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Jeannine Lunceford

(NDG Wire) As a 17-year-old freshman, Jennine Lunceford had the typical college pressures of homework and grades, but she was also sharing her Waterview Park apartment with her precocious 1-year-old daughter, Lucy. Not only did the duo ace their

way through UT Dallas, but mom and daughter headed to Harvard, where they conquered law school, too.

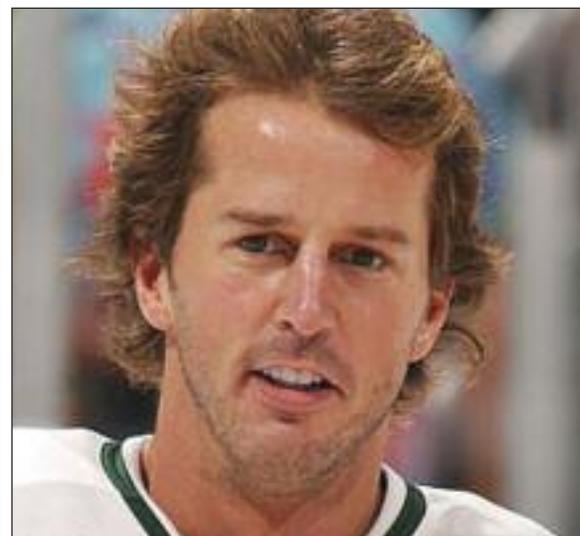
Lunceford (BA '96) got her jump start while at Cedar Hill High School. As a junior about to give birth, she spent time at home

reading about the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. She took it, was named a national merit scholar and received a scholarship to UT Dallas through the Academic Ex-

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COVER STORY

Celebs and pro athletes take the field for Reebok Heroes celebrity baseball game



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Dallas native and Arizona Cardinals' DB Mike Adams offers free football camp for area youth

(NDG Wire) Dallas native and Arizona Cardinals' DB, Mike Adams will present his Annual Camp of Conquerors Youth Football Camp. The camp will be given in his hometown of Dallas, TX June 18 - 19, 2010 at John Kincaide Stadium. The camp is a free

community event for youth ages 12 - 18 in the DFW Metroplex to attend.

Camp of Conquerors is a two-day clinic offered to the community as an outreach project by Mike's Non-Profit Organization. Utilizing his resources, professional and personal

relationships, and expertise, he uses this event as a means to directly impact the lives of youth from his own city. "I believe that where much is given, more is required. This camp is special to me because it give me vehicle to directly infect the community with

positivity, and possibly spark lasting change in the lives of young people," he explains.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with Adams and fellow NFL Player Clinicians, as they

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The Power and Force of Black Music Month

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COMMENTARY

Blackonomics: The Hazards of Greed - Death and Destruction

BY JAMES CLINGMAN (NNPA) - An oil rig explodes and 11 persons lose their lives in the inferno. As we watch the daily news constantly showing the oil gushing from the pipe a mile down in the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the crude lapping against the marshlands of Louisiana, and now threatening Alabama and Mississippi, and maybe even both coasts of

Florida, the prognostications are even worse. Of course, the political shenanigans are at play, and the politicians who are least affected by this tragedy are spouting off about how they "feel" for the folks on the Gulf Coast.

The culprits, British Petroleum and its subcontractors, are putting up a

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Layoffs expected at Dallas Main Post Office

BY STATE SENATOR ROYCE WEST

It was last July when the first calls came to my office from citizens voicing their concerns over a feared closure, or at the least a de-programming of the facility we call the Dallas Main Post Office, located on westbound I-30, the Tom Landry High-

way.

The callers - and some writers - in no uncertain terms, expressed their outrage over the feared loss of a valuable community resource, possible job losses and the anticipated disruptions of service and inconveniences that could accompany any drastic changes in

local postal service.

As state senator representing more than 780,000 Dallas County residents, many who would be impacted by any proposed changes to the Main Post Office and local mail service in general, I felt it my duty to become involved. I soon contacted Congresswoman

Eddie Bernice Johnson and other local federal lawmakers - as the United States Postal Service (USPS) is under their jurisdiction. We initiated dialogue with local and regional postal officials first through a conference call, then with letters fol-

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Bobby Whiten

(NNPA) It is a hard-knock-life for a lot of people out in the streets of L.A. There are so many faces



with so many stories; it's enough to break your heart. Bobby Whiten has experienced hard times in the streets but continues to strive.

"I was sleeping in my car," said Whiten, "until my car got towed." He would then ping-pong between living on the streets and motels until he eventually ended up at a temporary state facility affiliated with California Department of

Child Support Services (DCSS).

"It's actually called the Home Agency," said Whiten, "it's contracted through DCSS," which took the young and homeless orphan off of the streets for a while. Whiten had been waiting on dorm residency pending his acceptance to college.

Unfortunately, the home agency asked him to leave within a week for unknown reasons. His luck would continue south when due to a technicality, the college wouldn't admit him this semester.

This landed Whiten

back on the street looking for a place to rest his head. He eventually came into contact with Bettye Anderson, an advocate for children and families, and brought Whiten to a DCSS event.

Whiten, a musician, played his guitar and he performed at the event telling his story through a song. Whiten, through Anderson, would get a chance to voice his concerns with heads of the DCSS at a meeting.

"I told them, 'you've got to follow up with people'," said Whiten, "I've been homeless for a very long

time." He stressed that the DCSS needs to go beyond "poli-ti-can" and actually make sure efforts are being made to help homeless youth.

He has managed to find shelter with friends and other establishments, most recently with Shields for Families (SFF), a non-profit organization that provides services geared towards youth and families.

Whiten had to drop out of school to find a job to support him. The SFF is serving as a temporary home until he can go back to school or find a permanent residence.

Whiten will continue to press on in his efforts to get an education and find a home for himself. He also encourages youth in his position to be strong and to follow some simple advice.

"Make sure you're honest and upfront," said Whiten, "because people in the system will try to use anything negative against you." He stated that telling the truth about your past is the best route to go when living within the homeless care circuit.

He also stressed the importance of getting an edu-

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Dr. Gail Christopher

Dr. Gail Christopher is vice president for programs at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. In this role, she serves on the executive team that provides overall direction and leadership for the Foundation and provides leadership for Food, Health & Well-Being, and Racial Equity programming. Gail is responsible for leadership, capacity building and fostering col-

laboration and teamwork in the development and implementation of programming, organizational policy and philosophies, human and financial resource allocation management, and internal and external communications.

Gail is a nationally recognized leader in health policy, with particular expertise and experience in the issues related to social determinants of health,



health disparities and public policy issues of concern to African Americans and other minority populations. Gail has more than 20 years experience in designing and managing national initiatives and nonprofit organizations. She brings ex-

tensive knowledge and experience in creating a comprehensive approach to well-being and is nationally recognized for her pioneering work to infuse holistic health and diversity concepts into public sector programs and policy discourse. Her distinguished career and contributions to public service were honored in 1996 when she was elected as a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. In 2007 she received the Leadership Award from the Health

Brain Trust of the Congressional Black Caucus for her work in reducing racial and ethnic health disparities. A prolific writer and presenter, Gail is the author or co-author of three books, a monthly column in the Federal Times, and more than 250 articles, presentations, and publications. Her national print and broadcast media credits are numerous, and include The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Dallas Times, National Journal, Essence, "Good

Morning America," "The Oprah Winfrey Show," National Public Radio, and documentaries on PBS and CBS.

Gail holds a doctor of naprapathy degree from the Chicago National College of Naprapathy in Illinois and completed advanced study in the interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in holistic health and clinical nutrition at the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities at Union Graduate School of Cincinnati, Ohio.

of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. She is a native of St. Louis, Missouri and currently resides in Los Angeles with her family.

Areva Martin

Known to audiences across the country from her regular appearances on *The Dr. Phil Show*, as well as national stints on *Fox News*, *NPR*, and *Court TV Radio Television*, Areva Martin is one of television's most in-demand legal experts/analysts.



A quotable authority on workplace, disability rights, education, custody and women's issues, this accomplished and multi-award winning lawyer, syndicated columnist, author and public speaker is also quoted and featured on the pages of publications ranging from the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* to *Cookie Magazine* to *Redbook* and the *LA Times*.

The founding and managing partner of Martin & Martin, LLP, Areva has built a reputation for ACTION. In

addition to positioning her firm as one of the premier African-American female owned firms in LA, Areva has developed a multidisciplinary civil practice, which serves some of the nation's top corporations, non-profit organizations, governmental entities and high net-worth individuals. She is also President and co-founder of Special Needs Network, Inc. (SNN), a non-profit launched specifically to support families with special needs children.

In addition to being a

sought after legal expert, Areva is also an inspiring author. Her second book, *The Everyday Advocate*, is scheduled for release by Penguin books in early 2010. Her first book, *Journey to the Top*, is a must-read for female professionals interested in achieving the ultimate career success.

Areva's notable awards and achievements include:

- 2007 Woman of the Year Award from Los Angeles County;
- 2007 Neighborhood Hero from Bank of America;
- 2008 Smart Cookie Award from Cookie Magazine;
- 2008 Women of Worth Award from L'Oreal Paris;
- 2008 Trailblazer Award from First AME Church;
- 2008 Leadership Award from California Legislative Black Caucus;
- 2008 Power Hero Award from the United Cere-

bral Palsy Research Institute;

- 2008 Professional Excellence Award from the Association of University Women;

- 2009 Power PAC Award from LawPac.

She is the only African-American woman and attorney on the California Legislative Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism and is the Chair of several organizations, including:

- Chair of the South Los Angeles Autism Regional Task Force for the California Senate Select Committee on Autism.

- Founding member and Chair of the Ebell of Los Angeles' Women in Leadership Department

- Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Areva graduated with honors from both the University of Chicago and Harvard Law School. She is a member

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Rand Paul is on the Wrong Side of History

BY MARC H. MORIAL

(NNPA) "I am, therefore, asking the Congress to enact legislation giving all Americans the right to be served in facilities which are open to the public -- hotels, restaurants, theaters, retail stores, and similar establishments. This seems to me to be an elementary right." President John F. Kennedy, June 11, 1963

On Memorial Day the nation paused to remember the hundreds of thousands of American soldiers who have fought and died in wars so that all of us could live free. One of the saddest ironies of American history is the fact that in spite of slavery and racism, African-Americans have given the last full measure of their de-

votion in every armed conflict since the Revolutionary War. That extraordinary patriotism, coupled with the civil rights leadership of Dr. King and others, was a major force in the movement to abolish legalized segregation culminating in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Since its passage, hardly anyone, much less a candidate for the United States Senate has questioned the legal and moral soundness of that law, until now.

Rand Paul, the Tea Party Republican Senate nominee from Kentucky, recently made it clear in a series of media interviews that he disagrees with the public accommodations provision in the Civil

Rights Act on the grounds that it intrudes on the rights of private business owners. In other words, if he had been around to vote for the Act, he would have joined openly racist southern conservatives in arguing that hotel, restaurant and retail store owners should have the right to bar African Americans from their establishments. That is a bizarre and retrogressive view, more suited to a political campaign in 1910 than in 2010. It reveals Paul's constitutional illiteracy, but even more troubling, coming on the heels of the Arizona immigration law, it is the latest example of an insidious rise in racist thought pervading much of today's right-wing politics.

I am quite frankly shocked to hear of anyone openly endorsing racial discrimination - whether directly or indirectly - in this day and age. Paul's view is rooted in his libertarian philosophy which holds that individuals and the free market should be virtually free of government interference, regardless of the consequences. That view flies in the face of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution which extended equal protections and voting rights to former slaves. It took decades of struggle and sacrifice as well as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to guar-

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good show trying to plug the leak, but I believe they already know that nothing short of drilling the relief wells, which will not be done until August, is the only answer to this debacle. Golf balls and old tires? C'mon.

What I see in this sad scenario is pure unadulterated greed. It's not a case of wanting to help the U.S. with its oil dependency problem; after all, all the oil retrieved from the wells in the Gulf is sold on the world market anyway. It's not like they will save it all for us. So, what's this about when the likes of Sarah Palin, Michael Steele, and other shallow thinkers like Michelle Bachman, chant their "Drill Baby Drill" mantra?

The politicians want us to think they are doing us a favor by drilling for oil on our own land or in our own waters. No, they are doing their friends a favor. Friends like BP, Shell, Chevron, Exxon, and Conoco-Phillips are reaping billions in profits from sweetheart deals, many consummated under Dick Cheney and his shadowy secret negotiations with the

energy Czars. He got paid \$30+ million from Halliburton prior to taking the job of Vice President; Chevron names an oil tanker after Condoleezza Rice; and...well, you know the rest of the story.

It is shameful and even sinful for these folks, their companies, and their political lap-dancers to participate in many of the things they do, but their dastardly deeds motivated by insatiable greed continue.

People who make a living from the waters along the Gulf Coast are now wondering if they will ever be able to return to their normal lives. Amidst the posturing, photo-ops, and speeches, people have families to feed and bills to pay. More important than the hum-drum of excuse-making and finger-pointing, is the dire and desperate need to fix this problem and to assure it never happens again.

I have to believe BP, with all of its scientists, engineers, technicians, and experts knew what risks they were taking by allowing this kind of drilling without a failsafe back-up plan just in case the pipe

sprang a leak a mile beneath the surface of the Gulf. To put more money in their coffers, they were willing to risk what is now the worst environmental disaster in our history.

Yes, I understand and appreciate the profit motive, but as I wrote several years ago, "What price would you pay for a profit?" BP is said to have made \$5.5 billion in profit in the first quarter of 2010. Was that at the expense of polluting the land and the ocean? Has it been to the detriment of everyday people who merely want to fish and shrimp and take care of their families? Is BP's profit ultimately at the future expense of our grandchildren who may no longer be able to enjoy the beaches and waters along the Gulf Coast?

