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COMMENTARY

The Hidden Costs of This Recession

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

(NNPA) Have we seen the worst of this recession? Some financial analysts are saying things have "bottomed out" and point to upticks in the stock market as proof positive that things are getting better.

But while things may improve in financial markets we have yet to see the worst of the unemployment situation. Most states are looking at lay-

offs, most schools systems will cut teachers and administrators, many social service programs are looking at cuts, with everything from supplemental food programs to summer jobs programs on the table.

To be sure, stimulus money will create some jobs, especially in construction, and some states will use stimulus money to help meet budget short-

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Newest Plano ISD Trustee Board's First Minority, Puts Education First

BY LAKRISHIA ARMOUR

Marilyn Hinton cares so much about education that in 1994 she moved her family from Huntington Beach, California to Plano because of the reputation

of the Plano Independent School District (ISD). On May 19, Hinton, a former Head Start teacher, was sworn in the Place 6 seat as a Board of Trustees member for Plano ISD and is the first minority in the school district's histo-

ry to be elected.

Hinton has worked in Plano's school system as a teacher for the Head Start Program; as a Visiting Scholar, teaching Early Childhood Education at Brookhaven College; and as an Adjunct Instructor,



Marilyn Hinton

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North Texas Hopes to See New Jobs & Increase in Funding for Social Programs from Stimulus

BY TESSA HOWINGTON

In February of 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law by President Barack Obama to help the faltering American economy.

The ARRA lays out

detailed plans to help stabilize the economy through tax cuts, infrastructure changes, social programs, and "green" energy policies. Overall, the ARRA, instead of giving money directly to American citizens, is designed to help stabilize

the economy by bettering the American public's way of life.

Total cost of the ARRA is an estimated \$787 billion, most of which will go to federal programs such as tax cuts, technology updates, and transitioning government

buildings and equipment to be more environmentally friendly.

Opponents say states do not benefit from the ARRA because only \$144 billion is allotted for all states to use, and accepting

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NDG Seeking Juneteenth and Vacation Bible School Announcements

BY RUTH FERGUSON

In Texas as the summer season begins, plans are underway across the Metroplex for two important annual events: Juneteenth celebrations and Vacation Bible School (VBS).

The North Dallas

Gazette would like to share with our readers information regarding upcoming Juneteenth holiday celebrations scheduled by community organizations and churches. Please send an email outlining the details of your event to edi-

tor@northdallasgazette.com by Monday, June 8th at 5:00 p.m.

We also want to share church announcements regarding Vacation Bible Schools your congregation is hosting this summer. Please send the name of your

church, VBS theme, address, date and time of your VBS, and indicate if transportation will be provided.

This information should be emailed to editor@northdallasgazette.com by Monday, June 8th at 5:00 p.m.

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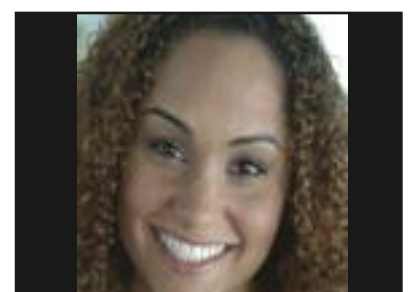
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Jock Smith



An original founder of The Cochran Firm; of the late, famed attorney Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr.,

Jock Smith upholds Johnnie's legacy as the Firm's National President. Just recently, Smith was named by Lawdragon to the publication's Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America.

A Senior Partner at the Firm, Jock Smith has obtained numerous record setting verdicts and settlements including an \$80 million verdict and a \$1.6 billion verdict, the largest verdict in America for the year 2004, as well as the top verdict in the history of

the nation by an African American lawyer as lead counsel.

"I am devoted to my work and my profession. It is not only wonderful to be recognized by my peers and colleagues, it is also outstanding to be honored by such a significant legal publication," offers Smith.

The Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America is the first publication to offer a comprehensive look at those lawyers who represent the little guy in cases ranging from medical malpractice to securities class actions, often with multi-million

dollar results. It is comprised of lawyers from a wide range of practices, ranging from employment discrimination to toxic torts, aviation disasters to birth negligence. Those named to the list represent less than one-half of one percent of the legal profession, placing them among the most elite group of legal professionals.

More than 10,000 attorneys were nominated for the list by their peers and the Lawdragon editorial staff, who selected nearly 1,600 finalists, featured as members of the "Lawdragon 3000" at Lawdragon.

com. The Lawdragon 500 was selected from that group, to determine the best lawyers nationwide. Among the factors utilized in the list's selection are extensive research by a staff of award-winning journalists who interview thousands of lawyers nationwide and a survey of lawyers and clients who nominate and vote for their peers online.

Born in New York City, New York, Jock began his law practice in 1977. He was inducted into the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and served as the nation's first African

American Trial Trustee for the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association. Jock was inducted as the first African American onto the President's Advisory Council of the National Wildlife Federation and the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory has given Jock an AV rating, the highest achievable rating given to an attorney.

Jock Smith co-authored his autobiography, *Climbing Jacob's Ladder: A Trial Lawyer's Journey on Behalf of 'the Least of These'* and is a main speaker at different engagements across the United States.

Bernie Siler

"Who would be free must themselves strike the blow"--Frederick Douglass referring to recruitment of black men for the Union Army.

Bernie Siler is a prosecutor for the District of Columbia and Civil War Historian. He is originally from Washington, D.C. and received undergraduate and law degrees from the Universities of Dayton and Cincinnati respectively. He



teaches at Montgomery College in the areas of Real Property Law and Civil

Litigation. He has lectured on the origins of the law of war with a special emphasis on the treatment of African American Union Army prisoners as impetus for much of the current policy. Drawing on his extensive experience as a prosecutor and defense attorney in the JAG Corps of the U.S. Army, Mr. Siler is available for media commentary on various aspects of high profile criminal cases as relates to potential constitutional and procedural issues that may occur

in those cases.

In addition to law and history his background includes semi-professional football and tryouts with the NFL Patriots and Cowboys. You can see some of his historical presentations brought to life in various Civil War reenactments that his 54th Massachusetts Volunteers participates in as well as roles in the motion pictures "GLORY", "TAD", and the TNT production "Andersonville".

There are three principle

areas within the Civil War arena that Mr. Siler has lectured extensively in. First, he addresses the unique experiences of the thousands of African-Americans who served in the Union Army and Navy. Secondly, he discusses many of the subtle facts surrounding the conspiracy to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln and finally, the horrific suffering of both Union and Confederate prisoners, including African American prisoners who were,

despite the avowed Confederate policy of not according those men prisoner of war status held in such places as Elmira, New York and Andersonville, Georgia and Florence, South Carolina. He has also been published in the Washington Post and Washington Times.

During his presentations Bernie Siler utilizing video tape, sound effects and paraphernalia, Siler vividly brings to life the story of that crucial time in our nation's history.

