to Fund Scholarships for Local Students

(NDG Wire) Earlier year. this Kroger UNCF announced (United Negro College Fund) the nation's largest and most effective minority education assistance organization, would be the beneficiary of its in-store coin canister donation program from February through April in all of its Texas store locations. During this period, customers donated nearly \$27,000 in spare change to help

promising young people get the education they deserve.

The monies raised from the program will support the UNCF Texas Joint Campaign – benefitting the state's five private HBCUs (historically black colleges and universities), including Paul Quinn College in Dallas.

For more information about UNCF, or to support UNCF scholarships, please visit UNCF.org or call 972.234.1007.



Michael Sorrell President of Paul Quinn College, Rebecca King Kroger Consumer Affairs Manager, Diane Stephenson Area Development Director UNCF, Leigh Honeycutt Kroger District Manager, Kevin Cole Kroger Store Manager.

COLLEGE CORNER AORN Foundation Scholarship For Nursing Students

AORN is the professional organization of perioperative registered nurses whose mission is to support other registered nurses in achieving optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures.

The scholarship offers financial support to students enrolled in nursing schools and perioperative nurses pursuing bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees.

With the critical nursing shortage and the cost of higher education, the AORN Foundation Board of Trustees knows it is of the utmost importance to fund scholarships for students pursuing careers in nursing and for nurses advancing their professional careers. It is a privilege to be a scholarship award recipient, and nursing students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships.

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Reading with Ringling Bros at Carrollton Public Library

Library Reading Program Allows Kids to DREAM BIG and Earn Free Circus Tickets!

(NDG Wire) Back for a fourth year, "Reading with Ringling Brothers" summer reading program will be offered in conjunction with the Carrollton Public Library program at both Carrollton library locations on Monday, June 8. Visit Ranch Lake Josey Library (1700 Keller Springs Road) from 10-11 a.m. or Hebron and Josey Library (4220 North Josey Lane) from 12 - 1

p.m to see Kelly the Clown, Ringling Brothers' Ambassador of laughter, "clown around" while encouraging summer reading.

The reading program is easy and fun for kids to participate. Kids can earn a free Ringling Bros. circus ticket by simply doing their library reading! Children from ages 2-12 need to enroll at the library's information desk where they will give kids everything to start their library reading. Kids will receive cool bookmarks, clown noses and activity sheets. This unique library reading program will encourage children not only to read, but also to discover, dream and learn.

For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com /library or call 972-466-4800. For program-specific information, visit readingwithringling.com.

Downtown Garland Winning Accolades!

(NDG Wire) Garland's vision for a revitalized downtown is gaining momentum. Downtown's 5th Street Crossing development has been selected to receive a 2009 Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Award in the New Development category.

Garland's project was one of nine winners selected from a field of 35 applicants. The biannual CLIDE Awards honor development and planning projects that exemplify the region's Ten Principles of Development Excellence, which outline a vision for sustainable, livable communities in North Texas.

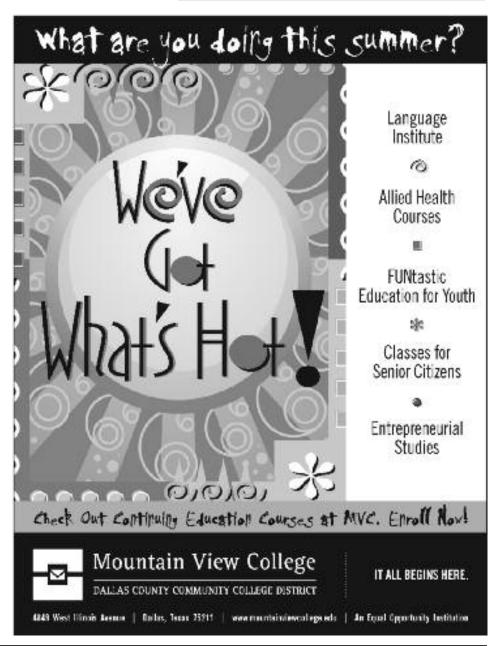
They center on providing choices for how and la where people choose to in live and work, promoting walkable environments, se transportation and resource the efficient growth, and Comixed use and environmentally-responsible environdevelopment all in quality places that people will be the proud to inhabit.

"We are delighted to see this project receive such an important recognition", says Mayor Ronald E. Jones. 5th Street Crossing, developed in partnership with Trammell Crow, is key to the success of our long-term plans for a thriving downtown area.

The awards will be presented on June 12, 2009 at the North Central Texas Council of Governments' General Assembly luncheon at the DFW Hyatt.

More information on the CLIDE Awards is available at www.development excellence.com.

More information about 5th Street Crossing is available at www.5thstreet crossing.com.



Jack & Jill of America, Greater Frisco Chapter, **Celebrated National Black Family Day**

(NDG Wire) On May 2, the Greater Frisco Chapter (GFC) of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. celebrated its 2nd Annual National Black Family Day.

The purpose of the event was to acknowledge the solidarity and culture of the African American family

This year the organization celebrated at the Warren Sports Complex by

plaving family games, eating, dancing, and enjoying each other's company. They acknowledged the fathers in the organization by allowing each of the children to share one thing that makes their father special.

As the wise man says, "out of the mouths of babes..." The program was very touching and heartfelt. For the community

service project, each GFC child was asked to bring swimming gear for less fortunate children where proceeds were donated to the

A Captain Hope's Kids, an organization that aims to better the lives of homeless children in North Texas. Captain Hope's Kids representative spoke with conviction about how the small gesture of the children will impact others in a tremen-

dous way.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a is family organization whose aim is, providing cultural, social, civic and recreational activities that stimulate and expand the mind of African American children.

For more information about Jack & Jill of America visit www.Jack andJillonline.org.



TXU Energy Provides \$10,000 in Energy Efficiency Needs to Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity



L to R: Jim Jenner, Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Jon Bennett, TXU Energy and Maceo Ward, Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity

Free Irrigation Inspections

(NDG Wire) The City of Carrollton has begun Stage 1 of conserving water during peak usage hours. From May to September residents must restrict their outdoor watering to midnight to 10 a.m. or from 7 p.m. to midnight; no watering is allowed from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In another conservation effort, the City is offering free irrigation inspections through the Save Water By the Yard Program until July 31 (or until the funds are exhausted) for eligible Carrollton Water Utilities residential customers with in-ground irrigation systems.

Residents interested in this service should call 972 466-3120 for more information or to make an appointment for an inspection.

(NDG Wire) Summer is right around the corner and so are the scorching North Texas temperatures. This year, TXU Energy is helping Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity homeowners better manage their energy bill by providing energy efficiency kits. Jon Bennett, director of community relations for TXU

Energy educated the families on home improvements they can make by using the items provided.

Participants learned how easy and inexpensive it can be to make simple energy improvements to any home. Afterwards, TXU Energy customers received an energy efficiency kit worth approximately \$122. The kit

includes an assortment of stripping and more. The energy-saving products, such as a box fan, hot water heater blanket, electrical outlet sealers, replacement weather

company donated a total of \$10,000 in energy efficiency needs to the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity.



- NID Housing Counseling Agency offers FREE Foreclosure Prevention Counseling for Homeowners having difficulty refinancing and /or maintaining their monthly mortgage payment due to:
- Property Value Decline/Can't Re-finance
- Increased Mortgage Payment
- Loss of Income/Job, Divorce, Disability, Layoffs, etc.

FORECLOSURE WORKSHOPS: Every Tuesdays 6pm-10pm

CONTACT – SHIRLEY NEAL (817) 423-4208, (817) 346-9990 OR TOLL FREE (866) 279-4200



A HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency Website: myhomecounselor.com and nidonline.org

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Did your vehicle fail the state emissions test? Is your vehicle drivable and 10 years old or older?

You may qualify for up to \$600 in repair assistance or up to \$3,500 in replacement assistance.



or visit www.nctcog.org/airchecktexas

Community Calendar

Ongoing African American Republican Club of Collin

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

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn -2nd Thursday of every month, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. 11:00am until 1:00pm at the ZEA Woodfire Grill at the Shops at Granite Park, 8100 Dallas Parkway Plano, Reservations & Info: (469) 424-0120.

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

Marriage Prep Class 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

Limit Network No **Business** Networking Lunch 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork. com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

The National Business Enterprise Women Network (NBŴEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: Monthly workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. 4th Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe,

2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird regis-Visit http:// tration nbwenorg.ning.com for more information. THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT so register early!

Wit Women Conference Call join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7 pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

March 28 - October 25

George Washington **Carver: An Extraordinary** Man With A Mighty Vision at The African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue, Historic Fair Park, Dallas, TX, 214 565-9026, \$5-Adults/\$2-Children www.aamdallas.org

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.

The Invisible War Freedom Conference 9AM -10PM A unique and special event to share with other believers in the study of God's Word concerning the spiritual battles of life. Bring your friends and loved ones who are in need of spiritual freedom and victory. Admission: \$50 per person; \$75 per family; scholarships available,877-808-8886 or www.theinvisiblewar.org.

Modern Victory Gardens: a Vegetable Garden Educational Series at Texas Discovery Gardens, 9am-12pm. Cost is \$25 per class. Become a Garden Member and save \$5 each class. Info: Programs@TexasDiscovery Gardens.org and (214) 428-

7476 x 24.

Multicultural Plano's Roundtable Outreach hosting a Citizenship Information Workshop at PISD's Sockwell Center at 6301 Chapel Hill, Plano, TX 75093 2-4 p.m.

Melva Smith School of **Dance Annual Recital** 6:30 pm Granville Arts Center -Main Auditorium in Downtown Garland, "Back to Broadway" - Admission is free and open to the public.

May 31

Royale Ballet of Dallas "Phases of Motion" Hill Performance Hall at Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$8-\$30 www.royaleballet .com

B.B. King at the House of Blues at 8pm, tickets 214.978.2583

June 5

Health Yes! Preventive Screening for Stroke & Heart Disease 9am to 4pm Pre-registration is required as appointments are limited. Reserve your spot by calling 1-888-547-9043 or www.HealthYes.com Be Proactive. Stay Healthy.TM

Speed Networking Happy Hour with The National Black MBA Association and the Urban League of Young Professionals at Harwood 609, located at 609 Harwood, Dallas, TX from 5:30PM-8:00PM

June 6

19th Annual Komen North Texas Race for the Cure at the EDS headquarters in Plano. The race is a 5K run/walk and a one-mile family fun run organized by a committee of volunteers for the North Texas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure[®]. It is a fun, festive event, but more importantly, it is a race for life. Info: www.komennorthtexas.org

June 10

Job Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sponsored bv the Richardson Chamber of

Commerce with Richland College and Texas Workforce Solutions Richardson Civic Center-50 employers participating.

June 11

Changing the Rules: A Conversation with Harmon and Harriet Kelley and Bob Ray Sanders - 11 a.m. Reservations are required 817.989.5030

June 12

The Renaissance Cultural Center's 16th Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legend Awards and Scholarship Banquet at the Fort Worth Club 306 W. 7th St., Ft. Worth, Tx 76103. The reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and the Living Legends Banquet starts at 7:00 p.m. For information: www.renaissanceculturalce nter.org/.

June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 "THE SOUND OF MUSIC" Granville Arts Center - Main Auditorium The Garland Summer Musicals opens their 2009 Season with Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic... The Sound of Music. It's glittering with song and dance and features a dazzling score with favorites such as Climb Every Mountain, My Favorite Things, Do-Re-Mi, and The *Sound of Music!* Tickets 972-205-2790.

June 12-13

The 8th Annual Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Weekend in Frisco. See celebrities and pro athletes like Dallas Stars center Mike Modano, Dallas Mavs owner Mark Cuban, Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer and current 103.3 ESPN Radio Host Michael Irvin, and many more (to he announced) take the field for some "hard-charging, home-run hitting, nine-inning, authentic BASE-BALL!" Tickets to the game have been reduced to \$5, \$7 and \$10! Proceeds will benefit the children's charities of The Heroes Foundation YOUniversity

program and The Mike Modano Foundation. Info: www.heroesbaseball.org

Visit www.NorthDallasGazette.com and click on Community Calendar for more events!

Jun. 12 - 14, 2009

6th Annual City Arts Celebration on the streets of Dallas' downtown Arts District. This FREE festival showcases the incredible cultural, performing, visual and culinary arts of Dallas and the region. City Arts Celebration is a free arts showcase with multiple outdoor stages featuring dance, a variety of music and cultural performances, a juried art show, culinary demonstrations and wine tasting, complimentary admission to world-class museums, exciting exhibits, interactive children's activities. free downtown shuttle for opening night and much more! Info: www.dallas cityarts.com.

June 13

Richardson Composting Seminar, 10 a.m.-noon at Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. Event is free, Ryan Delzell, 972-744-4404

8th Annual Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game at 6 p.m. at the Dr Pepper Ballpark (7300 RoughRiders Trail) in Frisco Tickets are \$5 - \$10.

3rd Annual Do the Write Thing Writing Workshop 9 am - 3 pm at CCTOF. Registration is \$50, info: www.thewritethingworksho p.com or 972-533-3543

June 18-21

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

"The Three Musketeers" Plaza Theatre The Company of Rowlett Performers presents their 2009 Children's Show Tickets are available weekdays at the Granville Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-977-7710. Tickets also available at

www.corptheatre.com or at the door before each performance.

June 20

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

2nd Annual Celebration of World Refugee Day "Return to the Kasbah" 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 9850 Walnut Hill Lane (at the intersection of Audelia in the Lakeridge Village Shopping Center).

June 21

TBAAL Presents An Evening of NeoSoul featuring Ledsi

June 23

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

July 7 - August 30

"Through the Eye of a Camera" Granville Arts Center Gallery an exhibit of photographs by John Hall, May Beth Smith and several of their friends, will be on view in the gallery of the Granville Arts Center. These 75 photographs. These 75 photographs, enlarged to 20"x30", cover a diverse selection of subject matter including local scenes, such as a traveling carnival, Big Tex looking over the Texas State Fair Grounds, an Hawaiian sunset, Alaska's grizzly bears, a Venetian canal, Big Bend National Park, California Flowers and much more! A reception will be held on Wednesday, July 8 from 3-5pm.

July 12

Voices, Many Manv Visions inspiring vocal concert by one of Fort Worth's favorite music ensembles at 2pm. Call 817.989.5030 to register; confirmation will be sent.

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.

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Readying America's Future

BY TESSA HOWINGTON

When President Barack Obama took office in January of this year, he made many promises to change America; particularly, he pledged to help fix the sliding economy as quickly as possible and challenged Congress to create a stimulus package by mid February.

Congress accepted this challenge, and on February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Obama.

Unlike the 2008 legislation, which consisted mainly of stimulus checks sent directly to American citizens, the 2009 stimulus package is more designed to indirectly benefit the public. ARRA, costing over \$787 billion to taxpayers, is supposed to quickly impact and stabilize the economy by saving or adding new jobs, and sustain the economy by readying the nation's transportation, power, and utilities infrastructures for the next generation.

More particularly, ARRA lays out detailed plans to create clean energy and transition America to rely on these "green" technologies instead of traditional energy policies, improve infrastructure by modernizing bridges, roads, and public transportation, develop, and utilize new technologies to stabilize and protect America's future.

Additionally, the stimulus bill creates jobs by implementing the programs above, provide short term tax cuts to increase wage pay, help save current jobs, and make money earned last longer. ARRA is also supposed to help lower health care costs, make health care more attainable, and overhaul the education system.

For individuals, the most direct impact the bill will have is \$288 billion in tax cuts which are supposed phase out over the next two to ten years. \$237 billion of the cuts are for individuals and \$51 billion for companies to help keep workers.

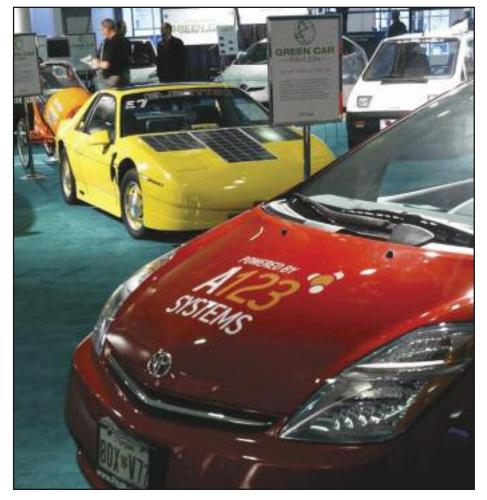
Because of payroll tax credits issued, millions of workers received an estimated increase of \$13 in their weekly checks.



Individuals should also receive a \$400 tax credit to be repaid evenly throughout the year.

Families will be eligible for a \$1,000 child tax credit, and for students or families paying college tuition, there is a \$2,500

tax credit available. For the millions of Americans out of work, the bill allows people who are drawing unemployment to be exempt from paying taxes on the first \$2,400 they receive in 2009. Also, benefits paid



Electric, alternative fuel, clean diesel, and advanced technology vehicles are displayed at the Green Car Pavilion of the Washington Auto Show as workers finish up the preparations at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. (Getty Images)

by Saving the Present

should increase by \$25 a week and will be extended through December 31.

To help stabilize the home market and stop foreclosures, the bill has allotted \$6.6 billion for a refundable tax credit of \$8,000 for all homebuyers in 2009, and there is a 30%, or \$1,500, rebate for homeowners who upgrade to energy efficient or "green" appliances.

Additionally, people who draw Social Security, disabled veterans, and veteran pension recipients will receive a one time payment of \$250.

\$357 billion, or 45%, of stimulus money will be sent to federal and social programs.

\$147.7 billion of that 45% will be used to help pay Medicare expenses, provide training for health care professionals, and make health care records electronic.

Another large part of the \$357 billion, \$142.2 billion, will go towards investing in infrastructure and energy. The core investments are building, maintaining, and modernizing roads, bridges, water utilities, flood zones and control devices, and improving the rail system for local and long distance travel.

The infrastructure allotment will mostly be divided between federal agencies to modernize their buildings and equipment – upgrading technology, creating and using renewable energy, such as installing solar panels, and buying hybrid or electric vehicle fleets. Also, creating a new "smart" grid for electricity, cleaning up radioactive waste sites, weatherizing homes and businesses, and eventually transitioning all state and federal buildings to be environmentally friendly will be done.

Ideally, constructing the new infrastructure should create thousands of new jobs, with some in the renewable energy field. Because of the expected demand for skilled laborers, The Department of Labor was allotted \$500 million to train "green workers" to carry out these tasks.

Plans to install a nationwide wireless internet grid, improve Job Corps centers, and improve National Guard and Coast Guard facilities are also budgeted. The rest of the \$787 billion will go towards education grants, housing, more programs for social well being, like food stamps, and science and research.

The final goal of the stimulus act is to be completely transparent and increase government accountability by allowing the general public to see where every dollar is spent and be able track the progress of each program and agency in real time.

To do this, the government has created a website to act as the "hub" of information for American citizens. To read the whole bill, find out detailed plans and budgets, see the latest news, which agency has received how much of the funding and what they are doing with it, or to leave your feedback, please visit, www.re covery.gov.

Arts & Entertainment

Super-Sized List of Celebs, Plus Lower Ticket Prices on Tap for Eighth-Annual Reebok Heroes Baseball Game

(NDG Wire) A spectrum of sports and TV stars will light up the field at the eighth-annual Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game on Saturday, June 13, at 6 p.m. at the Dr Pepper Ballpark (7300 RoughRiders Trail) in Frisco! Famous faces will include Mike Modano, Brenden Morrow, Marty Turco, Mark Cuban, DeMarcus Ware, Jason Witten and six other current and former Cowboys including Michael Irvin and Drew Pearson – plus Tim "Mr. Raider" Brown, Scottie Pippen, Warren Sapp, Joey Fatone and a heap more (see list below). Money raised will benefit the children's charities of The Heroes Foundation YOUniversity Program and The Mike Modano Foundation.

Two baseball teams, the Red Socks and Black Socks, each made up of 15+ celebrity players and 15+ amateurs, will play "hard-charging, umpires umping, trash-talking, uniform-wearing, basestealing, home run-hitting, nine-inning, authentic BASEBALL!" Players from the Heroes Baseball college team will pitch.

Here are the stars that will play in this year's game (more BIG names to be announced soon):

• Mike Modano (Dallas Stars center and seven-time NHL All-Star)

• Michael Irvin (Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer and current 103.3 ESPN radio host)

• DeMarcus Ware (Dallas Cowboys linebacker and two-time NFL Pro Bowler)

Jason Witten (Dallas Cowboys All-Pro tight end)
Mark Cuban (Dallas Mays owner)

• Brenden Morrow (Dallas Stars captain)

• Marty Turco (Dallas Stars goalie and three-time All Star)

• Blue Demon, Jr. (NWA World Heavyweight Champ-



Mike Modano

ion)

• Tim Brown (Heisman Trophy winner, nine-time NFL Pro-Bowler and Dallas native)

• Scottie Pippen (former Chicago Bulls forward and six-time NBA Champion)

• Warren Sapp (former NFL All-Pro defensive tackle and Super Bowl champion)

• Bradie James (Dallas Cowboys linebacker and defensive captain)

• Daryl Johnston (former Dallas Cowboy fullback, a.k.a. "Moose")

• Drew Pearson (former Dallas Cowboys All-Pro wide receiver)

• Joey Fatone (former 'N Sync member and Dancing with the Stars alum)

The teams will be managed by Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs (fivetime American League Batting Champion and12time All-Star) and Matt Williams (former Major League Baseball third baseman and five-time All Star).

Baylor Medical Center at Frisco will top off the night with a fantastic 10-minute fireworks show following the game.

Fans are encouraged to arrive early at 2 p.m. for the tailgating party in the parking lot, sponsored by 103.3 FM ESPN Radio. ESPN Deportes 1480 will also be on site with a variety of activities. Gates to the Dr Pepper Ballpark will open at 3 p.m.

Singing the National

Anthem will be the up-andcoming R&B singer K. Michelle from Memphis, Tennessee.

At 6 p.m., the Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game will get underway as the all-stars vie for the game trophy and coveted MVP award won in past years by Dallas Maverick Jason Terry, Dallas Cowboy DeMarcus Ware, Desperate Housewives actor Josh Henderson, NBA player Kenyon Martin, Chris Kirkpatrick of N'Sync, former NHL All-Star Brett Hull, NBA player Marquis Daniels and amateurs Troy Haugen, John Trabold and Richard Barge.

Texas National Guard members will throw out the first pitch and will sponsor the seventh-inning stretch with a swearing-in of new recruits. Plus, soldiers and Purple Heart recipients from the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes will be honored during the game courtesy of WBAP 820 AM. The big weekend will also include "little-league"

action on Friday, June 12, at 3 p.m. when the Little Heroes Baseball game gets underway at the Whataburger Little Heroes Field (2807 Harry Hines, Dallas, 75201). The All-Star kids (ages 9-11) will be selected from the Heroes ILB program to play and will attend the Celebrity Baseball Game the following day.

Tickets are \$5, \$7 and \$10 and are on sale now through Ticketmaster (1.800. 745.3000 or www.ticket master.com) or at the Dr Pepper Ballpark Box Office during office hours. Will call will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 13. Tickets also will be available at the door the day of the game.

For more information, go to www.heroesbase ball.org. Also, follow Heroes Baseball on Twitter at www.twitter.com/heroes baseball for updates.

Drag Me To Hell Review

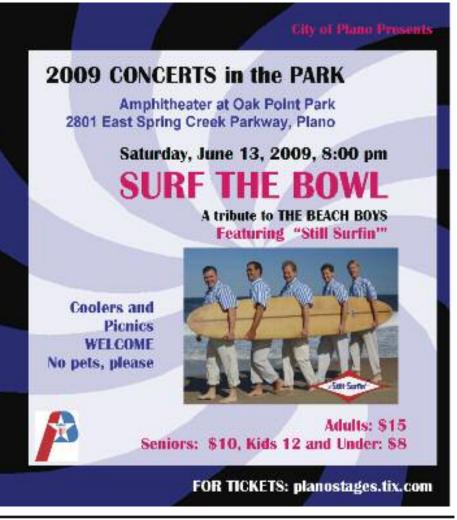
REVIEW BY CARLA GERVIN

Drag Me To Hell starts with a young boy who steals a necklace from a gypsy woman back in the 1960's. After the parents take him to see a woman who serves as an intermediary between the living and the dead, she then realizes there has been a curse put on him. The medium is unable to save the kid; and he goes to hell.

Now, fast forward to the 21st century, we have Christine Brown, played by Allison Lohman, a bank's mortgage loan officer who has the demeanor of a cute little girl, who would not harm a fly. She is competing for a managerial position against a newly hired co-worker. Christine wants to prove to her boss that she has what it takes to be a manager.

She attempts to prove this when a freakishly looking elderly woman comes into the bank to ask for an extension on her mortgage payments. After Christine consults with her manager about it, he tells her to make the call. In turn, she denies the woman an extension. Although the elderly woman begs and begs, Christine doesn't give in, and the elderly woman feels that she has shamed by her. So this is where the suspense starts. It turns out that the elderly woman is in fact the same gypsy woman who cursed the young boy many years ago. After a very intense scene, between Christine and gypsy woman, in a parking garage, it results in Christine being cursed. After a few weird happenings from the encounter in the parking garage, Christine consults a palm reader and he informs her that she has been cursed and explains the curst to her. Christine's mission in the remainder of the movie is to get this curse removed so that she won't be "dragged to hell".

Drag Me to Hell is directed by Sam Raimi, the director of all three Spiderman movies, and is announced to direct Spiderman 4 which is expected to go into production soon. Sam's brother Ivan Raimi is the co-writer with Sam for Drag Me to Hell, which is rated PG-13 film due to the intense gore and violence. The film opens wide on Friday May 29. Parents and fans be prepared for a gory and scary horror ride. Enjoy



NOTICE OF RUN-OFF ELECTION - AVISO DE SEGUNDA VOTACIÓN CITY OF DALLAS - CIUDAD DE DALLAS JUNE 13, 2009 - 13 de Junio de 2009

THE STATE OF TEXAS	
COUNTIES OF DALLAS	
COLLIN AND DENTON	
CITY OF DALLAS	

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS:

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Notice is hereby given that a run-off election is ordered to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing 2 members to the city council of the City of Dallas to be designated as: Member of Council, Place 1; and Member of Council Place 7 respectively.

Deborah Watkins, City Secretary

For more information, call (214) 670-3738

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A LOS ELECTORES CALIFICADOS RESIDENTES DE LA CIUDAD DE DALLAS, TEXAS:

Se avisa por la presente que se ordena efectuar una elección segunda el sabado 13 de Junio de 2009, entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. con el propósito de elegir a 2 miembros del concilio de la Ciudad de Dallas pare ser designados como siguen: Miembro del Concilio, Lugar 1; Miembro del Concilio, Lugar 7, respectivamento.

Deborah Watkins, Secretaria de la Ciudad

Para mas información. llame al (214)670-3738

VOTING LOCATIONS

The following locations will be used as polling locations for the City of Dallas election precincts on Election Day, June 13, 2009. A voting location may change if the location is not available. The most current list of voting locations is available in the Office of the City Secretary, and the status of a particular location may be checked by calling the city secretary at (214)670-3738.

LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN

Los siguientes sitios se usarán como lugares de votación para los recintos de elección el día de Elección, 13 de Junio de 2009. Un lugar de votación puede cambiar si el sitio no está disponible. La lista actualizada más reciente de los lugares de votación se encuentra disponible en la Oficina del Secretaria de la Ciudad, y el estado de un sitio particular se puede avenguar llamando la Secretaria de la Ciudad al (214)670-3738.

COMBINED PRECINCTS	DISTRICT	LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	ZP
3500, 3501	01	JAMES BOWIE ELEM SCHOOL -DISD	330 N MARSALIS AVE	DALLAS	75203
3502, 3503, 3504	01	N W HARLEE ELEM SCHOOL	1216 E 8TH STREET	DALLAS	75203
4404, 4410, 4411. 4417, 4447	01	LESLIE STEMMONS ELEM SCHOOL	2727 KNOXVILLE ST	DALLAS	75211
4418	01	L O DONALD ELEM SCHOOL	1218 PHINNEY AVE	DALLAS	75211
4419	01	LELIA P COWART ELEM SCHOOL	1515 S RAVINIA DR	DALLAS	75211
4420, 4421	01	ELMWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	1220 NEWPORT AVE	DALLAS	75224
4423	01	ANSON JONES ELEM SCHOOL	3901 MEREDITH AVE	DALLAS	75211
4424	01	GEORGE PEABODY ELEM SCHOOL	3101 RAYDELL PL	DALLAS	75211
4425	01	LIDA HOOE ELEM SCHOOL	2419 GLADSTONE	DALLAS	75211
4426	01	WINNETKA ELEM SCHOOL	1115 S EDGEFIELD AVE	DALLAS	75208
4427	01	JOHN F. PEELER ELEM SCHOOL	810 S LLEWELLYN AVE	DALLAS	75208
4428, 4429	01	DALLAS CO SUB-COURTHOUSE	410 S BECKLEY AVE	DALLAS	75203
4430	01	JEFFERSON BLVD CHURCH OF CHRIST	2442 W JEFFERSON BLVD	DALLAS	75211
4431	01	SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL	2120 W JEFFERSON BLVD	DALLAS	75208
4432	01	JOHN H REAGAN SCHOOL	201 N ADAMS AVE	DALLAS	75208
4434, 4435, 4436	01	KIDD SPRINGS REC CENTER	711 W CANTY ST	DALLAS	75208
2243	07	EDWIN J KIEST ELEM SCHOOL	2811 HEALEY DR	DALLAS	75228
2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248	07	GEORGE W TRUETT ELEM SCHOOL	1811 GROSS RD	DALLAS	75228
3215, 3218, 3217	07	BAYLES ELEM SCHOOL	2444 TELEGRAPH	DALLAS	75228
3218, 3219	07	S S CONNER ELEM SCHOOL	3037 GREEN MEADOW DR	DALLAS	75228
3220	07	OWENWOOD UNITED METH CHURCH	1451 JOHN WEST RD	DALLAS	75228
3300, 3301	07	COLONIAL BAPTIST CHURCH	6459 SCYENE RD	DALLAS	75227

COMBINED PRECINCTS	DISTRICT	LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
3303, 3309	07	URBAN PARK ELEM SCHOOL	6901 MILITARY PKWY	DALLAS	75227
3304, 3305, 3306, 3307, 3308	07	SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL	7777 FORNEY RD	DALLAS	75227
3340, 3341	07	M.L. KING LEARNING CTR	1817 WARREN AVE	DALLAS	75215
3342	07	PARK SOUTH YMCA	2500 ROMINE AVE	DALLAS	75215
3210, 3343, 3344	07	JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL	3000 MLK BLVD	DALLAS	75215
3345	07	ST LUKE COMM UN. METH CHURCH	5710 E R L THORNTON	DALLAS	75223
3346	07	IRMA RANGEL-YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL	1718 ROBERT B CULLUM BLVD	DALLAS	75210
3347	07	JULIA C FRAZIER ELEM SCHOOL	4600 SPRING AVE	DALLAS	75210
3348	07	PHYLLIS WHEATLEY ELEM SCHOOL	2908 METROPOLITAN AVE	DALLAS	75215
3349	07	PEARL C ANDERSON SCHOOL	3400 GARDEN LN	DALLAS	75215
3350	07	LARRY JOHNSON REC CENTER	3700 DIXON AVE	DALLAS	75210
3351	07	ST PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH	1600 PEAR ST	DALLAS	75215
3352	07	LINCOLN INSTRUCTIONAL CTR	5000 MALCOLM X BLVD	DALLAS	75215
3353	07	THOMPSON LEARNING CENTER	5700 BEXAR ST	DALLAS	75215
3354	07	EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH	2627 DORRIS ST	DALLAS	75215
3500, 3501	07	JAMES BOWIE ELEM SCHOOL -DISD	330 N MARSALIS AVE	DALLAS	76203
3502, 3503, 3504	07	N W HARLEE ELEM SCHOOL	1216 E 8TH STREET	DALLAS	75203
3506	07	F D ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL	525 BONNIE VIEW DR	DALLAS	75203
3515, 3516	07	OLIVER WHOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL	2001 E KIEST	DALLAS	75216
3517	07	GOOD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH	3110 BONNIE VIEW RD	DALLAS	75216

EARLY VOTING Early voting by personal appearance for the June 13, 2009 City of Dallas run-off election will be conducted at the early voting locations listed below. Any gualified voter of the City of Dallas may vote early by personal appearance at any of the listed locations. Dates and times all locations will be open for early voting are:

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VOTACION ANTICIPADA

La votación anticipada por comparencia personal para la elección segunda de la Ciudad de Dallas del 13 de Junio de 2009 se efectuará en los lugares para votación anticipada enumerados a continuación. Todo votante calificado de la Ciudad de Dallas puede votar anticipadamente por comparencia personal en cualquiera de los sitios indicados. Las fechas y horas en que estarán abiertos todos los lugares para la votación anticipada son:

Junio 1, 2009	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Junio 2, 2009	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Junio 3, 2009	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Junio 4, 2009	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Junio 5, 2009	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Junio 6, 2009	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Junio 7, 2009	1:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.
Junio 8, 2009	7:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
Junio 9, 2009	7:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
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EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS -- LOCALIDADES DE VOTACION ANTICIPADA

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04	OAK CLIFF SUB-COURTHOUSE	410 S. BECKLEY AVE	DALLAS	75203
03	MARTIN WEISS REC CENTER	1111 MARTINDELL	DALLAS	75211
02	MARTIN LUTHER KING CORE BLDG	2922 MLK BLVD	DALLAS	75215
01	HARRY STONE REC CENTER	2403 MILLMAR DR	DALLAS	75228

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TOUR, continued from Page 1

Economic Empowerment Tour events are planned for 2009, of which three will be two-pronged job/home rescue fairs and the remaining five will focus on home foreclosure prevention. Each Economic Empowerment Tour event will offer up to eight hours of expert assistance in a variety of areas including, one-on-one sessions with loan specialists, needs assessment from independent, HUD approved housing counselors and attorneys, plus foreclosure prevention workshops and In-language assistance.

The home foreclosure prevention component of the Economic Empowerment Tour is part of a national partnership of non-profit, community-based organizawhose programs' tions' serve multicultural communities nationwide. The National Urban League, the National Council of La Raza and the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD) created the Alliance for Stabilizing our Communities, with the help of Bank of America, to ensure financial counsel from trusted experts, oneon-one foreclosure sessions and workshops including, "Foreclosure 101, The President's Making Homes Affordable Plan, Crisis

Budgeting and How to Avoid Loan Fraud." are central elements of each home retention event.

For more information about the National Urban League's Restore Our Homes and Economic Empowerment Tours, visit National Urban any League member organization office or attend a local home rescue fair. Additional information about the National Urban League can be found at www.nul.org.

Editor's Note: Our June 4, 2009 issue will feature an interview with National Urban League President Marc H. Morial and Dallas President Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks. They will provide more details on this national initiative they are launching in Dallas.



www.plano.gov AA/EOE/ADA Dr: NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TyDOT until

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Dallas Contract 6150-53-001 for OVER-HEIGHT DETECTION SYSTEM in DALLAS County will be opened on July 14, 2009 at 10:30 am at the

District Office for an estimate of \$186,982.75. Contract 6175-22-001 for BRIDGE DECK AND JOINT REPAIR in DALLAS County will be opened on July 14, 2009 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$35,494.00.

Contract 6178-30-001 for BEAM REPAIR in DALLAS County will be opened on July 14, 2009 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$136.000.00.

Contract 6194-27-001 for PAVEMENT MARKINGS in DALLAS County will be opened on July 14, 2009 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$169,309.80.

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. NPO: 29879 State Office

Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. | Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s) Dallas District | District Engineer 4777 E. Hwy 80 | Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643 Phone: 214-320-6100

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.



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Church Happenings

AVENUE F CHURCH OF CHRIST May 30, 2 pm Join us at a Citizenship Information Workshop @ The Sockwell Center, 6301 Chapel Hill in Plano, TX 75093, hosted by Plano Multicultural Outreach Roundtable. Brother Ramon Hodridge,

Senior Minister 1026 Avenue F Plano, TX 75074 972-423-8833

C.D. DIXON **MINISTRIES**

June 4 & 5, 7:30 pm Join us for "The Prophetic Voice Speaks in 2009 with Apostle C.D. Dixon @ God's Tabernacle of Deliverance Event Center, 1020 East Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, TX 75115. Apostle C.D. Dixon, Founder **1020 East Pleasant Run Road** DeSoto, TX 75115 214-398-0340

DAYSTAR DELIVERANCE **MINISTRIES** June 6, 1:30 – 3 pm

Visit Helen's House to receive, to give, and to fellowship. Give-away of food and household items is open to all those who could use a little touch.

DayStar Deliverance Ministries **Apostle Minnie** Hawthorne-**Ewing, Senior Pastor** 635 W. Campbell Rd, #210 Richardson, TX 75080 972-480-0200

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN "THE SHIP"

Monday-Friday Prayer Lines for those in need are 972-649-0566 and 972-649-0567.

June 2009

Wednesdays, 7 pm Get your praise on, Wednesday Night Live (WNL) @ our main campus, 200 Belmont Drive in Allen.

June 26 – 27, 2009 Registration is underway for our 2009 Men Empowered By Christ Empowerment Conference. Theme: Step Into Position. Call 972-359-9956 for fees on 2009 Men's Conference and details for any event.

M. Div., Senior Pastor **1550 Edelweiss** (Service Location) **200 Belmont Drive** (Church Address) Allen, TX 75013 972-359-9956

CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK June 6, 11:30 am – 1 pm You're welcome to fellowship with us at our Leaving A Legacy Luncheon. Call 972-235-4235 for details.

Dr. Gregory Foster,

The New Light Church ENCOURAGING, EMPOWERING, EVANGELIZING "Taste and see that the LORD is Good." Sunday School 9:30AM Sunday Worship Service 11:00AM Thursday Night Live At The Light 7:00PM

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Shaun Rabb, Senior Pastor

ON GOING, 9 am-4 pm

Rev. W. L. Stafford, Sr.

FIRST BAPTIST

Senior Pastor Rev. Anthony Foster Pastor **300 Phillips Street** Richardson, TX 75081 972-235-4235

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH THE COLONY May 31, 2009

This is our Stamp Out Stroke Day, a day of information for preventing strokes, sponsored by our Health Ministry. Don't miss our Taste of Friendship following our 11 am Service. Call 972-625-8186 on above event.

Dr. C. Paul McBride **Senior Pastor** 4396 Main Street The Colony, TX 75056 972-625-8186

GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH May 31, 10 am

Come hear this man of God, Pastor Jackson Senyonga of Christian Life Church in Kampala, Uganda, bringing us the Word straight from the Throne of God. And come back to our 6 pm service for an All-Church Pentecost NOW Rally. Call 214-331-6516 for detail on events above. Rev. Gregg Hadley, Senior Pastor

5525 W. Illinois Avenue Dallas, TX 75211

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214-331-6516 PILGRIM REST **BAPTIST CHURCH** June 24 & 25, 7 pm Nightly You're invited to our Summer Revival 2009 with Dr. Ralph Douglas from Church Without Walls (Brookhollow Baptist Church), Houston, Texas, bringing the Word of God. Call Bro. Carl Long @ 214-823-7308 for details.

> Dr. Curtis Wallace, **Senior Pastor** 1819 N. Washington Avenue Dallas, TX 75204 214-823-7308

SAINT MARK BAPTIST **CHURCH MCKINNEY, "THE MARK"** June 7, 1 pm Join us for our Annual Church Picnic @ Old Settler's Park in McKinney; call 972-542-6178 for details.

June 8 –11, 6:30 pm To 8:30 pm Join us for our FREE Annual Citywide Vacation Bible School (VBS) @ Fanny Finch Elementary School, 1205 S. Tennessee Street. Classes are for Pre-K, youth and adults; nursery for younger children will be available. Theme: Boomerang--It all Comes Back to Jesus. Parents and other volunteers are needed.

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Call Minister Henry Moore @ 972-952-5737 to volunteer, to register, or details. **Rev. Charles Wattley** Senior Pastor **1308 Wilcox Street** McKinney, TX 75069 972-542-6178

TRUE WORSHIPERS May 29-31, 2009

FREE registration to our Glory Explosion 2009; an intimate Odyssey to the Throne Zone @ the Westin Galleria Dallas, 13340 Dallas Parkway in Dallas. Hostess is Apostle Margelee Hylton with guest speakers Doctors Cindy Trimm and Barbie Breathitt. Worship Leaders are: David & Nicole Binion, Apostle

Melessa Brown and Minister Ursula Wright. **Apostle Margelee Hylton 3068 Forest Lane** Dallas, TX 75234 972-247-7133

WORD OF LIFE **CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** May 29, 8 pm

Come to our Friday Night Live Service tomorrow, May 29th to be inspired and lifted. There will be plenty of singing and spiritual. **Elder Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor** 2765 Trinity Mill Road Suite 200 Carrollton, TX 75006 214-514-9147



Hear Pastor Sam on: "Truth Made Simple" KGGR 1040 AM, Monday - Friday @ 5:25 pm - 5:30 pm



No one really knows how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He selflessly devoted his life to service schools, hospitals, in homes, factories and offices, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness. For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as, to know when to come in out of the rain, the early bird gets the worm, and life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) reliable parenting strategies (God fearing adults are in charge, not the kids) and it's okay to come in second or even last, as long as your best efforts were given. A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing, whole lan-

Obituary Of Common Sense

guage and "new math." But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-it-only-helpsme-or mine-it's-worth-it" virus.

In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing regulations. He watched in pain as

ments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than vic-

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Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Command-

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...to know when to come in out of the rain, the early bird gets the worm, and life isn't always fair.

self-seeking lawyers ruled the courts. His health rapidly deteriorated when prayer was taken out of the schools and zero tolerance policies were implemented; reports of a young boy was charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch and a teacher was fired for reprimanding an unruly student.

It declined further when schools had to get parents consent to administer an aspirin to a student

tims and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports.

And when a woman who was stupid enough not to realize that coffee is hot, and was awarded a huge payout for her stupidity, this really caused Common Sense to finally throw in the towel!

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Faith, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. Two stepbrothers, My Rights

and I'm a Whiner, survive him. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized that he was gone. - Author Unknown

FREE FROM FEAR: You can live without fear; in spite of our declining economy and foreclosures today or what you see on the news, you can be at peace.

Fear isn't just a reaction to external circumstances. It's a spiritual force. It begins inside a person, and it is totally destructive.

Fear is Satan's primary weapon. He moves in response to fear, the same way God moves in response to faith. He challenges the promises of God with it.

An example is in Matthew 14:30 when Jesus invited Peter to come to Him on the water. "But when Peter saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying Lord, save me."

Peter's faith in the Word of Jesus when he said, "Come" enabled him to walk on the water; and the fear of the wind defeated him.

Peter looked at his circumstances and the result



Pastor Darron McCoy from White Rock Chapel Church. His message to the residents, their family members, and staff @ Carrollton Health & Rehab Center was, "Prayer Was Made" from Acts 12:1-5.

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was defeat. If Peter had kept his focus on Jesus, his faith would never have wavered.

All the blustering and blowing in the world would not have defeated Peter.

Mediating on God's Word develops faith. Thinking about Satan's lies on the other hand

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develops fear. Such fearful mediation is called worrying. Don't do it!

God's Word is the sword of the Spirit. Use it to fight Satan every time he comes against you. Hold up your shield of faith and quench all of his fiery darts. Speak words of faith and fear will depart.

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1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074 972-423-8833 www.avefchurchofchrist.org Early Sunday Morning.... ..8:00 am Sunday Bible Class.. ..9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship10:45 am Evening Worship3:00 pm Wednesday Bible Class7:00 pm

Avenue F Church of Christ

Ramon Hodridge, Minister







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Annual Metroplex East Piano Festival Scheduled for June

(NDG Wire) Eastfield College will host the Eastfield Metroplex East Piano Festival June 15 - 20. Pierrette Mouledous, Director of the Piano Department, has assembled an impressive faculty of educators with specialty in piano performance to teach the week-long camps.

Instructors will focus on elements of stylistic interpretation and technique from classical, jazz and liturgical piano repertoire for students age 7 and up; tuition starts at \$75 (audition on June 9 from 2 - 5 p.m. is required for intermediate and advanced work-

shops which occur June 17-20).

Highlights of the festival include guest performances by:

Terry McCoy (classical and jazz pianist) has taught private piano instruction for 26 years in the Dallas area. He is an active member of the Music Teachers Association of Dallas and Mesquite. Mr. McCoy completed his music studies at the University of Texas in Dallas. He has studied jazz piano with Gary Freeman and maintains a jazz repertoire. Mr. McCoy is also a member of Elysee Piano Ouartet.

Dr. Timothy Brown (pianist, composer) did his undergraduate studies at Bowling Green State University and received his master's degree from the University of North Texas where he studied piano with Adam Wodnicki, and music composition with Newel Kay Brown. He later was a recipient of a research fellowship from the Royal Holloway, University of London where he did his post-graduate studies in music composition and orchestration studying with the English composer, Brian Lock. Mr. Brown is currently a fine arts specialist for

the Dallas Public Schools and serves on the advisory board of the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas, Texas.

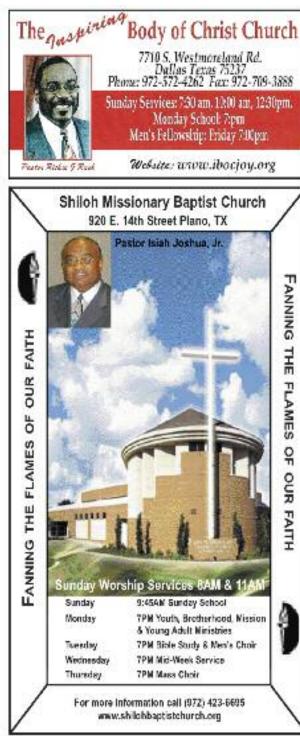
Kent Ellingson (jazz pianist) is a Fargo native who earned a degree from MSUM in 1980 and a MME from the University of North Texas in 1983. He has taught music at Booker T. Wash-ington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas since 1984, and is an instructor of jazz piano at Collin College in Plano, Texas, since 1995. He also is a freelance pianist and keyboardist in the Metroplex. Ellingson's honors include residential Scholars Teacher Recognition Award from the U.S. Department of Education and *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for 2002 and 2004. Admission to the special

concerts is included with registration to the festival; general admission tickets are \$20. For more information call 972-860-7113 or email PierretteMouledous @dcccd.edu. Complete details can be found at www.eastfieldcollege.edu.





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