We saw the hazards of greed with the Iraq war – 5000 lives lost. Was it to find WMD or was it really to control that country's oil, since Hussein had decided to defy the mighty U.S. by accepting Euros for his oil rather than the vaunted U.S. "Petrodollar"? Plain and simply put, it was in that case and it is in this latest foray into uncharted waters

(pun intended) of avarice, self-centered, unregulated, and unrelenting greed. This kind of behavior, left unchecked and unpunished, may prove to be the demise of this country and maybe even the world.

What should be done besides cleaning this oil mess up as soon as possible? BP has already lost a significant share of its value on the stock market, as will the other oil companies as a result of this catastrophe. But what else can we do to speed up the process of cleaning up the mess and getting the folks who reside in the affected areas back to work?

One thing to do is refuse to buy gasoline from BP until they fix the problem and make their victims whole. If consumers, those of us who care about our brothers and sisters in Louisiana and other coastal areas, if we would simply make our gas purchases from stations other than BP, it will surely light a fire under these corporate leeches to get things done a lot faster than they would normally take. I have already begun.

The Heart & Vascular Center opens at Texas Regional Medical Center

(NDG Wire) To provide quality cardiac care to patients in eastern Dallas County, Rockwall County and the surrounding areas, Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale opened The Heart & Vascular Center recently. The center houses the newest diagnostic imaging equipment to examine blood flow to the heart, revealing ailments that could lead to heart attacks or strokes.

More than 400 procedures are expected to be

performed at the center this year. More than 60 procedures have been performed so far, said Terry J. Fontenot, CEO of the hospital.

“There’s a huge demand for quality cardiac and vascular care in our service area, which includes Sunnyvale, Mesquite, Rockwall County, Kaufman County and beyond,” Fontenot said. “The Heart & Vascular Center is designed with two catheterization labs and a spacious cardiothoracic

suite.”

Coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, according to the American Heart Association. Cancer is second and stroke is third.

“The staff is well experienced and the new center has the latest in cardiac and vascular equipment available in North Texas,” said Dr. Mahmood Ali, who is a staff member at the hospital and also sees patients at Cardiac and Vascular Center, P.C., in Mesquite.

To celebrate the opening, cardiac calcium-scoring tests are \$97 for a limited time. The noninvasive procedure takes only minutes and shows three-dimensional interpretations, checking for build up of calcium in the form of plaque on the walls of coronary arteries.

Scoring tests are offered between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays and appointments aren’t necessary. For information, call 972-892-4785.



Left to right: Raymond Lyon, a registered nurse; Joe Rivera, a cardiovascular technician, and Cardiologist Prem S. Pillay treat a patient at Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale.

HHS Awards \$6.8 Million in Recovery Act Funds in Texas to Expand the Use of Health Information Technology

(NDG Wire) HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$6,879,269 for three grants awarded to organizations in Texas totaling \$10 million to help networks of health centers adopt electronic health records (EHR) and other health information technology (HIT) systems. The funds are part of the \$2 billion allotted to HHS’ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to expand health care services to low-income and uninsured individuals through its health center program.

“We need health information technology to bring our health care system into the 21st century,” said Sebelius.

“This essential technology improves the quality of care we all receive and helps make care more efficient.”

These grants will support new and enhanced EHR implementation projects as well as HIT innovation projects. Funds will allow the grantee to use EHR technology to improve health care quality, efficiency, and patient safety.

Eligible professionals practicing within health centers who are able to demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology may be eligible for incentive payments provided under Medicare and Medicaid.

“These funds will help safety net providers acquire state-of-the-art health information technology systems as they work to provide qual-

ity health care to millions of people in need,” said HRSA

Administrator Mary Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N.

10th Annual Battle of the Brains – Register Now

Test your skills in the Carrollton Public Library’s 10th Annual Battle of the Brains. Teams of four may register a team name and members’ names starting May 26 by calling 972-466-4800. The event will be limited

to 15 teams, so register early. The event will be held Saturday, June 26 from 2 until 6 p.m at Carrollton’s Hebron and Josey Library (4220 N. Josey Lane). Seating will be available for spectators at the event.



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McKinney City Manager resigns

(NDG Wire) After meeting with members of the City Council and coming to a mutual understanding of the best interests of the City Council and City Manager Frank Ragan, Mr. Ragan submitted his resignation to Mayor Brian Loughmiller, effective Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Mr. Ragan has been the City Manager in McKinney since March 2008.

“On behalf of each member of the City Council, we

all thank Mr. Ragan for his services to the city. While we believe that a new direction is necessary for the City of McKinney, we certainly are appreciative of Mr. Ragan’s efforts and wish him all the best in his future endeavors,” said Loughmiller.

Mayor Loughmiller stated that the transition will be seamless and that McKinney residents will continue to receive the same high quality of City services.

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tribulations, stress and success of prepping for sale, pricing, negotiating, and ultimately selling a home for the first time.

Taping will begin in Spring 2010 and will con-

tinue through Winter 2010. Ideal candidates will be motivated, financially candid people who want to share the experience and the purchase details with HGTV and their audience.

Singles, couples and families are all invited to apply.

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Dallas Bar Association Hosting Arts & Crafts Project for at risk children

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New Diabetes Center will serve underserved community in need

(NDG Wire) The impact of diabetes in the Dallas/Fort Worth area presents serious public health concerns for the North Texas community. It is estimated by the Baylor Healthcare system that 250,000 residents are currently living with diabetes, however it is estimated that 30% of the population is currently diagnosed. It is in response to these statistics that Baylor has committed \$15 million over 5 years to create the Diabetes Health & Wellness Institute at the Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center in the Frazier community of South Dallas.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, a non-practicing registered nurse, stood among civic leaders such as Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert to welcome the new facility and its mission of serving the health needs of the Dallas area. "The prevention and treatment of diabetes addresses one of the most important public health issues faced in our communities," said Congresswoman Johnson. "Unfortunately, diabetes most seriously affects our most vulnerable and underserved populations; those who can least find appropriate care

or even guidance on how to avoid this preventable disease." Statistically, the diabetes-related hospitalization rate is 17% higher for Southern Sector residents, and the mortality rate of those who reside in the 75210 zip code is three

times higher than the others in the greater Dallas area.

The new facility, which comes after renovating 20,000 square feet of the Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center, includes the new 5,000 square-foot health center and adding an addi-

tional 5,000 square foot for meeting/educational space. The Baylor Health Care System estimates that 10-to-15 new jobs will be created, and they are committed to hire from within the community.

Tom Landry Super Bowl Highway

(NDG Wire) On Tuesday, June 15 at 3:30 p.m., the Host Committee along with Alicia Landry will officially announce at Cotton Bowl Stadium the temporary renaming of Interstate-30 between Dallas and Fort Worth to "Tom Landry Super Bowl Highway." The 30 mile

section of I-30 was given the name "Tom Landry Highway" in honor of the Cowboys legendary head coach in October 2001, connecting the two cities with Arlington in the middle. The renaming will last through Super Bowl XLV on February 6, 2011.

Free lunch and snack all summer for youth ages 1-18

(NDG Wire) N.I.A. Kids Youth Service Organization, Inc. announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Lunch and Snack will be provided at 901 N. Polk, Ste. 380, DeSoto, TX 75115.

We are located in the suite between Beauty Town and Dollar General. We will provide nutritious and hot meals for lunch and a nutritious snack, to all children and

youth between the ages of 1 and 18 years of age.

- Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Snack 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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McKinney, McKinney ISD & Lovejoy ISD receive gold designation for financial transparency

(NDG Wire) The city of McKinney, the McKinney Independent School District and the Lovejoy Independent School District have all recently received a gold designation in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle by setting the bar in their financial transparency efforts.

More than 100 local governments across Texas have earned a spot in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle by posting budgets, financial reports and/or check registers online. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs launched the program in December 2009 to recognize cities, counties, school districts and other local governments that have taken their first steps toward openness, shown continued progress or even exceeded transparency

standards.

"The city of McKinney, McKinney ISD and Lovejoy ISD have all met a high standard for transparency and received gold status in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle by posting their budgets, financial reports and check registers online," Combs said

Through the Leadership Circle program, the Comptroller's office awards certificates based on a self-scoring checklist that evaluates how local governments provide online access to their expenses and revenue. Local governments receiving a gold, silver or bronze Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle award have opened their books to the public and provide clear, consistent pictures of spending with detailed in-

formation on how tax dollars are allocated and spent. These top-ranking entities provide information online in an easily accessible, user-friendly format and set up features that allow taxpayers to easily drill down for more detailed information.

"When we talk about transparency in terms of government spending, we're opening financial records for public examination so taxpayers can see exactly where their money is going," Combs said.

For tips and a step-by-step guide to achieve local government transparency, as well as a complete list of local governments in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle visit www.TexasTransparency.org/local/. New entities are typically added

on a weekly basis.

As part of an ongoing effort to set new standards for transparency and accountability in state government,

Combs has taken proactive steps since January 2007 to provide an open window on state spending. Transparency efforts in Texas have yielded

cost savings of \$51 million since 2007. To view the state's transparency efforts and tools, go to www.TexasTransparency.org.

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cellence Scholarship Program.

That first semester in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, Lunceford settled in to college life and Lucy lived with her grandmother. "There was such diversity — practically every apartment had a Caucasian, African-American, Indian and Hispanic student," Lunceford said. The group bonded through nights spent in heated debates and intellectual discussions. "We were kind of nerds, but we were having fun," she added.

Later, Dr. Dennis M. Kratz, then dean of undergraduate studies, created a job for Lunceford in his department, which enabled her to take a private apartment so that she and Lucy could have a place to themselves. Then he went even further. "He literally put a desk in his office suite so that I could work and study with Lucy next to me," Lunceford said. "That's how we got through college."

Lunceford also worked

in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, creating programs and activities to support student life. When she wasn't working or studying, she and her classmates were abuzz. After all, they were one of the first freshman classes to attend UT Dallas after the Texas Legislature authorized the University to admit freshmen and sophomores for the first time in 1990.

They felt like pioneers.

"We started or were part of almost every program at UT Dallas — Greek life, student government and student clubs. This is a big reason that my law school applications were so successful," she said.

When it was time to apply to law schools, Drs. Greg Thielemann and Anthony Champagne, along with then-University President Franklyn G. Jenifer, "each sat down with me and wrote my recommendations."

Heading to the Ivy League, "I did not feel intimidated on an academic level," she said. "I wasn't

quite sure what to expect, but I think my education at UT Dallas put me ahead of most folks."

Fresh out of Harvard, she went to the Jones Day law firm in Dallas, where she spent a year training as a litigator. Wanting to "make a positive contribution," she left private practice and accepted a position as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Labor, where she focused on enforcing laws covering fair wages, discrimination and whistleblower protection.

Lunceford returned to corporate practice in 2005 and defended companies regarding a variety of employment issues. Her passion for the underdog persisted, however, prompting the opening of her own practice, where she works with individual clients on issues such as employment discrimination and retaliation as well as family law disputes.

She lives in DeSoto and now has three children, Lucy, 18, and 6-year-old twins, Theron and Jenora.

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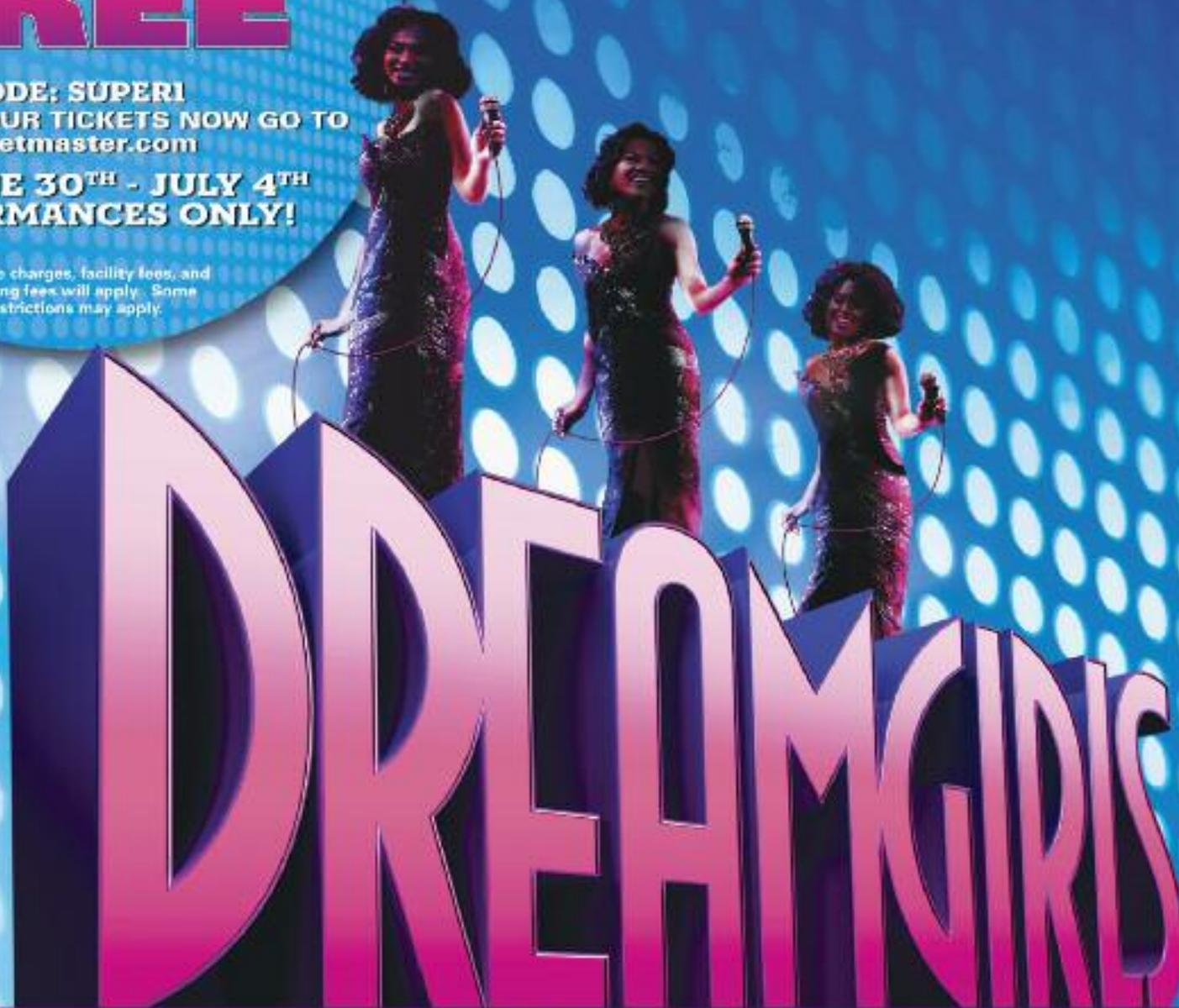
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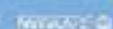
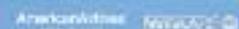
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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CCBC General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Call 469-424-1020 or email: info@CCBlackChamber.org for location.

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June 10

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

June 11-12

Ham-Com 2010 Come to the largest Amateur Radio gathering in Texas! One grand prize awarded each day plus door prize drawings every hour for radios. General Admission: \$9.00 online (ends May 30, 2010); \$10.00 at the event. General admission price includes access to commercial exhibits, indoor flea market and entry in door prize drawings. Family members \$7.00 online; \$8.00 at the event. NO CHARGE for K-12 students (18 and under). All parking is on-site and F-R-E-E! The full-color event flyer with complete schedule, speaker bios and other important information in Adobe PDF format will be available for F-R-E-E download from hamcom.org. For info: Barry A. Goldblatt, WA5KXX at 972-596-4669 or office@hamcom.org.

June 11

McKinney Main Street is proud to announce the first annual **"Bike the Bricks"** closed course "crit" bike race in Historic Downtown McKinney on Friday, June 11, 2010. The focus will be to deliver a nail-biting and interactive event that will draw increased exposure not only to health and wellness but highlighting our one-of-a-kind Historic downtown. The event will include interval races along with a mayoral cup challenge (inviting the community and beyond to join the race), live entertainment, food and drink. The climax of the event will draw in racers from across the state and beyond as these cyclists square off and chase a purse in the amount of \$15,000. For more information on this event, please contact McKinney Main Street at 972.547.2660 or visit www.downtownmckinney.com

June 12

20th Annual Komen North Texas Race for the Cure at The Plano Campuses of HP and The Campus at Legacy, Legacy at Parkwood Drive, east of the North Dallas Tollway. The Komen North Texas Race for the Cure 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

The University of North Texas at Dallas invites high school graduates and other potential students to an open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Business Basics Training for Entrepreneurs from 9am to 6pm with The PLAN Fund at 2801 Swiss Ave., Dallas. Call 214-942-6698 or visit planfund.org.

2010 Garland NAACP Image Awards will once

again showcase the best and brightest youth in Garland and surrounding communities. The event will be held at the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 1233 State Highway 66, Garland at 6 p.m.

June 15 - 17

Tax Alliance Conference is a tax seminar for EAs, CPAs and attorneys. Topics include both preparation and representation. Earn up to 20 hours of CPE credit for EAs and CPAs. Admission: Go to www.taxalliance.org, contact Larry Jones at 214-696-2661 or visit www.taxalliance.org

June 16 - 19

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June 19 - 20

Plano Gun & Knife Show is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will feature Guns, Knives, Ammo, Coins, Artifacts, Reloading Supplies and accessories. Admission \$8 for adults; children under 12 free with parent. Info: Allen Bowles at 918-658-4500

June 20

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June 26 - September 5

Constructive Spirit: Abstract Art in South and North America, 1920s-1950s at the Amon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

June 26

20th Annual Don't Believe The Hype Celebrity Bowl A Thon Fundraiser from 6 p.m. to midnight at USA Bowl, 10920 Composite Drive, Dallas. Fun, food, social networking, auction celebrity event with a portion of proceeds benefiting UNCF scholarships.

June 27

The North Dallas Suburban Foundation for Life Development and Community Involvement will host a **Fashion Extravaganza** from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas, Texas. The cost of tickets is \$35 per person. Info: www.ndsfoundation.org.

June 30-July 18

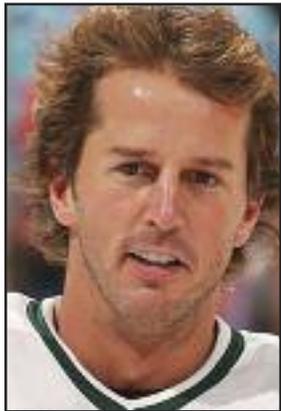
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Celebs and pro athletes take the field for Ninth-Annual Reebok Heroes celebrity baseball game June 26 at Dr. Pepper Ballpark



Mike Modano



DeMarcus Ware

(NDG Wire) Local luminaries Mike Modano, DeMarcus Ware, Mark Cuban, Bradie James, Daryl Johnston and more team up for a weekend that's raised over \$1.5 million to date for local youth

See stars swing, slide, steal and score at the ninth-annual Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game on Saturday, June 26, at 6 p.m.

at the Dr Pepper Ballpark in Frisco (7300 RoughRiders Trail). Famous faces will include Mike Modano, Mark Cuban, Jason Kidd, Bradie James, DeMarcus Ware, Warren Sapp, Daryl Johnston, Drew Pearson, Kidd Kraddick and more. Money raised will benefit the children's charities of The Heroes Foundation and The Mike Modano Foundation.

Gates to the Dr Pepper Ballpark will open at 2:30 p.m. The first pitch of the Whataburger Heroes Special Olympic All-Star Softball Game will be thrown at 3 p.m. Then the star-studded celeb and amateur hitters will take the field to display their athletic prowess for the Baylor Medical Center at Frisco Celebrity Home Run Derby at 4 p.m., followed by the Celebrity Baseball Game at 6 p.m.

The Blue Socks and White Socks baseball teams, each made up of 10+ celebrity players and 10+ amateurs, will play "hard-charging, umpires-umping, trash-talking, uniform-wearing, base-stealing, home run-hitting, nine-inning, authentic baseball!"

Greg Swindell, former Major League All-Star pitcher, will pitch.

Here is the line-up for

this year's game (players subject to change):

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

Bradie James (Dallas Cowboys linebacker and defensive captain)

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

Jason Kidd (Dallas Mavs point-guard and 10-time NBA All-Star)

Mark Cuban (Dallas Mavs owner)

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

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

Daryl "Moose" Johnston (former Dallas Cowboys full-back and three-time Super Bowl Champion)

Mike Hamlin (Dallas Cowboys safety)

Kidd Kraddick (radio host of nationally syndicated show Kidd Kraddick in the Morning)

Donald Faison (actor of TV series "Scrubs")

Bryan Greenberg (actor of HBO's "How to Make It in America")

Brett Hull (NHL Hall of Famer and two-time Stanley Cup Winner)

Roberto Marroquin (undefeated up-and-coming boxer from Oak Cliff)

Geoff Stults (actor of TV series "October Road" and movies "The Express" and "The Break-up")

Ben Grieve (former Chicago White Sox outfielder)

Game's first female player Nancy Lieberman (Basketball Hall of Famer, two-time Olympian, three-time All-American and head coach of Frisco's NBA D-League team the Texas Legends)

Singing the National Anthem will be the show choir from Central High School in

Tickets, parking and more information

Tickets are \$5, \$7, \$12 and \$15 and are on sale at Ticketmaster (1-800-745-3000 or ticketmaster.com) or at the Dr Pepper Ballpark Box Office during office hours. Will call will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 26. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Parking for the general public will be available at Lots A, B, C and E.



Bradie James



Mark Cuban



Jason Kidd



Donald Faison

North Texas children to benefit from baseball weekend

The Heroes Foundation is a non-profit initiative providing Dallas inner-city youth the opportunity to participate in team baseball, basketball, educational and cultural curriculums, all while building self-confidence.

The Heroes programs allow youth to learn the fundamentals of baseball and basketball through clinics, instructional leagues, one-on-one training and tournaments. Heroes also brings sports training and competition to children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. It is the Heroes focus to empower and embrace those with disabilities so that they might break free of soci-



ety's expectations and be accepted in their communities. The Heroes Foundation gives 100% of the money raised to direct project costs, funding sustainable athletic programs for Dallas inner-city youth and for the physically and intellectually challenged. We work to raise awareness by finding heroes for them and making heroes of them. For details, go to heroesbaseball.org.

Proceeds will also go to The Mike Modano Foundation, dedicated to raising

funds to improve the lives of at-risk and under-served children in the Dallas area, specifically children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. In addition, Modano's foundation provides funding for organizations whose purpose is to offer education to children and families suffering the devastation of abuse to help break the cycle of abuse.

In September 2003, the Mike Modano Infant and Toddler Cottage at Jonathon's Place opened its doors to help at-risk children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. For details, go to mikedmodano.com/foundation.

Keller.

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 Mavs owner Mark Cuban and Mavs player 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 ama-

teurs Troy Haugen, John Traubold and Richard Barge.

A 10-minute fireworks finale sponsored by Baylor Medical Center at Frisco will follow the game.

Media sponsors are WFAA Channel 8, 103.3 FM ESPN Radio, ESPN Deportes 1540 AM and Star Community Newspapers.

For more information, go to heroesbaseball.org. Also, become a fan of Heroes Foundation on Facebook and get the latest updates.

Jammin' In June starts this week in McKinney

(NDG Wire) McKinney brings back its popular music in the park series, Jammin in June, starting this Thursday, June 10.

Local musicians are warming up their instruments for the outdoor evening concerts at Towne Lake Park, 1405 Wilson Creek Park-

way.

Jammin' in June runs every Thursday in June from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Groups will perform on

McKinney's portable stage, which will sit in the clearing near the volleyball court, providing plenty of lawn seating. The line-up in-

cludes Needfire on June 10, Studio 54 on June 17 and the John Wynn String Fever on June 24.

Admission and parking

are free. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs or a picnic basket, but alcohol is not allowed in city parks.

The Power and Force of Black Music Month

BY NICOLE C. LEE

(NNPA) Music has been an important piece of my life. As a political activist I have used music to motivate myself and inspire others. I have seen the power of the lyrics move people to great heights. Melodies backed by instruments have been a source of continuous encouragement and a vehicle which crystallizes ideas. Apart from humming to myself to a favorite tune or tapping on desk to a wonderful melody, music has also given me food for thought. This is why I join people all over the country in celebration of June as African American Music Appreciation Month a.k.a. Black Music Month.

Music has inspired African-Americans for centuries. From the daily drums on the African continent to James Brown shouting, "Say it loud, I'm Black and I'm proud." Over 30 years ago Stevie Wonder emphasized to us what was in our hearts that songs are "in the key of life."

His masterpiece album gave us a history lesson, inspired us to treat each other with love and challenged us to liberate our minds.

Wonder commences his musical journey by stating that "Love's In Need of Love Today."

Although this was in 1976 he could be talking about today as we deal various forms of intolerance: from racist immigration policies to worldwide policies that discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation. The song "Black Man" is a history lesson of the contributions of various peoples that make up the United States. Wonder recounts the contributions of people such as Crispus Attucks, Benjamin Banneker, Caesar Chavez and Thomas Edison. Stevie Wonder challenges us as he says in *Pastime Paradise*.

*Let's start living our lives
Living for the future paradise*

Praise to our lives

Living for the future paradise

Shame to anyone's lives

Living in a pastime paradise

African-American musicians have consistently used music to challenge us to confront the truth. This was clearly evident in Billie Holiday's rendition of *Strange Fruit*, with vivid lyrics and pain in her voice she laments the horrors of lynching without using the word but you knew all too well she means:

Southern trees bear strange fruit,

Blood on the leaves and blood at the root,

Black body swinging in the Southern breeze,

Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees.

Pastoral scene of the gullant South,

The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth,

Scent of magnolia sweet and fresh,

Then the sudden smell of burning flesh!

Here is fruit for the crows

to pluck,

For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck,

For the sun to rot, for the trees to drop,

Here is a strange and bitter crop.

The heritage of challenging the status quo is conveyed in Marvin Gaye's *What's Going On*. At the height of the Vietnam War Gaye eloquently provides us a peace song as he says:

Mother, mother

There's too many of you crying

Brother, brother, brother

There's far too many of you dying.

You know we've got to find a way

To bring some lovin' here today—ya

Father, father, father we don't to escalate

You see war is not the answer

Music played an important educational and mobilizing tool to support the liberation movement in South Africa. During the movement against apartheid in his song *Johannesburg*, Gil Scott-Heron asked us:

What's the word?

Tell me brother, have you heard from Johannesburg?

What's the word?

Sister/woman have you heard from Johannesburg?

They tell me that our brothers over there are de-

fyin' the Man

We don't know for sure because the news we get is unreliable, man

Well I hate it when the blood starts flowin'

but I'm glad to see resistance growin'

Somebody tell me what's the word?

Tell me brother, have you heard from Johannesburg?

As we celebrate African American Music Month let's embrace the total power of this cultural instrument. Through music we are taught history and challenged to make a better world.

Nicole C. Lee is president of TransAfrica Forum.

SMU hosting gaming conference

SMU plays host to international artists in gaming, animation and special effects - including key contributors to the movie blockbusters *Avatar* and *Alice in Wonderland* - during the 9th annual Industry Giants conference June 12-13 on the main campus.

The program, Industry

Giants: Creative Alchemy, will include panel discussions and master classes with animators and effects artists in film, television and game development.

The event is hosted by The Guildhall at SMU, the Texas Film Commission and A Bunch of Short Guys, a Dallas-based filmmaking,

visual effects, animation and game development non-profit organization. Conference events are open to the public. All sessions will be held in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. For a detailed schedule, speaker bios ticket costs and master class descriptions, visit www.industrygiants.org.

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cation as a means to getting off the street. "Persevere, make sure you go to school," said Whiten, "at the end of the day, all the people at DCSS, if they're good or bad, they're going back home with their families."

He continued, "You got to make sure that you establish something for yourself, so that one day you can say home and you can actually mean it. You don't have to worry about nobody coming to tell you to leave."

Whiten is a strong

young man who intends on getting his education and a home for himself. As he said, himself, "life gives you lemons, learn how to make lemonade...so you strawberries, make sure you make strawberry-lemonade."

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Financial Experts See Hope for Mid-Market Firms

(NDG Wire) As the economy moves from recession into recovery, the nation's largest companies have been more successful in securing loans and capital than their smaller counterparts. Still, recovery for small and mid-market companies may be on the horizon, according to a panel of financial experts who spoke at a recent UT Dallas conference.

A panel of professionals who specialize in mid-market lending and financing addressed the topic: "Where Will Growth Capital Come From?" at a conference held at the School of Management and sponsored by the school's Center for Finance Strategy Innovation.

Cautiously optimistic, the speakers told the audience that middle-market firms looking to finance growth may slowly see lending hurdles diminish, but businesses face tighter lending terms and may want

to consider non-traditional alternatives.

"The GDP we have right now is equivalent to the GDP that existed in mid-2008, so on a GDP basis, we're back to where we were two years ago," said David Oden, a partner with Haynes & Boone who moderated the panel. "But two years ago, I was fat, dumb and happy, and today I'm no longer fat, nor am I happy."

Still, Oden said, the current lending environment has improved since a year ago, when the market was much more volatile. One of

Oden's colleagues, he said, assessed today's environment thusly: "The fear of a year ago has dissipated and now things are flat. Flat is the new up."

Oden agrees. "Things are at least holding steady. They're clearly not getting any worse. They're probably getting better," he said. "I don't think we're getting through this recession in a rip-roaring fashion. I think we're kind of creeping our way out of it."

Mary Jo Hoch, senior vice president of Capital One Bank, said banks that are offering loans will use

secured lending and will not lend solely against future cash flows. This observation was echoed by Ron Stacey, managing director of Legacy Advisors, an investment banking firm that specializes in middle-market mergers and acquisitions, corporate financing and financial restructuring.

Stacey added that there are alternative sources of capital available. "If you need growth capital, there are ways to get it, especially finance companies, which are non-regulated and are coming into the markets now. We're getting two or

three calls a week from asset-based finance companies that are starting to fill this void," Stacey said.

Jorge Jaramillo, a director of ORIX Capital, a large international lender new to the Dallas area, stressed that loans are available, especially for the stronger and larger mid-market companies and for special situations such as acquisitions and restructurings, but equity requirements for loans are now higher.

The panelists agreed that loan standards are now higher and asset-based lending is at the center of

activity. "Equipment needs can be done on a leasing basis. Sometimes you can do sale leaseback on real estate. The market is pretty active and driven mostly by private investors," Stacey said.

"There is money out there and deals are getting done," said Trey Vincent, principal at the Riverside Company, a private equity firm that invests in equity positions in middle-market firms. "But while we are aggressively looking for deals to do, we are much more cautious."

Ribbon Cutting and PM Connections at Peace Pipe Cafe

(NDG Wire) The Richardson Chamber of Commerce will officially welcome its new member company, the Peace Pipe Cafe, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. The ribbon cutting will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the Chamber's PM Connections after hours networking event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Free food and beverages will be served. The neighboring Peace Pipe Hookah Lounge,

under the same ownership, also will host an open house. Both establishments are located at 580 W. Arapaho Road.

The Peace Pipe Cafe serves delicious Lebanese and Mediterranean food in a lovely atmosphere. The Peace Pipe Hookah Lounge is the only hookah lounge in Dallas which is also a sports bar. The environment is casual with big, cozy chairs and flat screens for customers to watch sports or movies.

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ante enforcement of those amendments. No right thinking American can seriously argue that our nation is not better because of those actions.

Rand Paul can claim that his position is rooted not in racism, but in the worship of individual rights and the free market. But, society's role has always been to protect against abuses from the free market. What other atrocities would he allow in the name of private enterprise? And how does Paul's disdain for government interference square with his support for a Constitutional ban on a woman's right to choose?

Rand Paul may have won a primary a few weeks ago, but in my view he has lost HIS moral authority. Clearly, he is on the wrong side of history.

Marc Morial is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

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lowed by a town hall meeting at Dallas City Hall in late August. All the while, we gathered input from local postal workers.

Postal officials have spent the past year evaluating the options available to help stem revenue losses estimated at \$20 million a day nationally. And while there's been multiple issues

of world and local importance; the healthcare debate, an earthquake in Haiti and a still tedious economy, I thought it time to follow up on my involvement related to the local post office, as we have continued to monitor this situation.

My information to date is that postal officials will continue with plans to move

a postmarking unit from the Dallas Main Post Office to the North Texas Processing and Distribution Center in Coppell. Estimates are that this could result in the relocation of up to 117 jobs from the Dallas facility. Those exact numbers have not been finalized.

As part of this move, all outgoing mail collected in Dallas, will bear a new postmark that reflects Dallas as an originating point and processing functions performed at Coppell. Initial plans had this transfer taking place July 1, but have since been delayed until

mid-October.

Last Fall, the Postal Service offered early retirement to eligible postal clerks nationwide. Since then, more than 200 clerks retired from Dallas. Postal officials say this will impact the number of positions that will leave the Main Post Office for the Coppell plant. Still, other cost-cutting measures are underway including consolidation studies involving the Airlawn, Brookhollow, Inwood and Northwest stations; more may be considered. More savings are expected to be gained through attrition.

The issue that now tops headlines nationally is the post office's pondering of a plan to discontinue Saturday pickups, deliveries and processing. Stations would continue to accept Saturday mail and service post office boxes. One of seven nationwide Postal Regulatory Commission hearings on the subject took place a few weeks ago in Dallas. A move to five-day delivery would also require Congressional approval.

Post office execs say the postmark unit move would save an estimated \$9 million a year locally for the quasi-

private agency (the post office has not been federally funded since 1982) that projects its 10-year losses at \$238 billion if it stays the current course. Its revenues come from selling stamps and making deliveries, both of which have been dramatically impacted by the influences of Internet technology. Another postage rate hike is all but certain.

Most are confident that the USPS will survive, but doing business-as-usual will not be part of a streamlined, downsized future. What's Lance Armstrong doing these days? Pony Express?

Jury Finds in Favor of City in Teiper vs. Plano Case

(NDG Wire) Last week, a federal jury found in favor of the City of Plano in a lawsuit brought by former employee Steve Teiper. He was discharged in October 2008 for abandoning his position when he took unexcused leave.

The jury found that Teiper's claims under the Family and Medical Leave Act were unfounded and granted a verdict for the City. Attorneys Marigny Lanier and Robert Maris represented Plano in this case.



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June 17, 12 p.m.

Join us for a "Between Jobs Support Group" meeting at the Christian Works for Children, 6320 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240. Call 972-960-9981 to register.

June 19, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join us for our Annual Ladies Program with Freida Hairston from Eastside CofC in Winston Salem, NC and Cherry Spencer from Avenue F CofC in Plano, TX. Theme: "Look How Far We've Come." All ladies are welcomed; and there is a special session planned for young ladies. Registration is ongoing; call Cheryl Morgan @ 469-744-9645 or Pam Mohair @ 214-335-1234 for details.

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June 26, 8:30 a.m.

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Dr. Jerome McNeil, Jr. Senior Pastor
14120 Noel Road
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Visit Helen's House every Monday and Friday to receive, to give, to comfort and most of all to fellowship. The give-a-way of food, love and household items is given freely to all those who could use a little touch.

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In conjunction with Red Cross, we are having a blood drive, "Let's Give Back."

Pastor Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing
635 W. Campbell Road
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Richardson, TX 75080
972-480-0200

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972-359-9956

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Pastor Gregory Foster,
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972-235-4235

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June 13, 11 a.m.

You're invited to our Children Church Graduation in Solomon's Porch.

June 13, 4 p.m.
Don't forget Extravaganza Sunday in the Gym.

June 20
All males are asked to join us for our Father and Son breakfast, call the church for details.

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

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June 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
You're invited to the GEM Luncheon with First Lady

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June 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Join us for our Women's Ministry Enrichment program.

Pastor Robert Townsend
11611 Webb Chapel Road
Dallas, TX 75229
972-241-6151

NEW MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
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You are invited to visit our Job Resource Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in our Computer Training Room in the Educational Building.

June 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Come to give and support a Blood Drive in honor of Leah Siegel at the parking lot area of Dave & Buster @ Walnut Hill and Central Expressway.

June 19, 10 a.m.
Come see our Annual Vacation Bible School Parade. Call the church for details.

June 25, 6:30 p.m.
Join us at VBS to learn, have fun and to fellowship.
Dr. Robert Price, Sr., Senior Pastor
9550 Shepherd Road
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214-341-6459

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
June 14-18

Get ready for our Vacation Bible School/Summer Semi-

nar Series. Call the church for details.

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You're invited to our Life Strategies Seminar Series. Call the church for details.
Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 S. Sherman Street
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SHILOH MBC IN PLANO
June 12, 7 p.m.

Young men of Shiloh ages 10 and up are invited to a Frisco Rough Riders baseball game at the Dr. Pepper Ballpark in Frisco, TX it is sponsored by our Brotherhood Ministry and the Junior Laymen. Call Bro. Rusty Glenn at 214-870-8496 or Bro. Willie Rivers at 972-922-9190 for complete details, registration and fees.

June 14-18
Come to The Step and Go Green for Jesus - Vacation Bible School 2010 Bible course; it seeks to encourage youth and adults toward good stewardship of everything that God has given. Student registration is after each service in the Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Isaiah Joshua, Jr. Senior Pastor
920 E. 14th Street
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-6695

SAINT MARK MBC IN MCKINNEY
June 12, 12 p.m.

And on Going Every 2nd Saturday of the Month All Senior Saints are invited to our Double Nickel (55 and above) Luncheon @ the Newsome Center on Am-scott Street in McKinney. Activities include lunch, bingo and door prizes. Come and bring a friend. If you are homebound, we will deliver to you. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than the Friday, June 11th (this month) before the luncheon and leave a message with your name, address, phone number and how many meals you need.

June 14-18
Come to our Family-Style VBS. Call the church for details.

Dr. Charles Wattlely Senior Pastor
1308 Wilcox Street
McKinney TX 75069
972-542-6178

VICTORY COVENANT COMMUNITY MINISTRIES
June 26, 12 p.m.

Apostle Roy and Prophetess Daisy Bell are hosting a "Husband & Wife Tiffany Luncheon @ the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak Street in Dallas. Call Sis. Paula Montgomery for tickets and details @ 972-572-2041.

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Sister Tarpley

Words of Wisdom for Graduates

Congratulations to the 2010 graduates from Elementary School to Middle/Junior High School; from High School to a College/University or Trade School and from a College/University to a school of higher learning or the workforce.

As you reach another crossroad in your life, remember to draw on wisdom found in "The Bible."

The Bible is the greatest instruction book you will ever read and study. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV)**

I have learned that true success goes beyond the trappings of wealth, power, and prestige; it is honoring God in your everyday life. It's honoring Him in your home, your school, your workplace, at church, and in your community.

An unknown author once said of **the Bible: The Bible**, "Contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is Holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are

true and its decisions are immutable." "Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be Holy."

The Bible contains, "Light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, and the soldier's sword. In **The Bible** paradise is restored, Heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its main object, and the glory of God is its end."

The Bible should, "Fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet." "It is a source of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of joy."

The Bible is given to you in life, it will be opened at the judgment, and it will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities; it will reward the greatest labor; and it will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."

Many people have what seems like insurmountable problems, they have life pressures. **The Bible** says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray . . . **II Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)**

I believe that if people revered the Scriptures as they once did, this world would be a much better

place for everybody.

Secret to Happiness— Learn to: 1) Trust God in the face of adversity. 2) Forget the unpleasant things that come into your life. 3) Apologize if you believe that you have offended someone; believe that a sincere apology is the superglue of life. 4) Admit an error; and do your best to learn from them. 5) Try your best to Avoid mistakes. 6) Listen to advice; and ask God to help you make the right decision. 7) Keep your temper (God said to be yea angry and sin not. 8) Shoulder the blame. 9) Make the best of things. 10) Maintain high standards. 11) Think first and act accordingly. 12) Put the needs of your family and others before your own. 13) Forgive and forgive some more. 14) Pray with-

out ceasing for family, friends, church members, leaders of your church and leaders our country.

In Four Steps: 1) Ask God to show you Self-Realization. Ask Him, "How undone am I? Ask God to teach you what to say, do, act, and how to talk. 2) Learn to make Quality Decisions in order to please God, based on His word, not on what you have or what you don't have. 3) Ask God to, Renew Your Mind. Ask that He turn on the light from Heaven, show you the truth so that you may see, walk, and talk right. Ask for help to get away from the Spirit of Covetousness. 4) Ask for help to Build Boundaries. Be selective of people, places and things; help in where you go and what you do. There are times in this



Ms. Deloris Murray and Sister Tarpley honoring graduates

life that we get in the wrong lane and need to move over. Stay with God's thoughts. Hold to His unchanging hands to make the change you want.

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participate in a variety of activities including Combine Training, Position Drills, Skills Competitions, and 7 on 7 games. Camp of Conquerors is designed to present attendees with not only techniques and fundamentals needed for success on the field, but also off. Character building speeches and lessons on sportsmanship, sense of responsibility, and dedication to achieving excellence, are a fundamental part of the camp.

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(NDG Wire) In response to the damage caused by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has deployed two Mobile Workforce Center units to Louisiana to provide job-search and referral services to those whose jobs have been affected by the disaster. The Workforce Solutions Cameron and South Texas mobile units are equipped with computers, Internet access, and provide

staff assistance for processing applications for jobs in the cleanup and hiring events for BP-contracted employers.

“Just as TWC has responded to its neighboring states during previous natural disasters, we are pleased to assist the Louisiana Workforce Commission in a time of need,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. “TWC has another mobile unit on standby for deployment if necessary.”

The Cameron local workforce development board unit is stationed in Grand Isle, Louisiana; and the South Texas’ local workforce development board unit is located in Cut Off, Louisiana. Both have been in Louisiana since May 17.

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