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Plano's Douglass Community Center celebrates Juneteenth 2010

(NDG Wire) The Plano Douglass Community Center will host an entire day of activities in celebration of Juneteenth 2010 on Saturday, June 19. The event will be held at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 H Avenue and is free

to the public. This year's Juneteenth observance features live music by Blues Soloist Andrea Dawson from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and the VINJAC R&B band performing from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

One of the local tradi-

tions of this celebration is a community basketball game between the Plano Police Department and the Douglass Community Center staff and residents - game scheduled for 12 p.m. in the Thomas Gymnasium on site.

A brief welcome and Juneteenth history will be presented by Douglass Community volunteer Eleanor Evans.

Schedule of Events:

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vend-

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Better Hiring Better Business

BY KENDRA A. WILLIAMS
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Recently I was forced to make a hard decision about the management of my office. As I looked over the mountain of files on my desk and did the 30 minute paper shuffle to organize my tasks for the day, I realized that something was missing.

In my focus to ensure

that clients work was done and deadlines met, I had overlooked a key component to the efficiency of my office support functions. Up to that point, I was the primary person ordering supplies, sending and receiving mail, managing most phone calls and scheduling appointments.

This is common among

many of the business owners and practitioners I have met over the last twenty or so years. I have termed it the 'do it myself syndrome'. In today's world of technology, everything we want to know about just about anything is available online. Simply Google it, and you can get a checklist on How To Build A House. But really, is that

what we want with our businesses? Do we want a trial and error, "it looks good on the outside" structure or do we want quality, sustainability and efficiency?

Obviously, the latter is preferred. Yet my actions were inconsistent with that. Rather than hiring the best

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Real Men Cook returns to Dallas Father's Day

Once again Dallas will have the opportunity to discover Real Men Cook on Father's Day, June 20 at Gilley's Restaurant,

Real Men Cook is a celebration of men for women, children, and the community, is presented in 10 cities simultaneously on Father's Day. Hon-

orary chairs of the Dallas 2010 Real Men Cook are Dallas City Councilman Dwaine R. Caraway and Businessman Jim Austin. It is a great place for families to spend Father's Day. In addition to the hundreds of men serving thousands of attendees their tantalizing dishes,

there will be live music and more.

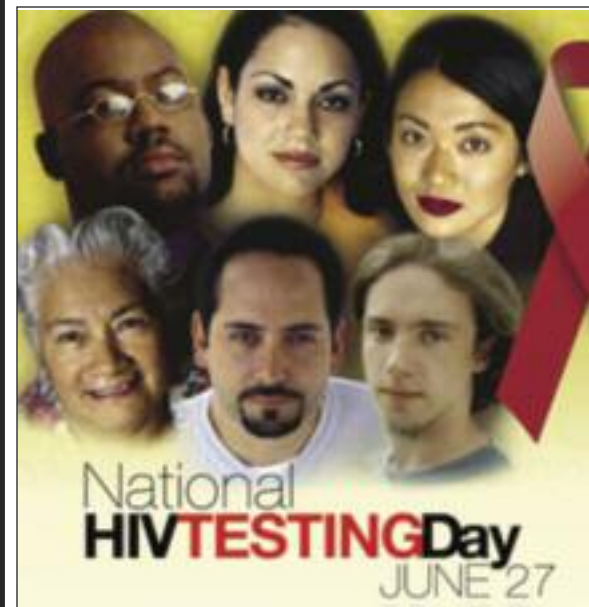
Part of the proceeds will be donated to March of Dimes. The mission of March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. 1 in 8 American babies is born

too soon, a rise of nearly 20% since 1990, costing the country \$26 billion a year. Preterm birth is even more prevalent in the African American community, with African-American women 50% more likely to have pre-

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HIV Testing Day is June 27



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COMMENTARY

Obama's Oil Spill Leadership

BY RON WALTERS
NNPA COLUMNIST

(NNPA) The charge that the oil spill in the Gulf is Obama's Katrina is bogus because there was no comparison between the swift manner in which he deployed his administration to deal with the crisis and Bush's approach to Katrina.

The oil explosion happened on April 20 and the Coast Guard was deployed the next day, long before Bush engaged FEMA to bring resources into Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. That same day,

Obama sent the No. 2 man in the Interior Department to New Orleans and the Minerals Management Service established a headquarters near the scene of the explosion.

The Coast Guard was put in effective control of the effort to stop the oil coming out of the rig and on April 25 it approved a plan by BP to have remote underwater vehicles try to activate the blowout preventer and stop the leak. It didn't work, but the Obama

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C. Howie Hodges



One Economy, a global nonprofit that uses innovative approaches to deliver the power of technology and information to low-income people, announced today that its Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, C. Howie Hodges II will join Time Warner Cable at the end of the month. As

Time Warner Cable's Vice President of Government Relations, Hodges will work with inter-governmental groups, civil rights and diversity organizations, nonprofits like One Economy and other policy influencers to develop the company's policy agenda. Hodges will continue to be based in Washington, D.C.

"We are so proud of Howie Hodges, who did an outstanding job for One Economy during a time of our greatest growth," said Rey Ramsey, Chairman of the Board and Co-Founder, One Economy. "He will bring the same passion,

commitment and sense of purpose to Time Warner Cable. We look forward to a growing partnership with this important corporation."

Howie Hodges joined the One Economy team in 2007. With experience in business and community development, financial consulting and government policy, Hodges fostered and developed partnerships with government leaders to expand broadband opportunities for low-income communities nationwide. Hodges major accomplishments at One Economy included:

- Leading One Econ-

omy's public policy efforts and working with this country's top political leaders and Congressional and Senate Committees to improve technology initiatives for those in need

- Collaborating with more than 30 regional government leaders for One Economy's Bring IT Home America, a nationwide campaign to bring 21st century technology into the homes of low-income residents

- Managing One Economy's partnership with the Broadband Opportunity Coalition, this country's leading civil rights organi-

zations, in securing \$28.5 million in stimulus support from the U.S. Department of Commerce, one of the largest stimulus awards towards broadband adoption initiatives

Prior to joining One Economy, Hodges founded and ran a successful consulting firm and served as a senior political appointee in the U.S. Commerce Department during the Clinton Administration. He was also a Senior Vice President at Bank of America. Hodges earned his JD from the University of Pittsburgh and a BA from Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Christawn

Urban Rock Song Details Rapper's Transformation From Drug Dealer to Bible Belter

Christawn is a THUG on a mission. A THUG, for him, is The Higher Understanding of God. This Hip Hopper has real talk street cred. In his past life, he ran the streets, sold crack, packed pistols and chased skirts. He's rapping about all of it on his debut CD *Life Story* (Abundant Har-

vest Entertainment/Universal Music Christian Group) that is in stores now.

Christawn's first radio single *Save Me* (featuring fiery tenor Micah Stampley on the hook) is heating up around the country. The in-your-face rock guitars set the stage for Christawn to rap about the day he cried out for God to save him in 2003.

"I had a bundle of crack I had stashed in this brick wall," he recalls. He and a buddy were leaving the area when the cops caught them.

"They threw us up against the car, took our money and put us in the back of the squad car and I'm thinking this is it," he says. One of the cops went searching for the crack. "You could actually see where the bag was hanging out of the wall," he explains.

"He was putting his hand in holes and feeling around the wall. I just called on the Lord and said, 'God if you save me from going to jail, I will leave this life for good.' The cop came back to the car and I'm

thinking the worse. He says, 'Get out of the car; this is your lucky day. Get out of here.'"

After the cops left, Christawn returned to the wall and pulled the stash. "I gave it to Buck. He owned Morse Street at the time. I said, 'Man, this is it. I'm leaving.' He tried to talk me out of leaving but I refused to listen. He had some harsh words for me and I left. Two weeks later, Buck gets killed and two years later, the whole block was raided. They were all Bloods and

now they are all facing 25 to life. So I know the Lord saved me for a reason."

Since then, Christawn has turned his life around and has been a member of Bethany Baptist Church in South Jersey. The church's pastor, Bishop David Evans, mentored him and has now made Christawn's



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David A. Arnold

David A. Arnold has taken his career into his own hands and he's bringing his unique style and delivery to the stage for his first show in Dallas on Friday, June 25 at 8:00 p.m. at Harwood 609 for the 20th anniversary celebration of KKDA-AM talk show hosts Cheryl Smith, Maryellen Hicks and Roger B. Brown.

The event will be hosted by TV-One and CNN analyst Roland Martin and other show participants include: actress Kiki Shepard, former Dallas Cowboy Drew Pearson, broadcasters Willis Johnson, Chris Arnold and Sam Putney and former Dallas Maverick Derek Harper. The show includes a concert by R&B and Jazz Sensation, Miles Jaye.

When he's not writing for Tyler Perry Productions,

Arnold is on a stage somewhere bringing audiences to tears so get ready to laugh until you hurt!

One of his latest productions is *The Next Level Comedy Series-Light Skin-Dark Skin* a self-produced stand up DVD, with fellow funny man Rodney Perry, that will show stand up comedy in a whole new way.

Arnold also created a stand up tour and talk show with comedienne Kym Whitley entitled *He Said-She Said* that is currently booking dates across the country.

His gift to make people laugh can be traced back to his very first recorded performance on his comedy CD *Cause I Gotta go to Work in the Morning*.

Arnold delivers fresh, edgy humor that keeps you



smiling again and again. His unique opinions on life, love and family is enough to bring a breath of fresh air to any stage.

He developed an even stronger following with his presence on You Tube and Face book with his popular VLOGs.

Arnold recently joined the writing staff of *Tyler Perry's House of Payne* and *Meet the Browns*. He also

hosted the first season of TV One's *Black Men Revealed* where he used his sense of humor to focus on real issues between black men and women.

He added Writer / Director to his list of accomplishments by releasing a series of his short films *Because My Stand Up is not Enough!*, *Til' Death Do Us Part?*, and *The Garage Sale*, proving that his eye for comedy runs deeper than just live performances.

All David's films have been screened in film festivals, including the Hollywood Black Film Festival, the Pan African Film Festival, Boston Film festival and Santa Barbara Film Festival.

Arnold has spring boarded himself into an en-

tirely different category and is now in development with two feature films to be produced by his production

company Manor House Entertainment.

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Things Fall Apart - The BP Oil Spill

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX (NNPA) William Butler Yeats did a good job of capturing a harrowing pandemonium in his poem, *The Second Coming*. He wrote, in 192x

Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;

Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,

The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere

The ceremony of innocence is drowned;

The best lack all conviction, while the worst

Are full of passionate intensity.

I was twice introduced to the poem in college, first in a class that required the study of English poets, then in a class that examined African literature, including the powerful novel of Nigerian colonization by Chinua Achebe, ironically

titled, *Things Fall Apart*. The poem is so emblazoned on my brain that from time to time it comes to mind, most recently when I contemplate the BP oil spill, its damages, its consequences, and its handling.

I am writing from the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Conference, 55 days after the Deepwater Horizon explosion that killed 11 people and started an oil leak that apparently continues. While BP says that the leak was only 5000 barrels of oil a day, scientists estimate that between 20,000 and 40,000 barrels of oil leaked each day between April 22 until June 3. If you use the midpoint of 30,000 barrels and a period of 42 days (assuming all leaking stopped when a dome to catch some of the leak was installed on June 3), we are talking at

least 1.2 million barrels of an oil leak.

BP CEO Tony Hayward outwardly seems to take this matter much less than seriously. At one point (he later apologized) that he couldn't wait for "this" to be over. "I want my life back", he said with some insensitivity, given the fact that eleven people actually lost their lives. In addition, millions are losing a way of life, fishermen with nowhere, now to fish, all of the industries supported by fishermen with nothing to do, a delicate ecological balance upset, with pelicans, turtles, fish and crabs drowning in oil. And with BP stalling on paying claims, or only paying them to those who can document their income through ledgers and tax returns. So many fishermen live in an

informal economy that the BP standard is one that has motivated more than 200 lawsuits already.

On his Sunday radio program, Rev. Jesse Jackson had a conversation with Billy Nungesser, who is the President of Plaquemines Parish in coastal Louisiana. Mr. Nungesser talked about the many ways his parish had been affected by the BP oil spill. One of his most harrowing stories was about a 94 year old man who earns money catching minnows as bait for fishermen. Now, even if he can catch the minnows, there are few fishermen who are fishing. So what does a 94-year-old man do now, Nungesser asked? The way he made his living, the way he organized his life, has com-

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administration was fully engaged in other efforts to stop it at that point.

What appears to be the problem with critics of the response by the Obama administration is not the swift administrative attention to the crisis, such as the meetings held in the situation room to scope out the dimensions of the crisis, the deployment of resources such as the Coast Guard, or the organization of a team of experts by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency to get good data on the flow of oil and ideas to stop it.

And while pundits and performers have offered a number of ideas about the oil spill, there is nothing like the wealth of information developed by NOAA's Emergency Response Program in a systematic effort with the Environmental Protection Agency. They provide the best available information to the Coast Guard from all sources that it uses to work with British Petroleum to attack the problem.

The problem is one of leadership style, criticism that Obama is too cool and

detached.

For example, Matt Lauer of NBC interviewed the President and asked why he didn't "kick someone's ass." Obama responded that he had taken the approach of gathering good information so that he would "know whose ass to kick." Lauer's question showed a hang-over of the Bush years when people seemed to devalue the intellectual approach to a problem, similar to critics who felt that Obama spent too much time studying the Afghanistan situation before he crafted a new policy.

But Obama had gotten angry before. On June 1, Press Secretary Robert Gibbs responded to a question in his news conference that the President had expressed "rage" over the spill and with a "clenched jaw" told his subordinates to "plug the damn hole." Then, on June 3, on Larry King live said he was "furious" that the cleanup wasn't moving fast enough. But perhaps Lauer wasn't listening.

Obama is now charged by some talking heads of not having moved quickly

enough to deal with the crisis in the Gulf when in fact, he had, but he was doing so in the context of leading within his administration, not out in public. In the Matt Lauer interview with

Obama, the President said something that was accurate when he pointed to the 24-hour news cycle of cable television and said that his job was not to create "theater." Nevertheless, with pictures showing an oil gusher coming from the floor of the ocean endangering the livelihood of millions of people, public leadership is warranted.

Obama faced criticism during negotiations over his health bill that he had not been public enough and had not met with Republicans. However, he effectively refuted this by the public sessions he held with Republicans, other officials across the government and many stakeholders outside that were presented on television.

For lack of public leadership, some of Obama's actions appear to be reactive. He has gone down to the Gulf four times, three of

those after criticism. He scheduled a meeting Tony Hayward, CEO of BP and the Board Chair, after criticism by Matt Lauer that he hadn't met with them; he put together a proposal for BP to establish a multi-million escrow account to make people whole who have suffered from the oil spill crisis, after it was proposed in Congress, and so on. In fact, he may have been planning these things, but with the cable stations showing gushing oil 24-7, he has to match the intensity of the public anxiety that creates with public actions that show him staying ahead of the curve.

Much of the criticism of Obama comes from those whose job it is to do so and although he cannot ignore it, no matter what the source, he can fight back with a more agile leadership.

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2010 Summer Nutrition Program is Underway

(NDG Wire) School is out for the summer, and that means thousands of Garland children will be looking for places they can meet their friends, have fun and eat healthy snacks and meals. The Garland Summer Nutrition Program is ready to meet the demand.

The 2010 Summer Nutrition Program, themed "Edu-

cation, Exercise and Eating Right with Friends, Fun and Food, offers free breakfasts and lunches at different locations throughout the community. To participate, children may simply show up at any participating program site from through August 13, 2010 (excluding July 5).

In 2010, Garland is celebrating the 15th consecutive

year of participation in the Summer Nutrition Program. Meals alternate between hot and cold entrees, while cold breakfast is offered at selected sites. The Texas Department of Agriculture Summer Nutrition Program is offered statewide by local sponsors who operate sites where children up to 18 years old can get meals at no

charge. The service is open to all children, regardless of income. People who are over age 18 and enrolled in school programs for people with disabilities also participate.

The open sites are located in areas where more than 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch

Program. Most of the sites will offer activities designed to exercise the body and mind at recreation centers, schools, parks, churches, VBS sites, community centers and selected apartments.

The most up-to-date information on Summer Food meal sites and hours of operation is available statewide by calling 2-1-1. For more

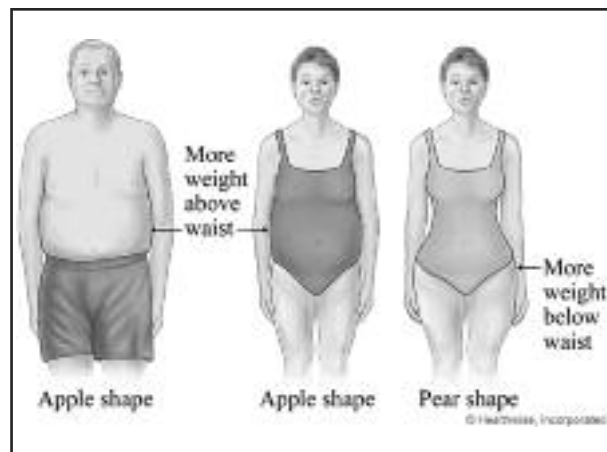
details on the Summer Food Program visit www.summer-food.org. The City of Garland official website www.garlandtx.gov also contains a complete list of sites in our area.

For more information, please call the Summer Nutrition Message line at 972-205-3335.

Healthy Dieting Starts with: Do I have a pear shape body or is it more of an apple or carrot?

(NDG Wire) Healthy dieting; what does it mean? Why is one's shape narrow at the top and wide at the bottom, like a pear shape body? Or round all over, like an apple? Or long and thin, like a carrot? Does a long index finger or receding chin have any special meaning? Perhaps, an author on dieting books could help.

Healthy dieting expert and author of dieting books, Dr. Cass Ingram, is recognized nationwide for determining that the shape of the body, face, fingers and hands are all clues – clues that can be used to devise the most effective eating program for shedding inches, improving metabolism, gaining big energy and repairing sluggish hormone



function even for those suffering with a pear shape body. It can also be the key to avoiding premature death. (www.knowledgehousepublishers.com)

"The exterior appearance of a person's body tells far more about one's metabolism, general health and

healthy dieting requirements than even a blood test can," says Dr. Cass Ingram, author of many dieting books, including "The Body Shape Diet".

To determine the exact foods one should be eating to get in shape, boost health and support metabolism for

healthy dieting, Ingram says one first needs to determine which of the basic "body shapes" a person has.

Dr. Ingram says most individuals have one of three common body shapes and should structure their diets accordingly:

The Apple

Those with a generally roundish figure fall into this group. Those in the Apple category often have a squared head and chin and their index fingers are shorter than their ring fingers. They also typically have low body temperatures. They do best eating foods and nutrients that support and nourish their thyroid gland. Their diets should emphasize animal protein, green salads, toma-

toes, avocados and olives.

The Carrot

One is a Carrot type if his or her body is long and thin. Carrots usually have a pouch below their belly button, a receding chin, and a narrow and pointy head. Carrots also can be recognized by their fine, straight hair and their index fingers, which are longer than their ring fingers. Persons with this body type need a diet that supports and nourishes their adrenal gland. For healthy dieting, they should focus on foods that are rich in cholesterol, including eggs, fatty meats, whole milk, salt, vinegar and salads topped with salmon, crab, lobster, turkey and cheese.

The Pear

Those that fall into the Pear class are narrow at the top and large at the bottom. They usually have enormous buttocks, a small or pug nose and a small and/or round head. A Pear's pituitary gland needs nourishment and support and he should focus on eating plenty of lean meats, organ meats like liver and kidneys, wild greens and sea vegetables.

"Only when one determines his own body shape and metabolic type can he or she design a healthy dieting plan, which properly repairs the body's endocrine system, thereby enabling proper hormone production, effortless fat burning, and ideal weight and perfect health," Ingram said.

Get Fit, For Your Children

BY U. S. REP. MARCIA L. FUDGE (D-OHIO)

NNPA SPECIAL COMMENTARY

(NNPA) We are six months into 2010, it's time to reevaluate your "get fit" resolution--for your children. On New Year's Eve, millions of Americans vowed to lead healthier lifestyles. Many of us have abandoned that goal. If you've lost motivation, think about the effect your diet choices have on your children's health.

Obese moms are 10 times more likely to have obese daughters and obese dads are six times more likely to have obese sons, according to a British study at Plymouth's Peninsula Medical School. Obesity in

children could lead to juvenile diabetes, breathing difficulties or weakened joints, among other health problems. Researchers found that oftentimes obesity occurs because kids imitate parental behavior.

Parents and guardians are influential in determining their children's wellness. Do you need to change your child's behavior? When speaking with kids, don't stress the negative by taking away food and implying that exercise is boring. Instead, be a positive role model for healthy living.

Show your children that trying new fruits and vegetables can be an adventure. Go on walks in your neighbor-

hood or the park. Make a game of taking the stairs together. Teach them your favorite childhood game.

Congress recently passed my resolution naming September as Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, in order to get families and communities physically fit. In September, organizations

around the nation will host community events and information sessions for families. Join us in continuing our resolution for healthy living!

For more information on the 2010 Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, subscribe to Congresswoman Fudge's e-newsletter at fudge.house.gov.



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Dallas Juneteenth celebration planned

(NDG Wire) Members of the Dallas Historical Society (DHS) and officials from the City of Dallas will join prominent members of the African-American community to begin the City's celebration of Juneteenth, the day Texans learned that slaves had been freed.

"Even though President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Texans did not learn that slaves had been freed until two years later on June 19, 1865," explained Max Wells, DHS Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Celebrating Juneteenth, for many

years, was a uniquely Texas holiday because of General Order # 3." Today, it is celebrated in 35 states.

The Dallas Historical Society has the only known copy of General Order # 3, issued by Major General Gordon Granger upon his arrival in Galveston as com-

mander of the Union Army occupation forces.

News of their freedom filtered slowly to the 250,000 slaves around the state as plantation owners read the proclamation to their slaves after the war ended. General Order #3 was donated to the Dallas Historical Society in

1966 by Sam Acheson of the Dallas Morning News as part of the George Bannerman Dealey Collection.

In brief ceremonies in the Flag Room of Dallas City Hall, Barbara Watkins, DHS Trustee, will recall the history of the Emancipation Proclamation.

After Fellow Trustee John Ellis Price will read the actual order, DeMetris Sampson will recount the contributions of African-American citizens over the years and the importance of remembering this milestone in human rights.

Leadership Garland now accepting applications

(NDG Wire) Leadership Garland (LG) is one of the state's oldest and most comprehensive programs aimed at providing

- corporate leadership training
- civic leadership training

personal development training

The participants are introduced to state, county and city officials, school board trustees and administrators, and other community and business leaders throughout Garland. Lead-

ership skills are taught with active participation along with numerous field trips. LG offers a cost-effective program with a proven track record of success. It has graduated hundreds of corporate and civic leaders throughout the Dallas-Fort

Worth metroplex.

Over the last seven years, LG has also developed an Alumni Association to compliment the program and to provide further educational and networking opportunities.

Local companies are en-

couraged to select someone from your organization to apply for Class XXX. Applications are also available on line at www.garland-chamber.com. Both the completed application and class schedule must be submitted to apply.

Application Deadline is Friday, July 30, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, call the Chamber at 972-272-7551 or email Jan Furtick, LG Executive Director, at thepayton-group@verizon.net.

Lawyers moonlight as singers, dancers and actors to raise scholarship funds

(NDG Wire) What do you call a bunch of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals who dance, sing and generally make fools of themselves? The Dallas Bar Association calls it Bar None. Bar None is the annual variety show sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association and Dallas Bar

Foundation—and this year marks Bar None's 25th anniversary.

Each year, members of the Dallas legal community assemble to perform hilarious songs and original skits about current events, politics, the legal profession—and anything else worth spoofing or lampooning.

And the talent is surprisingly good!

The cast of 50 endures weeks of rehearsals—and jabs from their colleagues—preparing for the four-day variety show, which benefits the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarships at the Southern Methodist University Ded-

man School of Law. The scholarship program provides a full three-year law school education to outstanding minority students who plan to make Dallas their home.

Since Bar None began in 1985, the performers have raised more than \$1,275,000 for the scholar-

ship program, funding the education of 44 law students (some of whom went on to become judges).

This year's show, dubbed Alice in BarNoneLand: 25 Years Through the Looking Glass will run June 17, 18 and 19 at the Greer Garson Theatre on the SMU Campus. Show

times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, and 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Ticket prices are \$25 for all shows, when purchased in advance (or \$30 at the door).

For more information, visit BarNoneShow.com, or contact DBF Executive Director Elizabeth Philipp at 214-220-7487.

NTTA Offers TollTag sign-up at Mountain Creek Lake Bridge during June

(NDG Wire) In preparation for its transition to all-electronic toll collection (all-ETC), The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) will be signing motorists up for TollTags on-site at the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge (MCLB) on select days during the month of June.

Throughout the month of June, the NTTA will use the customer's right lane as a drive-through location to sign up for a TollTag from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The TollTag promotions team will also offer valuable information on the transition to all-ETC and other NTTA initiatives and TollTag benefits.

"Unlike any other NTTA roadway, the majority of drivers on the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge choose to use cash as their method of payment. The NTTA is going to do everything we can to ensure these customers are aware of the upcoming transition to cashless tolling and make sure they have an opportunity to benefit from lower rates and less hassle with paying bills by getting an NTTA TollTag," said Clayton Howe, NTTA assistant executive director of operations. "Many of these drivers have been loyal NTTA customers for decades

For more information about the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge, the Tag-Wagon, or the conversion to all-ETC visit www.ntta.org.

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(NNPA) Registration is now underway for students planning to attend college in the fall at Texas State Technical College. Students can register weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, Aug. 19. There will be extended registration hours on Wednesday, Aug. 18, until

7 p.m.; classes are set to begin on Monday, Aug. 30.

In addition to the traditional offerings at TSTC, students have a variety of new programs to choose from, including High Performance Computing, Air Traffic Control, Aircraft Dispatch, Electrical Powerline Technician

and Solar Energy Technology, to name a few. TSTC offers approximately 100 associate degree programs or certificates, as well as distance learning (online classes), technical skills mastery certificates and more. In addition, high school students can enroll in dual credit

classes and get a jump on their college degree.

New facilities with high-tech equipment are also under construction, including a Golf Course & Landscape Management building and an aviation center that will combine all TSTC's aviation programs and include a new terminal, simulator and air traffic control tower.

Students wanting to attend college may be eligible for financial aid, but should apply now as processing can take several weeks. Anyone seeking financial assistance should contact the TSTC Financial Aid Office immediately at 254-867-4814. The TSTC Waco website — waco.tstc.edu — provides additional details, dates and an online application.

To find out more about what's available at TSTC, call toll-free at 800-792-8784 or direct 254-867-2360 or go to www.waco.tstc.edu.

Students who beat the odds to earn high school diplomas at Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! Academy

(NDG Wire) Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! faculty shook hands and delivered 26 diplomas to students who have overcome much more than the typical Carrollton Farmers Branch graduating high school senior.

Students who were former drop-outs or who were not succeeding in a traditional high school campus walked across the stage at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2 at Brookhaven College to receive their high school diplomas and hold



Diego Flores

the beginning to more opportunity in their lives.

Six of the students are classified as special education students for whom receiving a diploma is a very special accomplishment.

A significant percentage of the graduates have been accepted to colleges which is especially impressive because many of the students are coded as drop-outs or considered at-risk youth.

Many of these students enter high school without a dream of college, but with the one-on-one relationships

between student and faculty member at the Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! schools, the dream of college becomes a reality.

Some of the students will be the first in their families to receive a high school diploma.

Some will not have families at their graduation and have pushed through high school on their own. Most will walk across the stage to hold a diploma that seemed impossible to earn just a few years ago.

Celebrating more than

25 years of serving academically at-risk youth, Texans Can! is a unique network of 10 public schools of choice located in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston and San Antonio. Using Texans Can! three core values — discipline in private, reward in public; rules without relationships breed rebellion; and behavior is based on need — more than 4,700 students a year are getting a second chance at life.

The students of Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! have overcome obstacles to

complete their education. Each student is enrolled in the school by choice. They realize the value of returning to high school and working to earn their diplomas. The mission of Carrollton Farmers Branch Can! is to provide a second chance for at-risk youth and their families to achieve economic independence and hope for a better life through relationship-based education and training.

For more information, visit www.texanscan.org or call 214-944-1985.

Parents can help prevent bullying

(NDG Wire) A bully can turn something like going to

the bus stop or recess into a nightmare for kids. Bullying

can leave deep emotional scars that last for life. And in extreme situations, it can culminate in violent threats, property damage, or someone getting seriously

hurt.

If a child is being bullied, there are ways to help him or her cope with it on a day-to-day basis and lessen its lasting impact. And even if bullying isn't an issue right in your house right now, it's important to discuss it so your kids will be prepared if it does happen.

It's important to take bullying seriously and not just brush it off as something that kids have to "tough out." The effects can be serious and affect kids' sense of self-worth and future relationships. In severe

cases, bullying has contributed to tragedies, such as school shootings.

"If your child tells you about a bully, focus on offering comfort and support, no matter how upset you are. Kids are often reluctant to tell adults about bullying. They feel embarrassed and ashamed that it's happening. They worry that their parents will be disappointed," said Claudio Cerullo.

"Let your child know that if he or she is being bullied-or sees it happening to someone else-it's important to talk to someone

about it, whether it's you, another adult-a teacher,

school counselor, or family friend, or a sibling."



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ing and Information Booths
12 p.m. Plano Police vs. Douglass Community Basketball Game

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Face Painting

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Talent Showcase

1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Juneteenth Youth Basketball In-

visational Games

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

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

Often referred to as African-American Inde-

pendence Day, Juneteenth has been deemed a special day of recognition by many municipalities and states. The observances commemorate June 19, 1865 as the day the Emancipation Proclamation was announced in Texas; which was the last of the seceding

states to be occupied by the federal army.

For more information regarding Plano's Juneteenth 2010 celebration, to reserve vendor space or to register for the Talent Showcase, contact Dianne Dillon at 972-941-7174.

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LaShaun Steward and Congresswoman Johnson

North Dallas high school student completes the Page program in the U.S. House of Representatives

(NDG Wire) LaShaun Steward, a junior at North Dallas High School, has finished the Congressional Page Program.

"I was speechless when I first heard that I was selected," said Steward. "Words cannot express

the excitement I felt."

Steward, who was one of 72 pages, wrote two essays with one concentrating on the contributions she planned to make to the diverse group in the program. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson sponsored

Steward's selection.

"I congratulate LaShaun on the wonderful opportunity of serving as a Congressional Page, and I know she represented Dallas well," Congresswoman Johnson said. "Her experience as a Page is one that

will serve her well as she works to achieve her goals."

Steward served as a Congressional Page from January 24, 2010 to June 4, 2010. While on the Hill, Steward assisted Representatives with their legislative

duties, attended all sessions of the House, and delivered messages and packages. Steward also earned a salary for her work and received credit for her second semester after attending the House Page School.

PACE Scholarship Recipients



Professional Achievers for Community Excellence (PACE) recently awarded scholarships to five high school seniors at its annual Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show on April 17, 2010 at Brookhaven Country Club.

Kennetria "Joy" Edwards- Lakeview Centennial HS Garland, Lauren Hawkins-Mesquite HS, Mesquite,

Shaune Alex-Lewisville HS, Lewisville, Julie Neguisse-WT White HS, Dallas, and Jazmin Brooks, Mesquite HS, Mesquite received awards ranging from \$800.00-\$1500.00 to help launch their dream of a college education.

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mature babies than women of other races.

Dallas, along with cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Miami, Philadelphia, and Washington DC host the 21st annual fun-filled food festival honoring real men--fathers, brothers, uncles, coaches, entrepreneurs and teachers

and dispelling the myth that Black communities lack positive male role models.

Real Men Cook is being hosted at Gilley's Restaurant located at 1135 South Lamar Street in Dallas. The cost is \$20 adults, \$10 children; to purchase tickets, visit marchofdimes.com/texas/realmencook.



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Every Tuesday

The Irving Public Library invites families to enjoy stories and music in both English and Spanish. **Family bilingual storytimes** are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the East Branch Library, 440 S. Nursery Road, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. For more information, call 972-721-2458.

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

LimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

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

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

Target Second Saturdays at Latino Cultural Center On the second Saturday of every month family-friendly activities celebrating Latino arts and culture. Come in for one hour, or stay the whole day.

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Business Empowerment Sessions. Learn to grow a successful small business. 1st Thursday of each month at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dallas. Call 214-942-6698 for details.

How to start a business. Free sessions on getting started the right way. Sessions held the last Monday of each month. Call The PLAN Fund for details 214-942-6698.

Through June 25

Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine at the Irving Central Library an exhibition was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes

of Health in Bethesda, Maryland

Thru November 7

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

Thru July 2

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

June 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

Thru June 19

Life Enrichment Boot Camp: www.lifeenrichmentbootcamp.com is designed for singles, divorcees and couples. Admission Fee \$200 per person. Also, the Marriage Boot Camp: www.marriagebootcamp.com is designed for all couples. Admission Fee \$800 per couple. The Boot Camp uses interactive games and drills designed to help people address and deal with the baggage and damage in you their lives. Please visit our websites for additional information or call David Bishop at 214-736-9991. LEBC Program Times: Wednesday - Friday 6pm - 11pm. and Saturday, 10am. - 10pm. MBC Program Times: Wednesday - Friday 10am - 11pm. and Saturday, 10am. - 10pm.

June 19

Reasons Why You Rock! Workshop for Women! Realize your greatness and amplify your personal power for a fun, energizing and empowering women's workshop to inspire you to fully realize all the Reasons Why You Rock! Admission: \$40 for one admission \$60 for two admissions Info: info@kathylight.com, 972-359-0509 or www.kathylight.com/workshops.

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

The Real Men Cook for Charity fun-filled food festival honoring real men--fathers, brothers, uncles, coaches, entrepreneurs and teachers event is fast approaching. Save the Date!

June 23

N. Dallas/Plano Job Fair Free Admission. Free Parking. All Job Seekers are welcomed! Mark your calendar and carve out a few hours to invest in your future. Meet face-to-face with many employers, in one place, at one time! For more information call (830) 393-7400 or email info@freedomjobfairs.com or visit www.freedomjobfairs.com

June 25-26

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

June 25-27

16th annual Cheryl Smith's Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon Weekend 8 p.m. each evening.

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 29

Richardson Chamber of Commerce Brown Bag Lunch "Interview Skills Every Employer and Manager Should Know" Rachel Ziolkowski, Senior Associate, Jackson Lewis LLP. The event begins at 11:30 AM - networking 12:00 - 1:00 PM - program at Richardson Chamber of Commerce, 411 Belle Grove Drive. Richardson.

The Marketing Lady invites you to M.I.N.G.L.E "Meet, Interact, Network and Grow with Local Entrepreneurs" Guest Speaker: Robbie Douglas, North TX Super Bowl XLV Host Committee from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Acayalla Monica's Located at 2914 Main Street, Dallas, (Complimentary Valet) Call 972-985-5056, Cost: \$18.00 (includes lunch)

June 30-July 18

Dreamgirls Musical at

Music Hall at Fair Park. The rags-to-riches story of an up and coming 1960's girl group from Chicago.

July 15-16

Grant Writing Training at the Dallas VA Medical Center, Community Center Building 75 by the Governor's Institute for technical support in completing VA Grant Per Diem applications to provide transitional housing for homeless veterans with VA funding. Info: www1.va.gov/HOME-LESS/GPD.asp

July 17-25

National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs 75th National Convention at Hyatt Regency Hotel D/FW

July 28 - August 8

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® at the American Airlines Center

August 14

Career Fair at the 6th annual No Limit Women's Expo 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson. Admission to the Career Fair is free for job seekers. General admission to the other activities at the expo is \$5 or \$3 with a canned food donation benefiting the North Texas Food Bank.

October 2 -

January 2, 2011

American Modern: Abbott, Evans, Bourke-White at the Amon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

October 23

2010 C.C. Rousseau Scholarship Black and Gold Gala at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel (Downtown Dallas). Tickets are \$65.00 per person or \$650 per table. This is a Black Tie event. : DallasAlphas.com or : jabari156@gmail.com

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HIV Testing Day is June 27: Here's What You Should Know

BY MELODY MENDIOLA
SPECIAL TO THE NNPA
FROM INSIGHT NEWS

(NNPA) HIV and AIDS have disproportionately affected the African-American population. Of the estimated one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S. today, roughly half are Black.

Yet, as a racial group, African-Americans represent just 13 percent of the popula-

tion. The lifetime risk of becoming infected with HIV is 1 in 16 for Black males, 1 in 30 for Black females in the U.S., a far greater risk than for White males (1 in 104) and White females (1 in 588).

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one out of five people living with HIV in the U.S. are unaware of their HIV status. "NHTD is an op-

portunity for people nationwide to learn their HIV status, and to gain knowledge to take control of their health and their lives," states the Department of Health & Human Services.

On June 27th, the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) and local organizations around the country, will sponsor National HIV Testing Day to

promote early diagnosis and HIV testing. The effort further raises awareness for the health risks and challenges associated with HIV and AIDS.

In observance of HIV Testing Day, here are a few frequently asked questions and critical reminders for protecting against HIV.

How is HIV spread?

These are the ways of getting HIV:

- Unprotected sex: You can get HIV by having sex with a person who has HIV. This includes vaginal, oral or anal sex. It can be with someone of the opposite sex or the same sex.
- Sharing needles: You also can get HIV by sharing infected needles for drug use, body piercing or tattooing.
- Blood transfusions before 1985. In rare instances, there have been HIV cases traced to blood transfusions before 1985.
- Vertical transmission: A pregnant woman with HIV can pass the infection to the baby, as the baby is exposed to mom's blood during the birthing process. HIV can also be passed through breastfeeding. Fortunately, with good medical care during pregnancy, there is a lot that we can do to prevent this from happening, so it is quite rare now.

There are common myths associated with the spread of HIV/AIDS. You cannot get HIV from:

- Hugging, kissing or shaking hands with a person who has HIV.
- Toilet seats, doorknobs, tables or dishes.
- Insect bites.

What are the symptoms of HIV?

These initial symptoms can range from mild to severe. It often can feel like a flu-like illness. These symptoms usually disappear within a couple weeks. Nonetheless, the HIV virus can continue to multiply, further affecting the immune system's ability to fight the disease.

In more advanced, chronic stages of HIV, several of the following symptoms are present:

- Severe fatigue
- Diarrhea or bowel changes
- Loss of appetite or se-

vere weight loss

- Fever
- Dry cough or shortness of breath
- Night sweats
- Nail changes
- Swollen lymph nodes in the neck, armpits and groin
- Confusion, difficulty concentrating or personality changes
- Pain when swallowing
- Tingling, numbness or weakness in the limbs
- Repeated outbreaks of cold sores or genital herpes
- Mouth sores or a yeast infection in the mouth (thrush)

- More than three yeast infections in a year (when not related to antibiotics)

During the initial stages of HIV, symptoms may include:

- Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Enlarged lymph nodes in the neck, armpits and groin
- Headache
- Muscle aches and joint pain
- Skin rash
- Sore throat
- Weight loss
- Fatigue

HIV can spread through:

- 1** Unprotected sex with an infected person
- 2** Transfusion of infected blood/ blood products
- 3** Sharing of contaminated syringes/needles
- 4** Infected mother to child

Should I be tested for HIV?

You should consider having a blood test for HIV if you have:

- Had vaginal, anal or oral sex without a condom
- Shared needles for drugs, piercing or tattoos
- Had a blood transfusion before 1985

Where can I go to be tested for HIV

Go to www.hivtest.org - To find an HIV testing location near you. For information and resources for National HIV Testing Day and beyond, go to www.napwa.org.

The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) started National HIV Testing Day in 1995. Every year, on June 27th, local organizations across the nation engage with communities to promote early diagnosis and HIV-testing. The Centers for Disease Control

(CDC) estimates that 250,000 of the one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States are unaware of their status. Lack of access to treatment and care along with social stigma can make living with HIV difficult. With early diagnosis, uncertain in-

dividuals will know their HIV-status and can find appropriate treatment and care. With this in mind, Resource Center Dallas and Nelson-Tebedo Health Center is providing a full week of testing opportunities.

Testing times and locations:

Nelson Tebedo Health Center
4012 Cedar Springs,
Dallas 75219,
Mon-Wed., June 21-23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free HIV & Syphilis Testing. No appointment needed. Walk-ins welcome
Thur., June 24th, noon-7 p.m.

Free HIV & Syphilis Testing
No appointment needed. Walk-ins welcome
Fri., June 25, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Free HIV & Syphilis Testing
No appointment needed. Walk-ins welcome

JR's Bar & Grill
3923 Cedar Springs,
Dallas 75219
Sun., June 27, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
Free HIV & Syphilis Testing
No appointment needed. Walk-ins welcome

Dreamgirls on stage in Dallas June 30 – July 18

(NDG Wire) Full of on-stage joy and backstage drama, *Dreamgirls* tells the story of an up-and-coming, 1960s singing girl group, and the triumphs and tribulations that come with fame and fortune. Hopeful talents Deena Jones, Lorrell Robinson and Effie White are performing as The Dreamettes when ambitious agent Curtis Taylor, Jr. discovers them. He lands them a job as backup singers for the soul and rock 'n' roll sensation James "Thunder" Early and begins to guide their quickly rising career. However, when the beautiful Deena emerges as the star of the group rather than the full-voiced Effie, the girls are brought to personal and professional crossroads.

Dreamgirls will introduce Moya Angela as Effie White and feature, as The Dreams, Syesha Mercado as Deena Jones, Adrienne Warren as Lorrell Robinson, and

Margaret Hoffman as Michelle Morris with Chaz Lamar Shepherd as Curtis Taylor, Jr., Chester Gregory as James "Thunder" Early, Trevon Davis as C.C. White, Milton Craig Nealy as Marty Madison in a cast of 26 that also features Talia Brinson, Felicia Boswell, Ronald Duncan, Patrice Covington, Talitha Farrow, Brittney Griffin, James Harkness, Robert Hartwell, Eric Jackson, Chauncey Jenkins, Jared Joseph, Nikki Kimbrough, Brittany Lewis, Douglas Lyons, Kimberly Marable, Jarran Muse, Amaker Smith and Marc Spaulding.

Dreamgirls is directed and choreographed by Robert Longbottom with co-choreography by Shane Sparks, scenic design by Robin Wagner, costume design by William Ivey Long, lighting design by Ken Billington, sound design by Acme Sound Partners, and

media design by Howard Werner for Lightswitch. *Dreamgirls* features music by Henry Krieger and lyrics and book by Tom Eyrn with additional material by Willy Reale. *Dreamgirls* is produced by John Breglio for Vienna Waits Productions.

The original Broadway production of *Dreamgirls* opened December 20, 1981, at the Imperial Theatre and won six Tony Awards and three Drama Desk Awards in 1982. It closed on Broadway August 11, 1985, after 1,521 performances. The original Broadway production was directed by Michael Bennett and choreographed by Bennett and Michael Peters. *Dreamgirls* was adapted into a motion picture by DreamWorks Pictures and Paramount Pictures, and opened in December 2006. The film won two Academy Awards, five Golden Globes, and two Screen Actor's Guild

Awards in 2007 in addition to a Grammy Award for Best Song written for a Motion Picture (*Love You I Do*). The most popular song from the film, *Listen*, has been incorporated into the new stage version of *Dreamgirls* as a stirring Act II duet for Deena and Effie. This all-new production of *Dreamgirls* premiered at Harlem's legendary Apollo Theater in New York City on November 22, 2009, before embarking on an inter-

national tour.

Dreamgirls will play June 30 through July 18 at Music Hall at Fair Park,

Next up for Dallas Summer Musicals will be the State Fair of Texas musical, *Shrek the Musical*, September 28-October 17, 2010.

The Dallas Summer Musicals have announced tickets for the smash hit musical *DREAMGIRLS* are on sale now. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$85 and will be available at The Box Office,

542 Preston Royal Shopping Center, all Ticketmaster outlets, by visiting www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 214-631-ARTS (2787). Group orders of 15 or more may be placed by calling 214-426-GROUP.

For more information, visit the official *DREAMGIRLS* website at www.DreamgirlsOnStage.com. For up-to-date information about DSM, please visit www.dallassummermusicals.org.

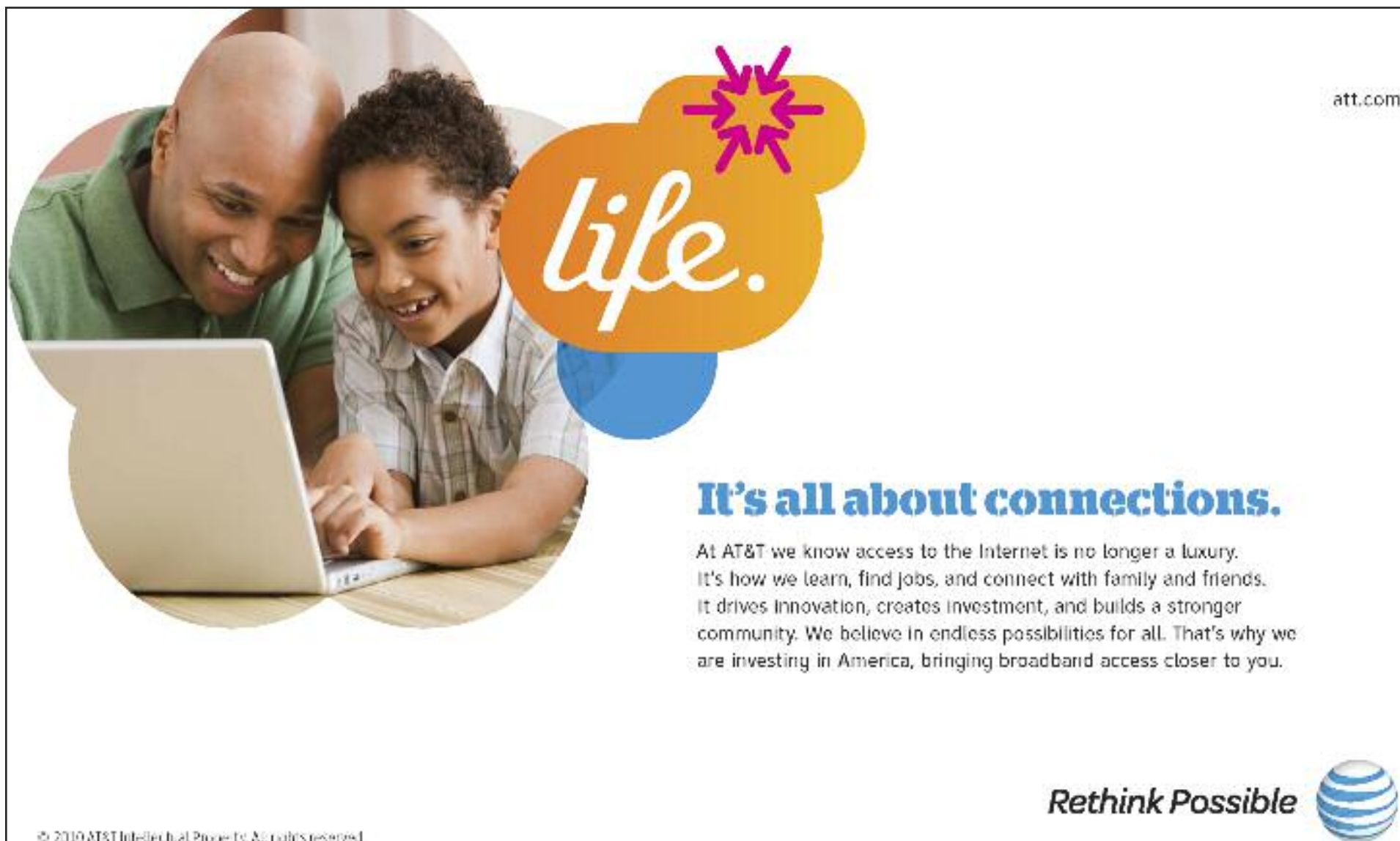
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rap dreams a reality.

Save Me was recently featured on the "Play it or Fade it" segment on Radio One's nationally-syndicated program *The Spirit of Hip Hop with Coco Brother*. The audience called in and overwhelmingly voted for the song to be played.

"It talks about what I was doing at different points of my life in the streets," he explains. "That's the closest song to my heart because it brings me back to where God brought me from... I want people to know this is where I've been. A lot of my life story started right

there in the streets. I can't sugar coat it because this is what's going on in the lives of many people today... This isn't just about smoking crack.... I was literally around killing all day long and going home and crying at night praying to God to save me."



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Jobs Crisis Continues

BY MARC H. MORIAL

(NNPA) The recent slight uptick in job creation has prompted some to declare that the great recession is over. But a look beneath the surface of the numbers tells a more ominous story. It's true -- the Labor Department's employment report for the month of May showed a gain of 431,000 jobs and an overall unemployment rate of 9.7 percent - down slightly from April's rate of 9.9 percent.

But before breaking out the champagne we should consider that 411,000 of the newly employed are temporary Census workers and that 15 million Americans are still looking for work. Consider also, that African American and Latino joblessness continues to far outpace the national average, and now stands at 15.5 percent and 12.4 percent respectively. With summer fast approaching, the unemployment rate for Black teens has climbed to 38 percent. Clearly, like the oil spewing from that well in the Gulf of Mexico, the jobs crisis continues.

Perhaps the most disturbing statistic in the latest jobs report is that 46 percent of all unemployed workers have been out of a job for six months or more - a clear sign that the labor market is far from being in recovery. The burgeoning ranks of the long-term unemployed, coupled with the weak

growth in private sector jobs reinforces the need for legislation that funds direct job creation and training for the chronically unemployed.

This will reap huge dividends for struggling families and communities as well as our nation.

A new report from the National Urban League Policy Institute describes how investing in job creation is also the best strategy for reducing the deficit. We estimate that if the economy could replace the 8 million jobs lost since the recession began in December of 2007, the resulting increase in tax revenues would reduce the deficit by \$235 million. Another \$75 billion dollars in deficit reduction would be achieved due to reduced spending on unemployment benefits. In total, a robust jobs surge can reduce the budget deficit by \$310 million.

The continuing increase in teen unemployment is also cause for alarm. We urge the Senate to join the House in swiftly passing H.R. 4213, the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act. That bill includes \$1 billion for a summer youth program and \$2.5 billion in emergency assistance for needy families. We know that summer jobs are the launch pad for success. They provide a foundation for a solid work ethic and invaluable experience that gives young people

a clear advantage that lasts throughout their working life. The Senate must act without delay. We cannot continue to sacrifice our future for short-term political gain.

As a part of our centennial year IAMEMPOWERED campaign, the National Urban League has challenged the nation to meet the goal of ensuring that every American has access to jobs with a living wage and good benefits by the year 2025. To keep the country focused on that goal, we recently launched our State of Urban Jobs site at iamempowered.com. Log on today to stay abreast of the latest developments.

NUL's 6-POINT PLAN FOR JOB CREATION

1. Fund Direct Job Creation by offering financial support to cities, counties, states, universities, community colleges and non-profit community based organizations to hire the personnel necessary to provide critical services in communities across the nation. Eligibility for support will be based on local unemployment rates with a focus on the long-term unemployed. At least twice in American history, the government has responded to high rates of unemployment with investments in direct job creation -the 1935 Works Progress Administration when nearly one-fourth of the labor force was out of work, and the Emergency

Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act of 1974 which established Title VI of CETA as a temporary countercyclical employment program at a time when unemployment was quickly approaching 9 percent. We propose an investment of \$150 billion to create 3 million jobs, a number that represents only half of the current unemployed with a high school diploma or less.

2. Expand and Expedite the Small Business Administration's Community Express Loan Program through a reduction of the interest rate to 1 percent targeted for those businesses located in areas where the local unemployment rate exceeds the state average. A ten-fold expansion of the program (from \$1 billion to \$10 billion) should make credit available to an additional 50,000 small businesses nationwide.

3. Create Green Empowerment Zones in areas where at least 50 percent of the population has an unemployment rate that is higher than the state average. Manufacturers of solar panels and wind turbines that open plants in high unemployment areas will for a period of three years, be eligible for a zero federal income tax rate and a zero capital gains tax under the condition that they hire and retain for a minimum of three years at least half of their workforce from the local

area.

4. Expand the Hiring of Housing Counselors Nationwide by investing \$500 million to fund housing counseling agencies nationwide to help delinquent borrowers work with their loan servicers to secure more affordable mortgages. Over the past 18 months more than \$400 million in federal funds have been invested by the Administration to help mitigate the mortgage crisis through housing counseling and according to a recent report by the Urban Institute, borrowers facing foreclosure are 60% more likely to hold onto their homes if they receive counseling and receive loan modifications with average monthly payments \$454 lower than those who did not see counselors.

5. Expand the Youth Summer Jobs Program for 2010 by investing \$5-7 billion to employ 5 million teens. While the unemployment rate for African-American youth is over 40 percent, the employment population ratio makes clearer the desperate situation faced by many urban youth. Since the late 1990s, this number has declined from a high of 33 percent down to 15 percent and labor force participation for this group is now at a record

low of 26 percent. A critical factor in eliminating racial and socio-economic disparities in unemployment is providing a solid foundation upon which African-American youth can build positive future labor market expectations and experiences.

6. Create 100 Urban Jobs Academies to Implement an Expansion of the Urban Youth Empowerment Program (UYEP) to employ and train the chronically unemployed. UYEP, a four year demonstration project created in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor in 2004, is a youth career preparation initiative designed for at-risk, out-of-school, and adjudicated youth and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24. With 27 Urban League affiliate sites and a total of \$29.3 million, the program served 3,900 youth, 65 percent of whom either had job placements (paying an average wage of \$9.32/hour) or completed their high school diploma or GED. Two hundred participants were placed in postsecondary schools or college upon completion of their secondary education. Scaling this program up to 100 sites would more than triple the program at a cost of \$108.5 million.

Annual Metroplex East Piano Festival

(NDG Wire) Eastfield College will host the Eastfield Metroplex East Piano Festival June 21 - 26. Pierrette Mouledous, Director of the Piano Department, has assembled an impressive faculty of educators with specialty in piano performance to teach the week-long camps. Instructors will focus on elements of stylistic interpretation and technique from classical, jazz and liturgical piano repertoire for students age 7 and



up; tuition starts at \$75.

2010 Special Guest Pianist will be Angela Cheng. Angela Cheng was the 1986 Gold Medal winner at the

Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Masters Competition as well as the first Canadian to win the prestigious Montreal International Piano Competition (1988). In the same year, the Canada Council awarded Ms. Cheng its coveted Career Development

Grant. For her outstanding interpretations of Mozart, she received the Medal of Excellence at the Mozarteum in Salzburg in 1991.

Admission to the special concerts is included with registration to the festival; general admission tickets are \$20. For more information call 972-860-7119 or email PierretteMouledous@dcccd.edu. Complete details can be found at www.emepianofest.com.

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Julianne Malveaux is President of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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You'll Know When You've Arrived

BY ROBERT WILSON
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

(NDG Wire) During the 1996 Summer Olympics, I saw a young athlete with his brand new silver medal around his neck and a massive smile on his face. He was so thrilled with his achievement that he was mixing and mingling with everyone he met on the sidewalk. Perfect strangers were shaking his hand, slapping him on the back, and having their picture taken with him. I did not know who he was, but it was clear that he was relishing the highest point of his life to date.

On March 29, 1982, amid thunderous applause, Katherine Hepburn stepped onto the stage at the Academy Awards to receive the Best Actress Oscar for her performance in On Golden Pond. Was she as thrilled as the Olympic athlete that I saw? Probably not. It was her fourth. Been there, done

that, the mantle is getting crowded.

In my column titled Pack Mentality, I wrote that human beings are highly motivated by status and its symbols. A reader contacted me and said she had grown beyond that. She told me how, after 20 years of financial success, she put the corporate world and materialism behind her. She now works at a fraction of her previous earnings for a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of babies.

I agreed that she had put status and its symbols behind her, but only in one area of her life. I then asked her what level of comfort was she seeking to achieve in her new career?

Abraham Maslow, in his Theory of Human Motivation, identified five levels of need that people strive to satisfy (in order, they are: Survival, Safety, Social, Esteem, and Fulfillment). I

have found that we work through those five levels separately in each area of our lives: work, relationships, parenting, hobbies, sports, volunteering, etc. With each new endeavor, we attempt to pass all the mileposts until we reach our comfort zone.

There is a joke about parenthood that illustrates this: When the first baby drops her pacifier on the ground, the parents sterilize it before giving it back; with the second baby, the pacifier gets wiped off; and with number three, it just gets popped back into his mouth. I used to think the humor referred to how harried the parent was from handling the needs of three kids, but now I realize it refers to the parent's comfort level with raising children.

Status is an esteem need, and the symbols that accompany it are recognition for our achievements.

However, as long as those status symbols remain important to us, then we haven't mastered that area of our lives. It is when we are in our comfort zone that the achievement is secure. At that point, the symbols are no longer important and we are ready to move on to the highest level: fulfillment. You will know you have reached the peak when you freely share your expertise with people who are levels below you.

Many years ago, I heard an interview with a professional football quarterback. The reporter asked him if he ever taught his secrets of success to younger up and coming players. He replied, "What, and lose my job to one of them? Hell no! Let them learn it on their own the way I did." Clearly, he was not yet in his comfort zone.

All of us have reached a comfort zone in one or more areas of our lives. I

spent six years as a member of the public speaking organization, Toastmasters International. For the first four years, I was fully focused on learning and achieving. In that time, I completed two educational levels and won 13 speaking contests. During my last two years in Toastmasters, I became a professional speaker and was no longer interested in entering the contests. The shine of those "amateur" trophies had worn off a bit, and I found my joy was in sharing what

I already knew with those who were just beginning.

You will know you have reached the highest level, when sharing your expertise is as satisfying as achievement.

Robert Evans Wilson, Jr. is a motivational speaker and humorist. He works with companies that want to be more competitive and with people who want to think like innovators. For more information on Robert's programs please visit www.jumpstartyourmeeting.com.

The No Limit Network is hosting a Career Fair at the 6th Annual No Limit Women's Expo

(NDG Wire) The No Limit Network, a business and social networking organization, is hosting a Career Fair at the 6th annual No Limit Women's Expo on Saturday, August 14, 2010,

10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX 75080. Admission to the Career Fair is free for job seekers. General admission to the other activities at the

expo is \$5 or \$3 with a canned food donation benefiting the North Texas Food Bank.

The Career Fair will feature employers from different sectors of the community.

Employers seeking exceptional career-minded employees are encouraged to participate. Employers may request information at 972-898-5882 or info@thenolimitnetwork.com.

Plano Lays Out the Fines for Fireworks

(NDG Wire) Everyone loves the excitement of watching large bursts of color explode on the backdrop of the night sky. However, shooting fireworks off within the Plano City limits is going to cost you. For possession of fireworks alone, a person can be fined up to \$2,000.

City ordinance states by law the possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks is prohibited within the City of Plano. Fireworks are defined as any device for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect for entertainment purposes that is acti-

vated by ignition with a match or other heat producing device.

Join the All-American Fourth of July community celebration. Beginning at 9:30 p.m., Sunday, July 4, a professional fireworks display will light up Plano's sky over Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve, east of U.S. 75 on Spring Creek Pkwy.

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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, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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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 19, 10 a.m.
Come see our Annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) 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.,
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Sister Tarpley

Jesus said, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. *Mathew 7:26 & 27 (KJV)*

A favorite song of mine when I became a believer and a committed follower of Jesus had words like these "In times like these I need a Savior, in times like these I need an anchor, but I must be sure that my anchor holds and grips that solid rock; that rock is Jesus, He's the one, I am so sure so very sure my anchor holds because it grips that solid rock of Jesus." The same holds true when a Christian builds a solid foundation, it must be built on Jesus and His Words.

There are two kinds of people in the world today. Some people hear the words that Jesus speaks and are awed by His wisdom and understanding, but they do nothing about what they hear. Others hear Jesus words and acts on them. Jesus said that those who hear His words but failed to put them into practice are foolish..

Building a Solid Foundation

Jesus also says, "Therefore whosoever hear these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not for it was founded upon a rock. *Matthew 7:24 & 25 (KJV)*

You never know how well your house is built until it is tested by the elements. Torrential rains reveal the quality of your roof. Wind and cold reveal how well your home is insulated. Heat and sun reveal the quality of your paint and siding. All these elements reveal whether a solid foundation has been laid to make your home a secure and lasting place to live.

Many of us find that we are faced with the reality that our foundations are not strong enough to weather life's storms. How do we react when the trials come? The Lord uses these times to help us recognize whether our foundations are on sand or rock.

Erma Bombeck wrote a story after learning that she was dying from cancer. Some of her words are worth repeating; I have added a few things that are close to my heart. Father's Day is this Sunday. This is food for

thought for all fathers in placing things in hierarchy.

If I Had My Life to Live Over, I Would Have...

...used the best of everything that I had all of the time and not just saved it for company.

...talked less, listened and loved more.

...eaten the popcorn in the "good" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

...taken the time to listen to my grandfather and grandmother ramble about his or her youth and kept notes about the family history.

...shared more of the responsibility carried by my spouse and encouraged his or her more.

...never insisted we ride in the car if we could have walked instead.

...cried and laughed more while watching life and less while watching television.

...brought things just because they were practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

...I would have cherished every moment with my child or children and realized that the wonderment and innocence would not last forever.

...attended more school functions and PTA's to show support for my child or children.

...liked it more when my

kids kissed me impetuously.

...Give out more "I love you's, hugs and I'm sorry's. But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute--look at it and really see it--live it--and never give it back. I would stop sweating the small stuff. I wouldn't worry about who doesn't like me, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, I would cherish the relationships I have with those who do love me

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office manager around, I opted for convenience figuring I could do it myself or cross train my staff. Though I still believe that, I now realize the cost of that is significant in both time and money.

For me, this aha moment triggered action. I immediately decided to hire someone who had already been where I needed my office to get. I went on the hunt through past resume submissions, friends, colleagues, old students etc to find someone who could fill the hole in my office structure. There was nothing. I decided to post the position with the Texas Workforce Commission.

I was pleasantly surprised at the level service I



Dr. Gregory Voss, Pastor of Word of Life C.O.G.I.C in Carrollton, TX, leading songs of Praises to God.

received. The employment representative contacted me almost immediately to get some clarification and make suggestions about my posting to ensure the best results. Furthermore, she informed me about the "Back to Work" program which actually pays you up to \$2000 to hire and maintain qualified employees in Texas.

But nothing prepared me for the onslaught of ex-

cellent candidates I would receive. Within 24 hours the resumes begin pouring in faster than I had time to read. In only a few days, I found myself deciding between best and better. This was a great place to be. Now I can get back to the business I know best.

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Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend

(NDG Wire) For the second year in a row, American Airlines will host entertainer Steve Harvey and more than 100 boys between the ages of 13 and 18 at the Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend at Alliance Fort Worth Maintenance Base on June 19.

The boys will have the opportunity to meet American Airlines pilots and mechanics and tour exhibits by American Airlines, the Navy and Air Force.

More than 70 American Airlines volunteers, including

African-American pilots and mechanics, will be on hand Saturday.

The Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend was created to support boys who are being raised without a father figure in the home. