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## Juneteenth Activities

(NDG Wire) Often cited as African American's Independence Day, Juneteenth has been deemed a special day of recognition by many municipalities and states. The observances commemorate June 19, 1865, the day the Emancipation Proclamation was ann-

ounced in Texas, the last of the seceding states to be occupied by the federal army. These are a few of the upcoming activities to celebrate Juneteenth this year.

**Juneteenth Revival** is scheduled for June 17, 18, and 19 at Loving Evangelistic Bible Church,

Pastor Bobby R. Armstrong. The church is located at 4002 S. Denly Dr., Dallas, Texas 75216. The revival will be held each night at 7:30 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Jesse Fudge of the Heavenly Embassy Church. They invite the community to come and hear a

word from Heaven and be blessed.

**The Plano Douglass Community Center** is providing a day full of activities in celebration of Juneteenth 2009 on Saturday, June 20. The event will be held at the

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## Vacation Bible School – A Summer Spiritual Adventure

BY RUTH FERGUSON

Throughout the city as children turn in their textbooks and close out another academic school year, some will soon find themselves in a different type of classroom. Each year many congregations throw open their doors for one to two weeks Bible school training

commonly known as Vacation Bible School (VBS) for their youth and those in the community. VBS often features music, crafts and refreshments as the students learn more about the fundamentals of their faith and form lasting friendships and memories. VBS is not only for the very

young, several offer classes for adults, in addition to opportunities to serve.

*The North Dallas Gazette* extended the opportunity for area churches to send announcements regarding their upcoming VBS plans. The information below is the response we

received.

**First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park** is hosting their Vacation Bible School June 17-19 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. nightly. For more information, [vbs@fbchp.org](mailto:vbs@fbchp.org).

Potter's House

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## Area Fire Chiefs Oppose Passage of SB1410



Plano Mayor Phil Dryer and Colin County Fire Marshal Steven Deffibaugh.

BY RUTH FERGUSON

On Monday, June 8, the Plano Fire Department held a press conference along with area fire chiefs to express their concerns regarding the passage of Senate Bill 1410. The bill was opposed by several prominent groups such as the Texas fire chiefs

Association and the Texas Fire Marshal's Association. However, despite their concerns the bill passed the Senate on April 7 and with amendments received approval in the House on May 29 on the eve of the end of the leg-

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Yes We Can... Have a  
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BLACKONOMICS

## Celebrating Civil Rights in the Shadow of Civil Wrongs

BY JAMES CLINGMAN (NNPA) On June 20, 2009, major league baseball will hold its annual Civil Rights Game in my hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The game was previously held in Memphis, Tenn., the city in which our most notable civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in 1968. The game is the crowning event of a weekend comprising several

other activities to celebrate the Civil Rights struggle in America.

There will be awards, panel discussions, dialogues, and a Youth Summit on the city's downtown Fountain Square, featuring TV stars, former Major League players, and local personalities.

Former President Bill Clinton will deliver the speech at the Awards

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## Tracy Darity

Tracy Darity was born, raised, and currently resides in St. Petersburg, Florida. She is the mother of three daughters, Morgan, Jasmin, and Shaunte. Tracy currently works in the benefits industry as a Relationship Manager but has long dreamed of becoming a published author.

As a child she had a creative imagination and a love for reading. In her early teens she began writing short stories as a hobby. It was not until she attend-

ed the 1997 Essence Festival in New Orleans, Louisiana, that she decided she wanted to fulfill her dream of becoming a novelist. The words of Tavis Smiley inspired her. During his speech at one of the forums she jotted down this message, "We all have a God given talent but if you don't have the desire to define, develop, and deliver your talent, you will always be in the audience and never on stage."

Tracy returned home from the festival energized

and began penning her first novel. Although the manuscript was completed in late 1998, she became discouraged after receiving rejection letter after rejection letter from the publishing industry. She shelved her manuscript but every now and then she would pull it out and do minor rewrites. The desire to have her work published still simmered deep inside. In 2004 the flame inside of her reignited and she made the decision to pursue self-publishing. As time passed she began to feel discouraged again but refused to give up. She did research,

talked with other self-published authors, and continued to believe that her dream would one day become a reality.

Tracy is now six months into the self-publishing journey and greets each day with the new opportunities it is sure to present. Taking the self-publishing route has been the more exciting than she ever anticipated. She has met many Authors, and readers and made many new friends. The advances in on-line promotion is phenomenal. Social networking sites connect authors with readers and

help them define their target audience. Then there are services that allow authors to put their information in the inboxes of potential buyers. If she had it to do over she wouldn't change a

thing. Presenting her baby "He Loves Me he Loves Me Not!" to the world has been one of her proudest moments. Her next release



is scheduled for later this year and is entitled, "Love...Like Snow In Florida On A Hot Summer Day."

## Rodney J. Reynolds

RJR Communications, Inc., the parent company of *American Legacy Magazine*, announced the end of a nearly decade-and-a-half partnership with *Forbes* magazine. The first issue published solely under RJR Communications (Summer 2009) was just released on newsstands.

"Since the magazine was launched in 1995 *Forbes* has held a stake in the publication", said Rodney J.

Reynolds, founder and publisher of the *American Legacy*. "After much consideration, both companies agreed back in January that it was in our best interests to end the partnership to focus on each company's individual priorities and objectives."

Since the separation -- and with the unwavering support of its advertisers -- the publication has seen more opportunities, but also



more challenges at a time when the nation is focused on a battered economy. RJR Communications successful-

ly relocated its offices and assumed responsibility for its re-designed Web site, all while maintaining its production schedule for its latest issue.

Reynolds is excited about the company's, newest products, "The Know Your History Game," the family board game about African American history and culture; to the "Black History Curriculum Guide," a resource for educators seeking to integrate multicultural studies into their curriculum in the classroom.

"Our partnership with *Forbes* magazine was very rewarding. Together we produced an informative and educational product that has provided a fuller view of African American history and culture," said Reynolds.

No one can predict the future, but my hope is that the work of this organization will be, and will be perceived to be essential -- not peripheral to the progress of African American history, culture and also society as a whole," Reynolds concluded.

Reynolds notes that change provides new opportunities for American Legacy and encourages anyone interested in learning more about ownership and investment opportunities to contact him at rreynolds@americanlegacymag.com. "While these are very challenging times in our industry, these are also exciting times for our magazine and brand" he said.

For more information on American Legacy magazine visit [www.americanlegacy.com](http://www.americanlegacy.com).

## Pastor Terrance Autry

Terrence Autry, pastor of Eirene Christian Fellowship in Richardson, TX recently received his Doctorate of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. A celebra-

tion will be held to commemorate the occasion on Sunday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m. at Eirene Christian Fellowship located at 701 E. Centennial Blvd. in Richardson, Texas.

Pastor Autry, born in



Los Angeles, CA, completed his undergraduate work at the University of Alabama in 1983 with a Business degree in Accounting. He obtained his Master of Business Administration degree from California State - Dominguez Hills. In spite of these accomplishments, Pastor Autry felt the Lord leading him in a different direction. He entered Dallas Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Theology degree in May of 1994.

In June of 1991, Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas hired Pastor Autry as its Pastor of Youth & Christian Education, under its dynamic Senior Pastor, Frederick Douglas Haynes, III.

Pastor Autry subsequently was promoted to the position of Assistant Pastor. During his 6 1/2 year tenure at Friendship-West, Pastor Autry developed many impacting programs.

In October of 1997, Eirene Christian Fellowship was founded. As the Senior Pastor, Pastor Autry, affectionately known as "Pastor T," has led Eirene for over nine years of dynamic ministry and growth. He entered Fuller Theological Seminary to begin work on his Doctorate of Ministry degree in 2003.

Pastor Autry has been married to his best friend, Lisa, for nearly 20 years. They have two sons, ages 16 and 13. Pastor T. also loves the game of basketball at all levels, and is a die-hard Laker fan. Most important of all, Pastor

Autry is a man of faith who loves the Lord his God with all of his heart, with

all of his soul, with all of his mind, and with all of his strength.

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Luncheon honoring my personal hero, Muhammad Ali, along with Hank Aaron, and Dr. Bill Cosby.

Who knows? Maybe President Obama will throw out the first pitch, especially since our Mayor, Mark Mallory, did such a poor job of it on opening day of 2007. It's going to be a big deal, folks, and it's happening in Cincinnati, Ohio.

You may recall Cincinnati in 2001-2004. In my book, Black-O-Knowledge, Stuff we need to know, the section titled, Home Cookin', describes the state of my city during that period. You may recall that, in this city where the 2009 Civil Rights Game will be played, there was civil unrest and a national boycott after Timothy Thomas, a Black man, was killed by a "frightened" White police officer; and even prior to that killing there was Roger Owensby, a Black man, not even wanted by police, who was choked to death by overzealous white officers during his arrest.

You may even recall a Black man named Nathaniel Jones who was killed by police officers on December 3, 2003. And, you probably have never heard of Lorenzo Collins, a Black man who was holding a brick and surrounded by 15 police officers, two of whom shot and killed him for some strange reason. Or, you may want to do a Google search on

Michael Carpenter, a Black man who was shot in the back of his head by a White police officer while Carpenter was sitting in his car trying to obey the cop's order to exit. Not one day of jail time was done for those murders.

While Cincinnati is known for many Civil Rights issues, those are just a few of the most egregious. The Cincinnati Reds with the support of Major League Baseball (MLB), while they will look at the history of Civil Rights, will also consider the current status and, I am told, make plans to contribute to better relationships among people of different backgrounds. Commendable objectives, to be sure, but the Reds have a big job ahead.

Margaret Kimberly, in an article on *Black Commemoration* (2003), wrote, "My father tells the story of going to see a Reds game as a boy and buying ice cream with his brother. After making their purchase they were ordered to eat outside.

It isn't an occurrence associated with northern states, but as my mother says, Ohio is 'up south'.

Unfortunately, the perception of Cincinnati, is still that it is "up south," a city that really doesn't care much for Black people.

Did you see the episode of "Girlfriends" when the couple was stranded in Cincinnati during a snow-

storm and one of the sisters asked, "Isn't that the city where they kill Black men?" (Admittedly, things have improved somewhat with the signing of the Collaborative Agreement, thanks to the Racial Profiling Lawsuit filed and won by the Cincinnati Black United Front in 2002.)

Even more unfortunate though is the reality of discrimination, inequity, injustice, and economic exclusion for many of us who live here. Thus, as I suggested to our City Council, during a public meeting on the disparities that exist in the city's contracting system, it is interesting that we are having a Civil Rights Baseball game in a city that continues to commit "Civil Wrongs" against its Black citizens, 48 percent of its population.

For every problem there is an opportunity, with challenges of course, but opportunities nonetheless. The Civil Rights Baseball Game and all of its accoutrements, dignitaries, and media coverage, can be a springboard for positive "change" in our city, if it is viewed and used not only as a moneymaking event but also as an instrument to win our new civil rights struggle: Economic Empowerment.

The culmination of freedom for Black people in this country is economic freedom, which comes from access to economic oppor-

tunity via education, training, equitable treatment, and, of course, collective work and responsibility, and cooperative economics on our part.

While I hope and pray something positive will come from this event, as Patrick Henry said, "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past."

Black folks in Cincinnati have experienced many disappointments in this city after race and civil rights dialogues, discussions, and roundtables. So we must keep our feet on the gas pedal when it comes to our options in response to mistreatment and disparity.

To those who are coming to our city for the game, we want you to enjoy yourselves but we also want you to know what is happening to Black people. You can help if you are so inclined, or you can come and go without having said or done anything to make positive change.

Regardless of what nonresidents do when they are here, we who live here understand quite well what we must do, so if you see or hear something pertaining to Civil Wrongs during the Civil Rights Game, having read this, you will at least understand why.

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**Hosting Family Bible School** - Many times the gap between generations can cause a breakdown in a family's ability to function effectively. The Potter's House values the importance of the family unit and invites the entire family to participate in this year's Family Bible School. Family members will learn foundational principles, which will equip both parents and children with practical training skills, resources

to handle various situations, as well as effective communication skills. The event is scheduled for June 17 and 18 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Friday June 19 from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Potter's House is located at 6777 W. Kiest Blvd., Dallas, TX 75236.

**St. Mark Baptist Church, Garland, Texas** is hosting VBS each evening at 6:45 p.m. July 6-10. The theme this year is "The Jesus Chronicles."

Travel to the Holy Land on a journey with the Carter family as they explore and discover the miracles of Jesus. Experience the impact Jesus had on the thousands of lives He touched. Stories include incidents on the tour that the Carter parents handle through faith, prayer and strength, just as Christian educators and parents do. The children grow in faith as they deal with situations concerning obedience, harmony, trust,

and submission to God.

Dr. R. A. Griffin, Pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church invites Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett and Sachse community to join SMB in celebrating "The Jesus Chronicles." St. Mark is located at 601 Rowlett Road, Garland, Texas 75043.

Refreshments will be served nightly. Pre-registration is required for transportation, for more information call (972) 240-6674.

# Seniors Active in Learning Program Announces June Events

(NDG Wire) Collin College's Seniors Active in Learning program invites the public to participate in the following Summer Learning activities from Monday - Thursday throughout June at the Courtyard Center Campus (CYC), 4800 Preston Park Blvd., in Plano.

Mondays Attendees can participate in a Book Discussion Group from 11

a.m.-12:20 p.m. on June 22 in room A216 and Afternoon at the Movies from 12:30-3 p.m. every Monday in room A232.

The Book Discussion Group and Afternoon at the Movies will read and then review the movie made from the book.

Every Tuesday in room A232, seniors can attend Current Events from 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. and

Potpourri from 1-2:30 p.m.

Current Events will involve a discussion of events with an emphasis on what's happening now while Potpourri will feature speakers who will discuss topics such as stem cell developments, Beethoven's life, solving Sudoku puzzles and the current economy.

Wednesdays From 9-11 a.m. in room A212, partici-

pants can play Mah Jongg and then attend the History Series from 1-2:30 p.m. in room A232. Both begin June 3. Those attending the History Series will discuss "1865, The Year that Saved the Nation," and "How Aviation Defined the 20th Century."

Thursdays Beginning on June 18 in room B115, from 1-4 p.m., Marli Davis will discuss "1913: The

Year England Waited." In room B115 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Les Lorenzo will be leading "Celestin's Café;" an on-going discussion class inspired by the exchange of ideas such as those that took place in Athens 2,500 years ago, when Socrates, Sophists and the general populace discussed religion, the gods, politics, art, theater, education, science and

technology. The purpose of Celestin's Café is to provide insight into alternate ways of looking at various ideas, issues and subjects.

For a complete list and details of the Summer Learning speakers and events, call 972.985.3788, e-mail [wjmartin@ccccd.edu](mailto:wjmartin@ccccd.edu) or visit [www.ccccd.edu/sailsite](http://www.ccccd.edu/sailsite).

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islative session.

If enacted the law would no longer allow a municipality to enact an ordinance, bylaw, order, building code or rule requiring the installation of a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system or any other fire sprinkler protection system in a new or existing one or two family dwelling.

The City of Plano's current code requires dwellings of 6,000 square feet or more to have residential sprinklers. Many of the other nearby communities have similar requirements. The fire officials are particularly concerned by the fact the bill will rescind the Texas tradition of "Home Rule" whereby local officials and citizens have retain control on fire and building code requirements.

According to information provided at the press conference when sprinklers are used in conjunction with smoke alarms, the risk of dying in a home fire are reduced by 82%. They are also 98% effective in containing a fire even before the fire department arrives.

Dallas Deputy Chief Joe Pierce stated, "Residential fire sprinklers saves lives. It is safer for fire fighters as well. However, the facts are that children, elderly and minorities die in fires and this is a cheap thing to do."

Newly elected Plano Mayor Phil Dyer was also in attendance at the press

conference to lend support to the fire fighters and Plano's 260,000 residents. Mayor Dyer indicated, "I don't want to go to a funeral that is unnecessary - families or fire fighters."

Advocates for the legislation of the bill include the Home Builders Association of Greater Dallas. Speaking by phone, Phil Crone, the Director of Govern-

ment Relations stated the home builders are also considering the welfare safety of Texas home buyers. He indicated, the cost issue also translates into a life safety issue. According to a study by Texas A&M, for every \$1,000 added to the cost of a home approximately 28,000 buyers are priced out of an ability to buy a home. As a result

Crone indicated, "if you price all of these households out of the market, you are leading them into an older home, which is more likely to have casualty and fire safety issues."

The sprinklers are estimated to add \$4,000 to the cost of the property and would result in over 100,000 homebuyers becoming unable to buy a

home.

The Texas Homebuilders Association believes the homeowners should have the right to choose if they want to install the sprinklers. He counters the municipalities claim of local control with, "the greatest form of local control is the individual homeowner to decide whether they want this sys-

tem in their home."

Crone also stressed the new law would not impact any local ordinances in place before January 1, 2009.

Governor Rick Perry has not signed the bill into law, nor indicated if he plans to sign or veto the legislation.



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# Free Summer Lunch Program for Children

(NDG Wire) Healthy meals will be provided by the City of Garland at select recreation centers, parks, churches and apartments. The Children's Summer Nutrition Program is sponsored by the City of Garland Fair Housing Office in conjunction with the Texas Department of Agriculture. The nutrition program seeks to promote children's health and well-

being by hosting lunch and activity sites throughout Garland.

All children 18 years of age and younger are invited to enjoy free hot and cold lunches at the identified sites below. No fee or registration is required. The 2009 Program runs from June 8 through August 7. Meal times vary by site; breakfast or afternoon snacks may also be avail-

able at specified sites. Check with each site to determine meal times and activities.

Lunch and breakfast or snacks will be served at the locations listed below, most offer service from 11 a.m. To 1 p.m. Contact locations to confirm.

- Carver Center, 232 Carver Street
- Fox Bend Apartments, 2156 Cranford

- Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road
- Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F
- Montgomery Park, 2905 Edgewood Drive
- Nueva Vida (New Life) Baptist Church, 2000 S. First Street
- Parkridge Community Apartments, 1839 Glenbrook
- Salvation Army / Boys & Girls Club, 451 W.

- Avenue D
- Saturn Road Church of Christ, 3030 Saturn Road
- The ROC Metro Family Ministry, 3375 Edgewood
- Mount Hebron Baptist Church, 901 Dairy Road
- Willow Gate Apartments, 900 E. Centerville Road
- Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive
- Richland Apartments, 3200 W. Buckingham
- Garland, YMCA, 1709 N.

- Garland Road
- Centerville Pointe Apartments, 4266 Duck Creek Drive
- Monte de Sion Pentecostal Church, 548 Crestgrove
- Wynne Park, 3802 S. Glenbrook

For information, call the Garland Summer Nutrition Program at 972-205-3335.

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Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H and is free to the public. This year's Juneteenth observance features live musical performances by Blues singer Andrea Dawson and the R&B band VINJAC.

New this year is the highly anticipated community basketball game between members of the Plano Police Department and Douglass Community staff/residents. Witness this powerhouse game at 12:00 noon in the Thomas Gymnasium (on-site).

### Schedule of Events:

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Vendors and Information Booths

Noon Basketball Game: Plano Police vs. Douglass Community

1 p.m. Face Painting

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Youth Talent Showcase

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Adult Talent Showcase

1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Juneteenth Youth Basketball Innovational Games

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Old School vs. New School (men)

5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Live Music - Blues singer Andrea Dawson and R&B Band VINJAC

A brief welcome and Juneteenth history will be presented by Douglass Community volunteer Eleanor Evans. For more information on this event, to reserve vendor space or to register for the Talent

Showcase, contact Alvis Alexander at 972-941-7174.

**The Denton Juneteenth Celebration Committee** has planned two days of activities and celebration for the whole family on June 19th & 20th in Fred Moore Park located at 629 Lakey Street in Denton, TX.

Friday, June 19th, begins with a Barbecue Cook-off at 7:30 am. Come out and show off your skills on the grill, and you could be this year's winner. Judging begins at 3:30 pm, and the food must be cooked in the park. Then at 6:00 pm, the Gospel Extravaganza begins with numerous gospel performances, including area churches. So come out for an evening of praise & worship in the park. We have also planned a Basketball Shoot-out beginning at 7:00 pm, to test your hoop skills.

On Saturday, June 20th the parade line-up begins at 9:00 am, at the Denton Civic Center and travels through the city, ending at Fred Moore Park. Throughout the day, there will be live musical performances, a talent show, many vendors, and games for the children. The Co-ed Softball Tournament and 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be going on throughout the day on the park fields and courts.

For more information

please call 940-349-8575 or visit [www.dentonjuneteenth.org](http://www.dentonjuneteenth.org).

**The Hamilton Park Historical Preservation Foundation** is hosting the 24th Annual Juneteenth in the Park. The theme is Unity, Progress and Prosperity.

The celebration on Saturday, June 20 includes a parade that begins at New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and ends at Willie B. Johnson recreation center on Willowdell in Hamilton Park. Events include a Resource Fair

(9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon), and a Gospel Concert (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Contact Gina Riley Gray, Event Coordinator at (214) 728-4484 for more details.

**Blues & BBQ** Smokey's BBQ, a local restaurant and sports bar with over 30 years of deeply rooted Fort Worth history, will host "Blues & BBQ" a Juneteenth Celebration on June 20 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event will benefit the "Circle L-5 Riding Club," the oldest African-American riding club in

Texas that recently lost eight horses in a barn fire. There is no cost to attend this event; however donations will be accepted to benefit the "Circle L-5 Riding Club". Smokey's BBQ is located at 5300 East Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, 76112, [www.eatsmokeysbbq.com](http://www.eatsmokeysbbq.com).

**The Committee for Change** on June 20th at 1pm in Finch Park in McKinney is hosting an afternoon of food, fun & fellowship. The event will include live music (R&B, Hip-Hop, Gospel), poetry,

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Dylon Rockwell

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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.

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**The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch** Series: Monthly workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their busi-

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**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: [www.renaissanceculturalcenter.org/](http://www.renaissanceculturalcenter.org/).

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**June 26**

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**July 28**

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**August 5**

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

**September 5-6**

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# The City of Irving Says: Yes We Can...Have a Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program

BY JACKIE HARDY

The 2000 United States Census reported Texas was the fourth state to have a non-white majority population and concluded 50.2 percent Texans were minorities, according to an on-line MSNBC report.

One might ask, why it took Irving over 100 years to adopt a program that supports equal business opportunities for Minority and Women owned businesses. Anthony Bonds, Community Activist and Founder of Irving NAACP, did ask that question. Bonds states, "I have pursued the City of Irving to adopt a Minority and Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) program for 14 years and I am glad we have a City Manager who is in favor of this program."

In January 2007, the Irving City Council unanimously adopted the Council Resolution No. 1-11-07-021 to demonstrate commitment to the inclusion of minority and women owned business participation in all its procurement processes. The resolution outlined three objectives: Establish a policy to provide equal opportunity in the city's procurement process for construction, professional services, other services and goods; Create and implement a formal compliance procedure for monitoring the M/WBE participation and goals; and Build community confidence to ensure there will be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex in the award of contracts.

The purpose for the M/WBE program is to ensure minority and women owned businesses

are actively solicited and given an equal opportunity to compete and participate as strategic partners and suppliers of goods and services within the City of Irving.

Ramiro Lopez, Director of Environmental Services, states "The city leaders are committed to supporting the program because we know this is the right thing to do. This initiative will also encourage positive competition, increase awareness of our city, and offer savings for the city because it allows smaller minority and women owned firms with less overhead to participate."

The leadership recognizes the cultural change that has occurred in the city of Irving. "Irving Independent School District serves students that speak 54 different languages. This fact alone proves Irving is a diverse community. We understand it has taken the city some time to accept the cultural change and are confident the vision and plan of the City Manager, Tommy Gonzalez will be effective and successful,"



*Aloysius Atta*

states Lopez.

The M/WBE Program is not without challenges. Currently the position for

M/WBE Program Administrator is open. "We want to find an individual who has a strong partnership with the business community, strong community involvement, and the ability to come in and hit the ground running," states Lopez. The City of Irving is accepting applications and hoping to have the position filled within the next 60 days.

Lopez is very optimistic about the program despite challenges encountered within its first two years. One of the challenges they want to address by fiscal year 2010 is developing a centralized purchasing process as an effort to simplify the current system.

According to Lopez the current system can be complicated due to the many departments overseeing the procurement process. "For example, if a contractor is submitting for a project that falls within the Engineering Department, than the Purchasing Agent within that department oversees that process and the same applies for proj-



*Anthony Bond*

ects that fall under a different department. When you have several departments involved and using differ-



*Ed Matthews and Mary Lewallen*

ent processes it makes it confusing for the contractor. We are working to streamline the procurement process and it is our goal to have a centralized procurement process that will be managed by one department," advises Lopez. Streamlining the procurement process the city believes will also result in economic benefits, as well as effectively determining best use of skills.

Overcoming the barrier of past perceptions left by former city leaders is the major challenge the City of Irving's Purchasing Department is working hard to change. Ed Matthews, Purchasing Manager, states "We are meeting our goal of awarding 26 percent of the bids to M/WBE firms, but the response is only 18 percent of M/WBE firms submitting bids. I am very passionate about seeing the percentage of M/WBE firms increased in responding to the bids we solicit. There is one out of five M/WBE firms who are actually submitting bids and we are committed to changing those numbers."

Efforts the Purchasing

Department is making to increase awareness and response include: having Open Houses that gives M/WBE firms an opportunity to address questions and/or concerns; providing specialized workshops that offer training that will help improve their business practices; maintaining updates for bid solicitation on the City of Irving's website ([www.cityofirving.org/purchasing/bids-table-2.html](http://www.cityofirving.org/purchasing/bids-table-2.html)); and sending notifications to all M/WBE associations to ensure firms are consistently aware of city projects available for bid.

Since the inception of the M/WBE program, there have been 25.9 percent contracts awarded to M/WBE firms. Muniz Construction, Inc., RKM Utility Services, Inc., McMahon Contracting, LP are a few of the over 20 M/WBE firms that were awarded contracts that totaled to over 16 million dollars within the first and second quarter of the 2009 Fiscal Year.

One of the most recent M/WBE firms who were awarded a contract was MACVAL, LLC. The firm

was hired to oversee sewerage repairs and installation for sections one-three for the City of Irving. The project was an estimated 1.1 million dollar project and MACVAL, LLC submitted the lowest bid. "We were able to win the bid by submitting a lower bid of \$868,664.25 and we were so excited to win the contract after addressing some minor discrepancies that occurred during the bidding process. I know the program is new and the city is working to simplify the process, but overall the experience was good and we are glad our organization could benefit from the M/WBE program," states Aloysius Atta, Certified Professional Engineer and Owner/CEO of MACVAL, LLC.

The true success of the program is measured by accomplishing a community where race is not an issue and equal opportunity is afforded to everyone. This is ultimately the long term vision of the M/WBE program and it is a sentiment that the City of Irving leaders want to communicate and execute throughout the entire city.

## Denzel & John Shine in *The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3*

BY RUTH FERGUSON

Oscar winner Denzel Washington and John Travolta co-star in director Tony Scott's latest film, *The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3*. Denzel elevates the film with his nuanced performance. Perhaps the bigger surprise is Travolta's in your face turn as the lead hijacker of a New York City subway train. Certainly Travolta has played the bad guy before, but this is a much harder, edgier role for him.

What begins as just an average day at work for Bernard Garber (Washington) becomes a life or death experience. Garber is a former executive currently under investigation, and thus demoted to subway dispatcher. His day is turned upside down when Ryder (Travolta) methodically takes over a subway train

and demands money in exactly one hour. Ryder promises for every minute the money is late, he will kill one of the nineteen hostages. When he refuses to deal with the hostage negotiator played by John Turturro, Garber is thrust into the role. The action is great and not overplayed. However, the film thrives on the faceoff between Garber and Ryder.

Now ladies let me warn you this is not the chiseled and sexy Denzel you have come to know and love over the years. In fact, it's a little jolting to see Denzel's midlife spread on the large screen. However, the other characteristics we love about Denzel shines through: his intelligence, humility and humanity. There are at least two scenes that might require kleenex, and with a lesser actor the moments

might feel cheesy. However, Denzel and his costars draw you into the moment and you become enveloped in their fear.

Director Tony Scott filled out the cast with familiar faces who each provide solid performances including Mr. Tony Soprano himself, James Gandolfini as the mayor of New York City. Luis Guzman is Phil Ramos, and he uses his knowledge about the subway trains to help Ryder execute his plan to hijack a subway train.

*The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3* is a remake of the 1974 *The Taking of Pelham One Two Three*, which starred Walter Matthau, Robert Shaw and Hector Elizondo.

This is an intelligent joy ride that truly keeps the viewer on the edge of your seat. It is rated R for violence and language.

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# The Sporty 2009 Lincoln MKS

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Lincoln hasn't always kept up with the competition in the luxury sedan segment, but now, Ford's premium division is trying again with the 2009 Lincoln MKS; the company's new full-size flagship.

The 2009 Lincoln MKS comes in two trim levels: front-wheel drive and AWD. Standard features on both include 18-inch wheels; heated power sideview mirrors with memory and auto-dimming on the driver side; xenon HID headlamps; cruise control; a new capless fuel-filling system (used previously on the Ford GT and now appearing on new models); and a sleek, inconspicuous touchpad entry sys-

tem.

Inside, the MKS features include the standard Ford's voice-activated Sync system, a tilt/telescoping power steering wheel with memory, dual-zone automatic climate control, a rear center armrest with pass-through slot and an eight-speaker stereo with an in-dash six-CD changer, satellite radio and an auxiliary audio jack. Interior design is on par with other cars in this segment, featuring standard leather upholstery and an attractive dash layout. Lincoln's heated and ventilated 12-way power front seats are a nice touch, as are the MKS's standard rear heated seats. Both front-wheel-drive and AWD trim levels share the same power-

train, a 3.7-liter V6 matched to a six-speed automatic transmission. EPA fuel economy estimates for the 2009 Lincoln MKS are 17/24-mpg city/highway for the front-wheel-drive model and 16/23 for AWD. The MKS comes standard with stability and traction control, front-seat side airbags, side curtain airbags and antilock brakes with brake assist.

At its price based at a very reasonable \$37,665, the 2009 Lincoln MKS has some things going for and is a star when it comes to in-cabin entertainment and information sources. But you will have to be content with a comfortable, rather than sporty, ride.



## Seminar Helps Women to Reposition Themselves During Economic Downturn

(NDG Wire) The economic downturn has disproportionately affected women and will continue to do so, according to the International Labor Organization. A higher percentage of women than men are losing their jobs world wide this year. This statistic compounded by women's already weak positioning in the work place, could have a long term impact on women in the overall job market.

Willow Tree Consultants and the Gaining Power Institute are hosting a seminar to help women reposition themselves in this economic downturn. The seminar will be held June 18, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the TEXO Conference Center, 11111 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. The cost of the seminar is \$105. "Pay What You Can" grants are being offered for anyone wanting to attend the seminar but can't afford it.

Women often ignore, or even sabotage, the very qualities they should rely on to help them survive and grow during tough economic times and according to Patricia Kagerer, a corporate

executive and presenter. With an economy in flux, it is critical that working women position themselves for long-term success.

Samantha Shaw owner of Gaining Power Institute and co-developer of the 5-Minutes to Power System agreed, "The good news

about dealing with challenges is that it forces women to move out of our comfort zone and change habitual patterns, clearing the way for new ideas and creativity. This seminar will increase awareness, ease

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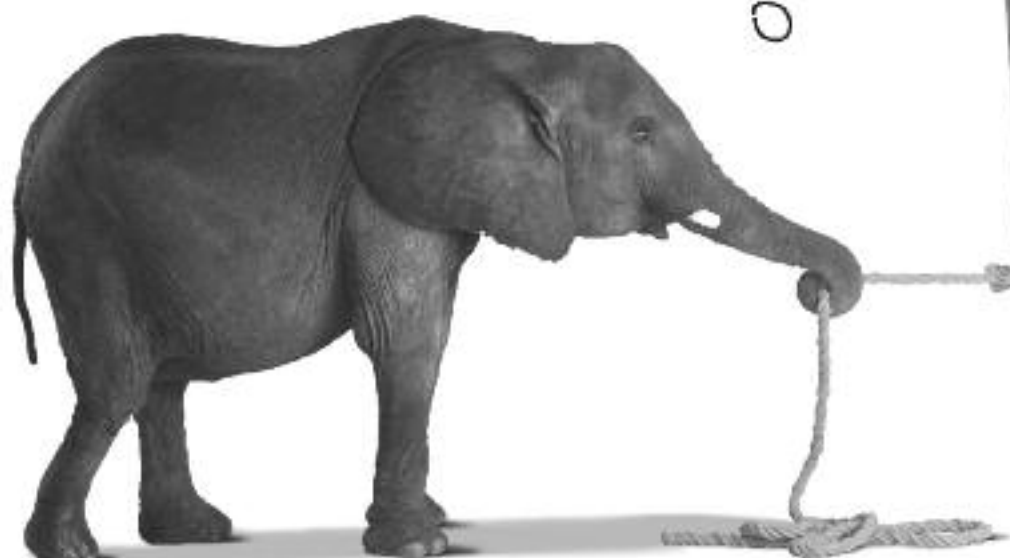


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stress and help women navigate with confidence the power of their choices."

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"To lead a successful, fulfilling life, it is often not about the challenges that life brings on, its about how we respond to them. This seminar is to motivation and enlighten and to specifically addressing the serious challenges affecting women," said Kagerer,

While women have a responsibility to improve themselves, Kagerer says that the need to change goes both ways. Now more than

ever the American business community must implement a new philosophy in order to turn the corner and overcome the mistakes of the past.

Even with a more visible presence in the corporate arena, women are still lagging behind, according to US Census reports.

Women earn more degrees and less money than men in 2005, U.S. colleges issued 200,000 more degrees to women than to men.

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## SISTER TARPLEY, continued from Page 15

but spoken at the wrong time, etc.) The Holy Spirit is our GPS for directions to Heaven! When we get off course He recalibrates our lives.

The wonderful thing about God is that He can make our crooked places straight. "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; And

all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Luke 3:5 & 6 KJV.)

God can make whatever wrong steps we make turn out right.

There are consequences to every decision made, but if we love Him and desire to do His will, God will allow our actions to work together for good according to His purposes. Just repent and seek Him fully to make things right. Great wisdom can be learned from our

mistakes.

My daughter, Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott once told me that she realized one day in being a free-will person, God had allowed her to make every decision in her life, good or not so good, but in His mercy He had it figured in His plans for her life.

God's omnipotence is always above of our incompetence. He knows from

the end to the beginning, therefore, God knew we would blunder; it was figured in His plans for us.

It's God's love that we cannot keep Him out of our lives no matter how badly we mess up. For those that are humble and remorseful, God will make the crooked places straight so that we can run our race in His perfect will.

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# Recalibrating



**Sister Tarpley**

Recently, I took some trips out of the city; I did the right thing, I looked up the directions on the Internet and followed them to a "T" as we said in my younger days, only to find out when I was close to the location, I would make a right turn instead of a left turn, at times I would go north when I should have gone south, other times I would go east not west like I should have.

Are you getting the picture? I told family and friends that I was tired of going in the wrong direction, so I was going to invest in a GPS (Global Positioning Systems.)

The straw that broke-the-camel's-back, as said by some people, was when I was going to Ft. Worth to my oldest grandson's dance competition, I was late because of several wrong turns. The next weekend, I purchased a portable GPS to help me find locations that I needed to get to.

The sales person attached the GPS to my car

windshield. I input my home address, punched the "Go" button and the GPS led me home. The next day I traveled to my son's house in Venus, TX; I didn't have trouble getting there either with the GPS. I love my GPS and what it has done for me in finding locations.

The GPS shows me a map, tells me how far I have to go, the approximate time I will get there and when to make turns. Often, I will know how to go to a location and if I don't follow the course that is outlined (the GPS says to turn right and I continue straight, the GPS recognizes that I didn't stay on the calculated course, therefore a voice comes on and says: "Recalculating" then the new directions appears on the screen based on what the GPS thinks is a wrong turn on my part.

At times in our Christian walk, we can make wrong turns; we believe we are going the right way or doing the right thing only to discover that it was never God's will to enter that relationship, come to that decision, speak words to an individual that we should not have (the words might be true

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Duncanville City Councilwoman Dorothy Burton's team captured the first place title for the last four years, the Evans Engraving Team with Constable Derick Evans as captain has walked away with the first place trophies, until the *Dallas Weekly's* team toppled the

dynasty. Prior to that, the K104 Team headed by Skip Murphy had been victorious for five straight years. 2009 may be your year!

The Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon is a fun event and proceeds go to programs benefiting area youth. Past recipients include the Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Black Journalists scholarship fund, which has received over \$20,000 previously, Sen. Royce West's Dr. Emmett J. Conrad Internship Program and the National Association of Black Journalists. The Foundation has spon-

sored seminars promoting everything from a balanced media and achieving parity, to adult literacy and pursuing a college education. Additionally proceeds

from the event have helped take students to conventions in Seattle, Phoenix, Orlando, D.C., Atlanta, Indianapolis, Houston, New Orleans, Las Vegas

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For a registration form, log on to [www.cherylsmithonline.com/](http://www.cherylsmithonline.com/) or call 214-428-8958 to have the application faxed.



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