Louise Cummings

Louise Cummings, Esq. is originally from Massachusetts. She graduated early from Georgetown University with a dual bachelor's degree in Psychology and Spanish. Upon graduation, Louise worked for The Ponds Law Firm, a criminal defense firm, before attending Howard University School of Law. She received her JD in 2005 and graduated in the top 10% of her class.

Louise took the non-conventional route and did internships while in law school at the NFL Players Association, Strickland & Ashe Management and the Strickland Management Group. Louise also worked for the law firm of Gorman and Williams

and served as a law clerk to The Honorable Mary A. Gooden Terrell, DC Superior Court.

Upon graduation she joined the Corp-orate and Finance Department at Kaye Scholer, where Louise was appointed to the firm's Diversity Committee. In August of 2006, Louise left the firm and started her own practice, The Cummings Law Group, P.C.

While at Howard Louise founded 301 Entertainment LLC a professional sports and entertainment consulting company. Her vibrant personality and her ability to network made Louise a winner in the entertainment industry. 301 Entertainment LLC gave

her an outlet to build her brand, especially in the entertainment industry, by using her relationships with decision makers to assist new acts and talent



breaking into TV, Film, Music and Sports.

Today, Louise is the Vice President of Operations for Butch Lewis

Productions (BLP) and Voicez Music Group, an independent record label with Def Jam/Universal. Louise is still practicing law with her own entertainment practice, The Cummings Law Group, P.C. and since its inception the company has represented Tyrese, Chingy, YoungWorld Industries, House of Ming Productions, CrÈme Magazine, GeChar Productions, L. Bush Consulting, Lyons Worldwide, Three Keys Music, Lunar Entertainment, YBS Records, Danella- BET The Black Carpet Host and others. The legal practice consists of drafting contracts and agreements for clients in TV, film and music.

In 2008 Louise dissolved 301 Entertainment LLC and started LEC Consulting, Inc. a con-

sulting company not only focused on advising her clients in entertainment

and sports, but also brokering business deals with clients around the world.

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Conservative Justice and the Ricci Firefighter's Case

BY RON WALTERS

(NNPA) In the developing fight over the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor, some conservative Republicans such as Newt Gingrich, Rush Limbaugh and Tom Delay are raising the charge that she is "racist" and would be an "activist" judge because of her ruling in the Ricci v. DeStefano case.

Better known as the New Haven Firefighters' case, its opponents apparently believe that activism only applies to Democrats or liberal judges.

Moreover, the recent preliminary arguments before the Supreme Court suggest that the conservatives on the court are poised to attack Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which protects those excluded by testing devices. This has been settled law for over 35 years.

The role of political conservatives in the modern era, as it has been historically, is to protect White interests, not to ensure that the law is fair to all groups in society. In fact, some Whites of this persuasion appear to live in a bubble of majority power, where the legitimate interests of other groups are perceived as a threat and where decisions defending their narrow group self interests are perceived to be objective.

The 1964 Civil Rights Act (Title VII, section 7h) prohibited the use of tests that would be used intentionally to discriminate, or tests that would be used without the intention to discriminate but would nevertheless, have an exclusionary (disparate) impact.

The continuing importance of this is that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has found that in 2007 discrimination charges involving test screening of job applicants have significantly increased due in part to security concerns raised by 9/11 and the economy.

Now all of the protected groups under Title VII, such as the Age Discrimination Act and Americans with Disabilities Act, are protected from biased testing in addition to African Americans. So, any change in the law that seeks to invalidate Title VII for Blacks would also affect others in these categories. Yet, activist conservatives on the Court seem poised to do so.

My suspicion however, is that the Supreme Court conservatives see red meat in the charge that White firefighter Ricci makes – that the City of New Haven's attempt to comply with Title VII is, in itself, race discrimination against Whites who are protected by the princi-

ple of "equal protection of the laws" under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

This charge has been the great battle ground over Affirmative Action that has had the Conservative movement proposing the ridiculous concept of "reverse racism."

Since when has limitations on the powerful from exercise of absolute power over employment, seats in college, contracts and etc, actually proven to be racist against Whites? The original aim of the law was to attempt to strike a balance by opening the doors of inclusion of Blacks who had been excluded from such institutions and practices of American society, but Conservatives believe that any impingement on the power of the majority in an attempt to create an equalitarian and democratic society is oppressive to Whites.

You would think that the attempt to change settled law in the '64 Act would get a push-back from other Whites to believe in social justice. But the media has all but created a platform where Right wing opinion is promoted.

In doing so, they are protecting their fallacious and undemocratic position. In one of my most recent books, White Nationalism,

Black Interests, I have written that the reinterpretation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, as Ricci and his colleagues are attempting to do, amounts to the reconfirmation of "white rights."

Powerful conservative politicians and judges began this project with the case, *Shaw v. Reno* which narrowed the basis for the inclusion of African Americans in college enrollment to the point that we now have an ill-defined standard of something called "diversity."

This move against employment in an atmosphere of economic decline and rampant Black unemployment could not come at a worse time. Blacks should not have to confront biased testing if they are to get back to work and to be promoted after this Depression is over.

But, we will eventually need two Sonia Sotomayors to have a Court that represents the interests of all the Americans.

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ARRA funds requires states to change programs to follow federal mandates. As a result, most states, including Texas, have passed resolutions to politely remind the federal government of the 10th Amendment, which limits the government's powers over state regulation, and has denied some of the stimulus money.

Likewise, because of imposed federal mandates, some Texas Legislators and Governor Rick Perry

have disagreed tremendously on accepting and using the stimulus money allotted to Texas, which totals between \$15 and \$17 billion. The state budget for the next two years plans to use only \$12 billion of the money: most going to federally pre-allocated social programs and the rest for one time projects, for example, \$11 million to restore the Governor's Mansion which burned in June of 2008.

For individuals, the most direct way of benefiting from the ARRA is by taking advantage of the various federal tax cuts and energy rebates.

Individuals will also feel an indirect impact from the state received stimulus money through assorted programs.

Currently the estimates include \$500 million for increased unemployment benefits, \$6 billion for Medicare assistance and improving health care, \$6

billion for education needs such as the purchase of new textbooks and electronic learning materials for public schools, \$3 billion for improving bridges and roads, and \$1.8 billion in grants to bring businesses to Texas and fund various research programs.

With the 2009 Texas Legislature finishing their session on June 1, it is not yet clear which specific projects will be funded by

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Sleep Apnea Screening

Do you snore loudly and gasp for breath? Are you tired all day? These symptoms may indicate sleep apnea, a potentially serious condition. Find out if you have sleep apnea at FREE screening on Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. to noon at the Richardson Regional Medical Center, Campbell Campus Medical Plaza I, 2nd Floor.

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Women's Health Caucus names Kent 'Freshman of the Year'

(NDG Wire) On the final day of Texas's legislative session, the Women's Health Caucus in the state's House of Representatives has named Rep. Carol Kent of Dallas its Freshman Legislator of the Year.

With our rising numbers and representation in the legislature, the women of the House are putting women's issues on the radar," said Rep. Kent.

"The Women's Health Caucus has been an instrumental part of this, and I am indeed honored and humbled to be named its Freshman of the Year."

Rep. Kent was elected to the legislature last November and sworn in as a member of the Texas House of Representatives in January, at which point she joined the Women's Health Caucus.

Upon her appointment

by Speaker Joe Straus to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, Committee Chairman Pete Gallego appointed Rep. Kent as Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Victims' Rights and Violence Against Women.



Rep. Carol Kent

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falls. But not a day goes by when another round of cuts or layoffs are announced. And the announcements represent the tip of the iceberg.

We need to pay attention to some of the human costs of this recession and at least be sensitive to the way these human costs impact our national quality of life. There are people who once defined themselves by the kind of job they have, and now they have no job.

Some of these folks can buck up and make the best of a bad situation, but many careen into depression if their job was all they had. Where do they turn for help?

Cash-strapped, they probably aren't turning to therapists. And public mental health services are being cut.

This is the wrong time to cut mental health services. There is a great psychic burden that people are shouldering as a result of this recession.

We see it everyday in the large and small adjustments people are making, the businesses that are closing, the cars repossessed, the parents who have to tell their children they simply can't afford things as simple as summer

camp.

While most people can manage, there are a group of folk who are having problems adjusting, and it turn into acting out behavior that is extreme, including suicides, homicides, domestic violence, and stealing to name just a few.

Some people are working two and three jobs to make ends meet. Some are leaving children at home alone because they can't afford child-care. A friend told me the heart-rending story of her 8-year old offering the contents of her piggy bank when she overheard her parents talk about their financial situation.

Another friend said her 11-year-old offered to get a job! Take these stories and multiply them by thousands and you will begin to get a sense of the hidden costs of this recession.

Much of the Black middle class in Detroit was developed through the automobile industry and that industry is faltering. The new mayor there, Dave Bing, has much respect and admiration, but his Bling Bing presence can't stem the hemorrhaging of jobs.

Detroit is a city that has been through so much in

the last decade, including the scourge of unstable political leadership and a nearly two-year period of careful scrutiny of former mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a young man with such enormous promise, and so many human flaws. What is the morale in Detroit these days? It is one of the not-so-hidden costs of this recession.

Too, we tend to dismiss the problems of the wealthy as nothing more than their comeuppance. Those who invested with Bernard Madoff are seen as folks who didn't use their heads – how did they think they could keep getting double digit returns on their portfolios?

But these people hire people – cooks and nannies, drivers and housekeepers, personal assistants and tailors. How many little people lost jobs because of portfolio losses by the wealthy?

Thinking about the hidden costs of recession does not move us toward fixing the recession but it may move us to think about the values that brought us to this place and how we might change them.

Rampant consumerism is one of the reasons we are in the situation we find ourselves in now. What can

we do to have a permanent reversal of the trend to have more, more more? Those who identified themselves with their jobs forgot who they were – valuable human beings and children of God, employed or not. Can we begin to

focus on human values more consistently, emphasizing that people are not their title or what they earn, but what they do, and how they make other people feel.

If there is opportunity in crisis, the opportunity in

this recession is to examine the flawed ways we live and to consider fixing those flaws.

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



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Regular Session Finished, Special Session Expected

BY TESSA HOWINGTON

The 2009 Texas Legislature closed their session on Monday, June 1. With the observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Legislators found themselves running out of time and held sessions late into each week night and both Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Several thousand bills were reviewed this session, and about 1,400 have been sent to Governor Rick Perry for review; he now has 20 days to sign or veto the bills.

Some of the most notable bills this session were:

House Bill (HB) 498, creating the Timothy Cole Innocence Commission, a commission to review the collecting and processing procedures of evidence and witness testimony; it has been stalled in conference between the House and the Senate. The Commission is named after Timothy Cole,

an Army veteran who served 25 years and died in prison before his conviction was overturned. As of Saturday, May 30, HB 498 was still in conference.

HB 873 was signed by the Governor in April. The new law will use some of the federal stimulus money to help entice more film and television projects to the state to create jobs and encourage tourism.

HB 1466 became a new state law in the middle of May. The new law now makes the theft of a military grave marker a state felony and requires jail time after a conviction.

HB 1736, which has been signed into law, creates the Timothy Cole Act. The Act will give people who have been wrongly convicted of a crime \$80,000 for each year they were in prison, 120 hours tuition credit at a state university, and health care.

Senate Bill (SB) 175 will go before the Governor to be reviewed. SB 175 will change the Top Ten Percent Rule for college admissions. Currently, any high school graduate in the top ten percent of their class is automatically admitted into the university of their choice. If changed, universities will be able to cap the number of incoming students admitted.

SB 204 proposes a statewide ban on trans-fats in restaurants. While it passed the Senate it was stalled in the House and will not go before the Governor.

SB 298 suggested the state create sobriety check points to curb drunk driving. Again, while passing in the Senate it was left pending in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

SB 362, or the Voter ID Bill, created much controversy.

The bill tries to eliminate voter fraud by requiring vot-

ers show proof of identification at polls. Opponents of the bill say requiring ID will deter voters. Public Senate hearings for the bill lasted for two days with 175 people registering to testify; the Senate Committee meeting to review SB 362 lasted more than 24 hours. After passing the Senate and the House Elections Committee, it stalled in the House.

SB 544 was stalled by the Senate. If passed, the bill would ban smoking statewide. SB 769 became law in April. The new law will allow electric companies to finance the cost of repairs after a natural disaster; doing so will help the electric companies restore power faster to residents and cut consumer costs.

SB 1164 was stalled by the House after passing the Senate. If passed, SB 1164 would allow university students with concealed handgun licenses to carry guns to

class and keep firearms and ammunition in dorms.

SB 1569 has been sent to the Governor for review, but is expected to pass without his signature. The bill will allow Texas to use \$500 million of the federal stimulus money to fund the state's unemployment program.

Governor Perry is opposed, saying that using stimulus money to fund state programs will create a larger problem when federal funding runs out. But Legislators believe the money is needed now; current budget estimates predict the unemployment program will go broke by October of 2009 without using the stimulus money. The \$500 million has already been included in the new state budget.

The proposed budget totals \$182.3 billion, decreases general spending by an estimated \$1.6 billion, and uses \$12.1 billion of the federal stimulus money. The

budget also includes an estimated \$80.7 billion in general revenue and tax cuts for small businesses. However, budget issues may cause the Governor to call a special legislative session.

On Monday, June 1, the House considered this year's session a success and ad-journed seeing no need for a special session. The Governor and the Senate do not agree; funding and review of The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and The Texas Department of Insurance for the next two years has yet to be determined. Currently, without rewriting funding measures, TXDOT is expected to run out of funding in 2010.

Governor Perry announced he will consider calling a special session to deal with funding issues and other unfinished business after the 20 day review period.

Phirst Pham DFW & CityStream Live present the 2nd Annual Dallas Greek Picnic Weekend beginning June 4th-7th

Over 2500 members of the College Greek Sorority Fraternity Organizational Network and friends to attend.

(NDG Wire) For the second consecutive year, Phirst Fam DFW and CityStream Live proudly present the 2009 Dallas Greek Picnic Weekend. Taking place in Dallas, Texas from June 4th thru the 7th, the epic social event is being organized by Calvin Whitaker and Charles "CITY" Gbadedo.

The Dallas Greek Picnic Weekend was originally created in 2008 to serve a need in bringing together members of the "Noble Nine" Greek organizations in the Southwest. With close to 2500 Greek members and non-Greeks expected to

attend, the four-day affair will provide opportunities for attendees to come together and make new acquaintances, celebrate, and network. Vendors include Real Greek Apparel, Greek



Celebration, LLC and ETL Enterprise. The flagship event, The Dallas Greek Picnic, takes place on Saturday, June 6th from 1pm to 7pm.

This year's Dallas Greek Picnic Weekend

will serve two important causes, (1) be a socio-economic initiative to bring high-quality entertainment to the Southeastern sector of Dallas, Texas and (2) assist the Golden Heart Foundation in its programs such as the Reach for the Stars Program, Teddy Bear X-Mas, and their initiatives in feeding the inner-city youth (GoldenHeartFoundation.com).

For more information about the 2nd Annual Dallas Greek Picnic Weekend including sponsors, vendors and activities to occur, please visit DallasGreekPicnic.com or call 214.334.7392 / 469.765.5664.

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The Asa Hilliard Travel Scholarship In its Second Year

(NDG Wire) Road Scholar/Elderhostel announced the second annual Asa Grant Hilliard III Road Scholar Award for Lifelong Learning. The 2009 Asa Grant Hilliard III Road Scholar Award for Lifelong Learning is now open to applicants and will be presented this year at the 2009 annual conference of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) to be held in November in Indianapolis, Ind.

Road Scholar awards this scholarship annually to an educator with at least 10 years of experience in education and who is a member of NABSE or a member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; or who is on the faculty of a Historically Black Coll-

ege or University; or is a professor of African American studies. The scholarship provides an opportunity to experience a Road Scholar or Elderhostel program anywhere in the world.

Applicants are asked to write an essay focused on the significance of lifelong learning to the African American community and to describe the ways they will impact their communities with the knowledge from their learning and travel experience.

The \$5,000 travel award is named in honor of the late Dr. Asa Grant Hilliard III, world-renowned Pan-Africanist, educator, historian and psychologist, who is an icon for his advocacy of the importance of African history, culture and influ-

ence; for his global contributions to education; and for his special affinity for conducting study tours to Egypt for thousands of travelers.

Mrs. Patsy Jo Hilliard, widow and life partner of Dr. Hilliard, and Kathy Taylor, associate vice president of community development at Elderhostel, presented the 2008 award to Ms. Patricia Payne, director of the Indianapolis Public Schools' Crispus Attucks Center.

"The Asa Grant Hilliard III Award was created to honor the legacy of a man who was a lifelong learner — Dr. Hilliard promoted learning through travel in everything he did," says James Moses, president and CEO of Elderhostel and Road Scholar. "We are pleased to recognize educators who

have a longstanding commitment to their field and look forward to welcoming them on our Road Scholar adventures."

The Asa Grant Hilliard Award III Road Scholar Award for Lifelong Learning is part of a national outreach initiative Elderhostel introduced to build awareness of its educational adventures in the African American community and to promote the benefits of learning through travel.

Launched in 2004, Road Scholar is an initiative of Elderhostel (www.elderhostel.org), the world's largest not-for-profit educational travel organization for adults.

For details on the award, visit on the internet at www.roadscholar.org/hilliardaward.

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AWG Science Scholarship For Minority Women

This new program encourages young minority women to pursue an education and later a career in the geosciences. It provides financial aid and matches the student with a mentor in the same field who will offer guidance and support. This exchange will enhance the student's experience and provide a view of the world ahead.

- Applicants must be:
- A woman who is African-American, Hispanic, or Native American
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chemistry, hydrology, meteorology, physical oceanography, planetary geology, or earth science education) at an accredited college or university

- A contributor to the larger world community through her academic and personal strengths

Deadline:
June 30, 2009

Award Amount:
\$6,000

Website/Contact Info:
www.awg.org/eas/minority.html

Blackstudents.com

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teaching Study Skills at Richland College.

As the Trustee in Place 6, Hinton's role is that of providing a backbone of support to her fellow board members with her background in education. "My role is bringing an educational background to the board with my advice and considerations," she said. "I'm here to be a support." Part of that support is giving back in service what she and her two daughters, now enrolled in higher education, have gained from Plano ISD.

So what attracted Hinton to a school district more than 1,400 miles away? She said implementation of community service projects as a part of Plano schools regular curriculum gained her interest. Hinton says her daughters participated in service projects such as volunteering at an animal shelter and clearing out trash at a local park.

"I'm appreciative of what Plano schools have helped me accomplish with my children. As a parent, you're their first teacher and I'm teaching them about service. Service for the school board, community service boards with no compensation," she noted. "They've learned quite a bit, and they've considered running for something like this in the future."

Hinton's family has been supportive of her campaign and she said they were a major factor in her success. Her husband James Hinton, III and daughters Leilani and Mai Hinton all worked with the campaign. "We all supported her," James said. "She ran a well-run campaign and our two daughters helped. She was sworn in, and we were all there."

The interest of her family in her goals also fueled excitement during her campaign. "My family was very important to my suc-

cess. My husband worked on my campaign with me, and it was a joy for us to work together," she said. "The excitement caught on and people wanted to be a part of what was going on."

Since being sworn in, Hinton stays busy and has already had some opportunity to discuss minority issues in Plano ISD, though she didn't specifically focus on those issues during her campaign.

"As those situations come up, I'll be ready to be active. I didn't focus on that for my campaign because I wanted to represent everyone in Plano, so I didn't make [being a minority] an issue," she explained. "I didn't want to use it as a selling point; I shied away from it."

The cultural demographics of Plano's schools are changing and Hinton is ready to address the shift

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ment (2025 E. Jackson Road).

This class is open to women who are at least 18 years old. Each class is 12 hours in length and you must be present for at least 9 hours to success-

fully 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.

Instructors for the class are Officer Lauryl Duncan and Officer Shannon Hartzell. 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 on the RAD system, visit ad-systems.com/faq.html.

Golfers Support Jeffries Street Learning Center Helps Students with TAKS

(NDG Wire) For 11 years, golfers have been supporting the success at the Jeffries Street Learning Center. The 11th Annual Swing 'Fore' Kids Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday June 15, 2009 at the "Tour 18" Golf Course located at 8718 Amen Corner in Flower Mound, Texas. The charity golf tournament benefits The Jeffries Street Learning Center in South Dallas.

During the past 22 years The Jeffries Street Learning Center has been making a difference in the lives of low income children who live in the South Dallas/Fair Park community through after-school tutoring and educational computer programs. "All but one of our students who attend the Billy Earl Dade Middle School passed the reading section of the TAKS test," said Susan Riley-Joseph, Ex-

ecutive Director of The Jeffries Street Learning Center. "With the efforts of Billy Earl Dade teachers and Jeffries Street Learning Center tutoring the children, they are able to excel and move to the next level."

Billy Belton who is now a senior at the University of Texas at Austin credits Jeffries Street with raising his grades from D's to A's. "I got into trouble all the

time until I started attending the Jeffries Street after-school program because I wanted to be on the computer. I went from being in trouble to being an honor roll student. I thank God for the center and seeing the possibilities in me that I could not see in myself."

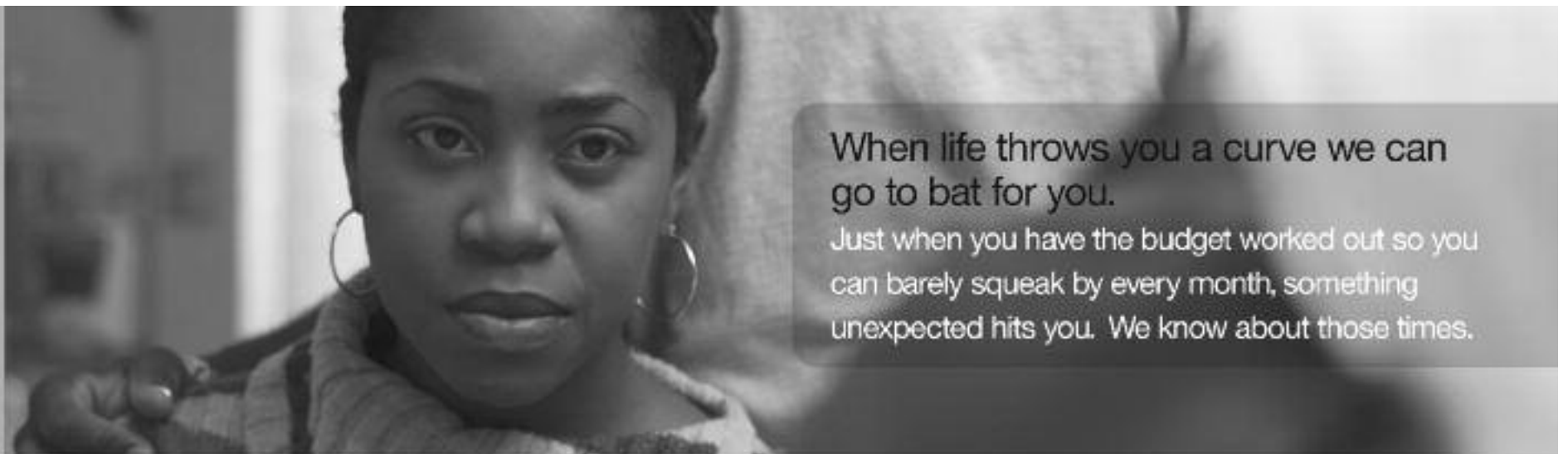
The Jeffries Street Learning center averages seventy five children and adults daily who participate in after-school tutor-

ing, computer and financial literacy, home buyer training, GED classes, First Tuesday Club for Seniors and summer camp programs. During the summer more than 100 children take part in summer camp activities and field trips.

The golf tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. There will be a hole-in-one contest for a new car or a \$10,000 cash price, plus a raffle

and an awards luncheon. "Our goal is to raise \$40,000.00 for the kids at the Jeffries Street Learning Center," said Levi Williams, president of the center.

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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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 meetup.com/378.

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

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

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Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. Visit <http://nbwenorg.ning.com> for more information. THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT so register early!

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

March 28 - October 25
The George Washington Carver: An Extraordinary Man With A Mighty Vision Exhibit at The African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue, Historic Fair Park, Dallas, TX, 214 565-9026, \$5-Adults \$2-Children www.aamdallas.org

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 by visiting www.HealthYes.com Be Proactive. Stay Healthy.™

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 6-7
Lone Star Women's Small Business Expo 12 noon - 5 pm. The Expo will showcase products and services of area woman owned businesses. Admission is free. Info: www.lonestarexpos.com, 972-513-6233.

June 7
The Dallas Area Interfaith General

Assembly Meeting 3-4PM at the Salem Institutional Baptist Church, 3918 Crozier Street, Dallas.

June 10
Job Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sponsored by 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
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. Info: <http://www.renaissanceculturalcenter.org/>.

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, for info: www.thewritethingworkshop.com or 972-533-3543

Paint-A-Pet T-shirt at Richardson City Hall Fountain Plaza 10AM - 4PM Free event, t-shirts will be sold at upcoming fundraiser.

June 15
Plano Career Fair 10AM - 2PM To see a complete list of jobs available and to pre-register please go to www.choicecareerfaairs.com. Info: 830-393-7401

June 16-18
Tax Alliance Conference is a tax seminar for EAs, CAPs and attorneys on how to represent clients before the IRS. Info: www.taxalliance.org or Larry Jones at 214-696-2661.

June 18-21
N'COBRA 20th Annual Conference will convene at Mt. Tabor Family Life Center, 3700 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas. Info: www.ncobrahoo.com; rwashley@yahoo.com.

June 20
Juneteenth Celebration 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano

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).

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June 23
The Goodwill Industries Hiring Fair, 4005 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 9 - 1 p.m.

June 26
An Evening of Jazz, Soul and Spirit with Miles Jaye and Shamanareng Selim at the African American Museum, 7PM, Tickets \$25 per person. Info: (214) 428-8958, www.cherylsmithonline.com

June 27
Cheryl Smith's Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon will be

held at USA Bowl, 10920 Composite Drive. Reception at 6 p.m. Bowling begins at 8 p.m. Celebrities including Public Enemy's Malik Farrakhan, Rep. Barbara Mallory Caraway, K104's Morning Team, 94.5's Lynne Haze, Heaven 97's Camille Holmes, 97.9's Gary with the Tea and Juicy, Jazz and R&B artist Miles Jaye, Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, former Ms. Black Texas Nicole Barrett, former Dallas Cowboy Tony Dixon, author and activist Joyce Ann Brown, Sen. Royce West, and more. Info: (214) 428-8958, www.cherylsmithonline.com

Dick Gregory - Uncensored He's telling everything he knows! Join comedian, social commentator, actor, author, health nutritionist Dick Gregory at the USA Suites, 10920 Composite Drive for 90 minutes of uncensored commentary and comedy. Show begins at 9p.m., tickets \$25. Info: (214) 428-8958, www.cherylsmithonline.com

July 11
"Killing Me Softly" Irving Arts Center Carpenter Performance Hall 8:00 PM

July 12
Many Voices, Many Visions inspiring vocal concert by one of Fort Worth's favorite music ensembles at 2pm. Please call 817.989.5030 to register; confirmation will be sent.

July 15-19
Tickets for Tuna Does Vegas, priced at \$27-\$57, available at the Eisemann Center Ticket Office, www.eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650.

July 28
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Work Job Fair, New Cowboy Stadium, 925 North Collins, Arlington, TX 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

July 30 - August 9
Ringling Bros & Barnum & Bailey Show The American Airlines Center Thursday, July 30 7:30PM Friday, July 31, 7:30PM Sat., August 1, 11:30AM Sat., August 1, 3:30PM Sat., August 1, 7:30PM Sunday, August 2, 2:30PM Sunday, August 2, 6:30PM Thurs., August 6, 7:30PM Friday, August 7, 7:30PM Sat., August 8, 11:30AM Sat., August 8, 3:30PM Sat., August 8, 7:30PM Sunday, August 9, 2:30PM Sunday, August 9, 6:30PM Information available thru: www.ticketmaster.com

August 5
Arlington Professional Diversity Career Fair, LaQuinta Inn, 825 N. Watson Road, Arlington, TX 76011, 10-2 p.m.

August 8
The Wiggles! Tour NOKIA Theatre 1:30 & 5:00 PM

August 19
What a Wonderful World fun-filled family day, 1-4pm Amon Carter Museum

September 5-6
2009 City of Bedford Labor Day Blues & BBQ Festival a feast for the senses. The two-day event returns with an entertaining lineup of local talent, blues legends Buddy Guy and The Fabulous Thunderbirds and a \$10,000 barbecue cook-off. Gates open at 2 p.m. each day.

September 15
Fort Worth Professional Diversity Career Fair, Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle (Speedway Club) Fort Worth, TX 10-2 p.m.

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Economic Empowerment and Restore Our Homes "Rescue Fairs" to Launch in Dallas

BY LATOYA S. WATKINS

Economic Empowerment and Restore Our Homes "Rescue Fairs" will be held at the Dallas Convention Center, June 13, 2009. The "Rescue Fairs" will be hosted by the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas and the National Urban League.

The National Urban League is the nation's oldest (established in 1910) and largest community-based movement devoted to the empowerment of African Americans and their entrance into the economic and social mainstream.

This two pronged event marks the launching of an eight city effort to provide communities with career and resource information as well as home restoration counseling and help for home owners. It can be called the one-stop-shop to two of today's most pressing issues, jobs and housing.

After the launch of the Economic Empowerment and Restore Our Homes "Rescue Fairs" in Dallas on June 13, 2009, seven other cities including St. Louis, MO; Hampton Roads, VA; Louisville, KY; Union County, NJ; Atlanta, GA; Broward County, FL; and Knoxville, KY, will give their communities the opportunity to come out and enjoy the free services offered by the National Urban League in 2009.

In an interview with the *North Dallas Gazette*, Marc H. Morial, president and CEO of The National Urban League, commented, "One of the reasons that the National Urban League chose Dallas for its launching efforts is because of Dr.

Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, president and CEO of Urban League of Dallas. She is a fantastic leader."

Dr. Brooks seemed flattered by the comment, but added, "I think that the whole Dallas Urban League has a great team and wonderful community support. The whole team gets out there every day to help people."

Dr. Brooks also informed the *North Dallas Gazette* that the Dallas Urban League has been a leader in areas including, mitigation, housing counseling, default counseling, and first time buyer counseling for over forty years. Dallas Urban League also offers emergency services for rent and mortgage assistance and has been offering foreclosure prevention since a few years prior to the current economical crisis.

Morial stated that all services provided at the "Rescue Fairs" are free to the public. He added: "I

national partnership of non-profit, community-based organizations. These programs that serve multicultural communities nationwide, include The National Urban League, the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) and the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD) created the Alliance for Stabilizing our Communities. Bank of America will assist to ensure financial counsel from trusted experts, one-on-one foreclosure sessions and workshops are all part of each home retention event.

The purpose for Restore Our Homes: Rescue Fair is to provide access to assistance and information to families who are behind or delinquent on mortgage and facing foreclosure, as well as those who are merely concerned about what steps to take if they should find themselves in similar situations. Direct assistance will

informative workshops will also be offered. These workshops include, "Foreclosure 101, Crisis Budgeting, The President's Making Home Affordable Plan," and "Don't Be A Victim of Fraud."

DART, Career Builders, and Adecco have committed their participation and will be on site to offer jobs to those seeking employment."

According to Dr. Brooks, Dallas communities have been greatly affected

lesterol levels to waist circumference and body mass index to help provide the critical foundation for early disease detection and prevention.

Again, Saturday, June 13, 2009 is a date to mark in your calendar. Doors open and registration begins at 9 a.m. The Urban League is offering free services from one-on-one sessions with loan specialists to foreclosure-prevention workshops, as well as a career fair with a few reputable employers. Here's a list of what you should bring for the Restore Our Homes: Rescue Fair:

- Current pay stub (within the last 30 days)
- 2007 and 2008 income-tax returns
- Three months of bank statements
- Household expense budget
- Copy of closing documents and most recent correspondence from your mortgage company.
- Most recent property insurance and mortgage statements.

If attending the career fair, please bring your resume if you have one.

With more than one thousand expected attendees, Urban League staff and volunteers will have plenty to do throughout the day. Be prepared to spend a great deal of your day at the fair if you plan to attend. Dr. Brooks and the rest of the staff at the Urban League of Dallas request that all attendees, "Please be patient. We will get to you and we will do the very best we can to make sure that we meet your needs."

The Urban League of Dallas is still accepting volunteers to come out and be a part of this ground-breaking event. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the Economic Power Tour at economicempowerment@ulgdncx.com.

"...This event is for the people. The Urban league is a place that they can go to for help."

The career and resource component of the fair will offer recruitment, workshops, and financial planning experts. The main goal of economic empowerment, according to the National Urban League, is to assist African Americans reach their fullest potential and close the equality gaps that still exist.

Morial announced to the *North Dallas Gazette*, "We have asked that only companies with job openings available attend the fair for recruiting purposes." This means that there will be onsite interviews or at least the beginning of the hiring processes taking place at the "Rescue Fair." Candidates are also encouraged to bring resumes to receive assistance in polishing them. There will be many workshop presenters and qualified volunteers to help with this process.

According to the Dallas Urban League, "60 companies including Federal Express, Parkland Hospital,

by the economic hardships of our country at present. It is apparent that home loss and job security go hand in hand, so to offer roads to building both in a single effort, makes sense. Dr. Brooks stated, "These are two major issues impacting our economy today. Addressing one without the other is like fixing only one leg of a three legged stool, when all three are broken. When people lose their jobs, most times they can't pay their mortgage."

In today's economy there have been some changes in demographics. According to Dr. Brooks, people who were only a short time ago able to come in and offer services to the Urban League of Dallas, are now among those requesting service. "We just want to do the best that we can do to help, by providing the tools that we are able to provide," she stated.

As a bonus to all of the other free services, free, onsite health screenings will also be available through the National Urban League/Walgreens Wellness Tour. These screenings include features such as a mobile health and an education vehicle offering testing of things raging from cho-



Mark H. Morial



Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks

want people to know that we are here for them. This event is for the people. The Urban league is a place that they can go to for help."

The home foreclosure prevention component of the Economic Empowerment Tour is part of a

be offered at the event, meaning there will be HUD-approved foreclosure prevention counselors, servicers/lenders, as well as legal aid attorneys, so that homeowners can address their issues and begin working on resolutions onsite.

Welcome to Dreamland Reality Show on BET

(NDG Wire) Waiting somewhere out there for a chance to become the next "superstar entertainer" is an undiscovered talent with the stamina, stage presence and style of today's chart topping artists. Thousands of wannabe stars battle for a spot in the music industry everyday. Atlanta has always been known as Black Hollywood but Welcome to Dreamland takes you inside that dream to see what it really takes to be successful.

"We are extremely excited that BET chose to premiere Welcome to Dreamland," says Executive Producer Vawn.

The show stars industry veterans that use their insider knowledge to mold the contestants into true dream makers. "We supported the contestants and gave them the skills to be successful," says Jazze Phae. The stars of the show include:

Jazze Pha: Jazze Pha has indeed made his mark musically, and over the

last 10 years has proved to possess a unique staying power that keeps him at the forefront of music. Jazze Pha is known to be one of the most prolific artists/producer in entertainment. His up-tempo beats and boisterous personality have solidified him as one of the greatest music makers of this generation.

Drumma Boy: Drumma Boy is known as one of the men responsible for several hits from multi-platinum recording artist Young

Jeezy's The Recession and Monica's upcoming album. With a gift to manufacture inimitable sounds the young virtuoso has been recruited into the studio recently with a wide range of artists including the platinum selling Mary J. Blige, Akon and Brandy.

Vawn: Vawn credits a humble upbringing with his ability to appeal to a wide audience. Vawn had the benefit of working with A-list artists like Jermaine Dupri, Jagged Edge, Xscape, B2K,

Ginuwine, Avant, Mya and many others. Vawn is a businessman, recently launching SmoakWood /RockHard Entertainment where he serves as co-owner and COO alongside his trusted business partners, Eugene Smoak and Jeff Wood.

Sergeant Hollywood: As one of the top personal trainers in the World, Cliff "Hollywood" Boyce is a veteran bodybuilder and trainer of 25 years who passes on his knowledge to clients ready for compre-

hensive workouts. He doesn't simply change your body, he transform your lifestyle. Boyce's clients include the famous, affluent, trendy and the tastemakers. His roster boasts several entertainers, including the multi-platinum R&B heartthrob Usher.

Welcome to Dreamland is a six episode series on the BET Network. Follow Welcome to Dreamland on Twitter@DreamlandOnBET for up to date news and updates.

Hip Hop Helps Heal Domestic Violence Benefit Show on June 13 All The Proceeds Will Be Donated To The Genesis Women's Shelter in Dallas, Texas

(NDG Wire) After raising funds for breast cancer and the Susan G. Komen Foundation in 2008, Dallas hip hop recording artist Justin 'GOAT' Griffith & H4 will present Mend the Home: Hip Hop Helps Heal Domestic Violence Benefit Show on Saturday, June 13. Carrying a cover

charge of only \$5, 100% of the proceeds will be used to fund programs provided by the Genesis Women's Shelter in Dallas, Texas. Everyone that attends is encouraged to wear purple to support the cause.

"In light of pop singer Rihanna allegedly becoming a public victim this

year, this is one of the premier issues in the community," states Vincent 'Heartbreak' Tucker. "This event will help spread the word about the importance of stopping domestic violence and show our dedication from hip hop to come together and help."

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More Retirees 'Recareering'

BY PHAROAH MARTIN (NNPA) President Barack Obama touched on something very poignant in his proclamation when he authorized the month of May to serve as Older Americans Month. That is that many Americans who are of retirement age are remaining in the workforce instead of simply calling it quits.

A 2008 survey from AARP, a non-profit membership organization for people over 50 years of age, found that seven out of 10 working adults between the ages of 45 and 74 plan to work during retirement or never retire at all.

The number of Black

workers aged 65 and older almost doubled from a decade ago, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. These statistics mirror a trend that spans across all races. And while the state of the economy may be an underlying factor for the uptick, more and more seniors would rather use their later years staying active than resting. Many retirees find that working keeps them occupied and helps them stay active.

"One thing about retiring is that you can stop whenever you want," says New York City native JoAnne Challenger.

She recently retired from her job as a principal

of a Brooklyn elementary school but quickly found that she had too much time on her hands. So she took a part-time job as an assistant college professor at Mercy College.

Challenger says her retirement pension keeps her pretty stable financially. So she may retire from her new job in a couple of years - after she's done paying her daughter's college tuition next year.

As an assistant professor, Challenger works with people who want to be teachers. She says it keeps her busy, but at a less rigorous pace than her old job as a school principal.

"You just have to keep

your mind active," she shares. "When I was working I was so very busy. But [when] I retired it all just stopped. So I wasn't ready to stop working, I was just ready to quit at that pace."

She said many of her friends who are retired are still working.

AARP released a new study last week on older Americans "recareering" and it reveals that many retirees, like Challenger, do not abruptly retire but rather transition from "long-time careers to short-term jobs that serve as bridges to retirement before exiting the labor force completely."

The study also found

that those surveyed reported that they dealt with less stress and enjoyed flexible work schedules in their new jobs," the study revealed.

"Many older workers are ready to give up the long-time grind, and look for stimulating jobs with flexible schedules as they begin the process toward retirement," said Susan Reinhard, senior vice president of the AARP Public Policy Institute. "The study shows dramatically that workers are putting a premium on reduced stress as they downshift a bit."

Mariah Ann Baylor, 77, retired as an assistant cafeteria manager of a Milford,

Va. middle school after 30 years on the job. For the last nine years she's been supplementing her income by baby sitting and doing home care.

"I've been doing different jobs taking care of people who are sick," she said. "I love people. I love taking care of people. I love children."

Baylor said that even though she puts herself on a budget she doesn't have the extra money that she used to have. But, it helps with her peace of mind, she says. "I'm not looking to stop anytime soon ... The only thing that can hinder me is my health but I'm still in good health."

The 2009 Lincoln MKX



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The 2009 Lincoln MKX is a five-passenger luxury crossover SUV that comes in one trim level. Standard features include 18-inch wheels, reverse parking sensors, a power liftgate, auto-dimming rearview and driver side-view mirrors, a tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel, dual-zone automatic climate control, the voice-activated Sync system and a six-speaker stereo with six-CD changer, satellite radio and an auxiliary audio jack. The Lincoln MKX is powered by a 3.5-liter V6 that makes 265 horsepower and 250 pound-feet of torque. There is a choice of front- or all-wheel drive and a six-speed automatic transmission is standard. In

performance testing, the MKX went to 60 mph in 8.4 seconds with fuel economy for 2009 at 17 mpg city/24 mpg highway and 19 mpg combined for front-wheel-drive model s and 15/22/18 mpg for AWD models.

Standard safety equipment includes antilock brakes, traction control and stability control (including rollover mitigation technology). Six airbags protect occupants, including front-seat side impact airbags and full-length side curtain airbags.

In government crash testing, the 2009 Lincoln MKX got five out of five stars for frontal driver and side impact protection and four stars in frontal passenger collisions. The

MKX gives away its Ford roots with plain gauges and low-end plastics. But, on the plus side, the controls are well laid out and intuitive to use, and there are plenty of standard and optional comforts like leather heated and cooled front and rear seats. Both rows of seats offer plenty

of space -- particularly in back, where three people can fit well enough in the MKX's wide body. The cargo area, capacity is limited to a maximum of 69 cubic feet. The 2009 Lincoln MKX's 3.5-liter V6 is smooth and keeps plenty of power on tap -- perhaps more so than any

Ford-based V6. Steering is nicely weighted and provides a decent amount of feedback while driving around town. Starting at

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and ensure that all students, teachers and staff members are comfortable. Hinton is sure the chance to speak up about minority issues will be available and welcomed.

“There will be lots of opportunities for me to raise my voice about minority issues and I think the district would like have someone take a look at that. We are making cultural adjustments so that students and teachers feel comfortable. As it comes, and it’s coming, I’ll address it. I don’t worry about leaving it out. It’s important and I’m optimistic,” she said. “We’re

always concerned and want success.”

And Hinton’s success is important for the representation of minority students, teachers and staff members as well as for Plano ISD. Hinton has always had an interest in education and said it was only natural to take her interest in education and in service to the next step.

“I have an M.A. in Education, so I’ve always had an interest in school. Once my children were in school, we spent a lot of time looking at school districts, so it’s not surprising that I would take it to another level and want to

make a difference in the lives of other children.”

Hinton also attributes her success to her mentor, a former trustee and on great timing for her campaign. Having never run for public office, Hinton studied elections past and sought advice and insight from her mentor. She notes her success was the result of steadily building toward her goals.

“I want people to know that the people I’ve met and the situations that have come up made this the time for me to do this. I’m very excited about the journey.”

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receive much comfort from them, may they encourage you as much as they reassure and motivate me."

Jesus often spoke supernaturally into the lives of others based on the circumstance of the moment. He spoke of their current condition in life and invited them to make a change.

There will be situations that you will find yourself in that are open doors for bring Christ into the circumstance. In fact, He is the one orches-

trating the incident! Don't lose the opportunity of letting a lost or trouble soul know that Jesus is the answer to a better and a peaceful life.

The next time an unusual situation develops, be aware that God may be creating such a circumstance to bring His glory into the situation. Sacrifice some of your time and take a few moments to offer help and pray for the individual.

Beware of the opportunity of unusual situations.

Some Rules for Change: Everything happens for a reason. Change in and of it self is not bad. Life is an organic matter; it must change and grow to keep from withering. When life hands you lemons, learn to make the best lemonade. Learn from adversity; don't wallow in

negativity; you'll only get negativity in return. Let unexpected changes bring things you secretly wished would change. Make peace with change. Your life will change; and like it or not, someday you will understand that it had to change for your good. There was a lesson that you needed to learn, accept it and move on.

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Beware of Unusual Situations

Have you ever wondered why something unusual happened in your daily life? It's often a sign that God is up to something. Because God speaks in quiet tones, as Christians we must have a heightened sense of awareness of what God may want to do in these unusual circumstances.

At times God may cause you to have a flat tire to delay you just to put someone in your path to hear His Word; He may cause you to sit next to an individual that needs your prayers about something that has them perplexed and through you He gives them the answer that they have been seeking.

I have heard someone say that the church pastor must have discussed their situation with the visiting Evangelist because his message one night fit their situation too good not to know what was going on in their life at the time. They just knew that what they had shared with the pastor, he had told the Evangelist, however, the pastor did not discuss their business; the situation was that in church they were quietly listening to the Evangelist and God had sent their answer through the Evangelist.

Take heed, you can be sure that God is raising the spiritual bar for Christians who will listen and want to impact the world for Christ today. He wants to break through into people's lives supernaturally by giving them insights into the needs of people in order to bring them to Christ who can take care of their needs. "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:20 & 21 (KJV.) "I love and I'm inspired by all of the Words of God, but the aforementioned book and verses are my favorite; I

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stimulus money claimed by the state and which projects will be funded by state taxpayer money, or a ratio of the two. However, some of the federal funding has already begun to impact Texas.

On April 1, the Department of Homeland Security announced that \$400 million has been allotted for Southern border security. \$42 million was given to Texas ports to help strengthen infrastructure and buy enhanced inspection equipment, and \$50 million was given to the El Paso and Rio Grande Valley law enforcement agencies to fund more

patrols, new officers, and buy new equipment, including scanners to see into tractor trailers, for border inspection sites.

\$3.8 million of the federal transportation allotment is currently being used by the Texas Department of Transportation to fund 35 construction and maintenance projects which started in March; some in Grand Prairie and Cedar Hill. More projects are planned, and some stimulus funding is earmarked for the Trans-Texas Corridor project.

The ARRA also has funds available to improve the rail system. Plans are

already being drafted to add a new high speed rail line between Dallas and San Antonio, or Dallas and Houston. Dallas Senator John Carona was instrumental in pushing the State Legislature to pass legislation this session enabling DART and DART Rail to expand easily all across the Metroplex, and, as a result, some money from the ARRA is expected to help cover those costs.

New construction projects will create jobs, and it has been estimated the ARRA will save or create 269,000 jobs statewide. Additionally, if the state is successful in using stimu-

lus money to entice businesses to move to Texas, through the Emerging Technology Fund or the Texas Enterprise Fund, also receiving a portion of stimulus money, more long term jobs will become available. Hopefully, a number of those new jobs will be here in North Texas.

Stimulus contracts have also begun to affect Texas. In an effort to comply with providing wireless internet access to the entire nation, AT&T has used some of the federal money to provide wireless internet access to the citizens of Goliad. AT&T has installed a tower to carry the signal

throughout the city and receiver antennas on resident's homes.


Companies have also begun to bid on weatherization, renewable energy, and utilities contracts statewide.

In accordance with the ARRA, each state has to

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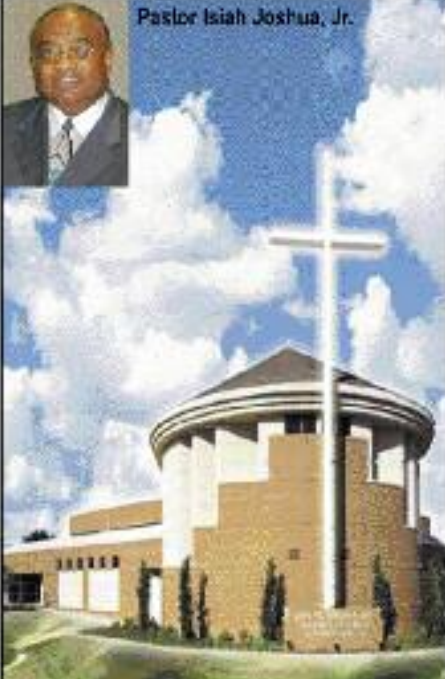
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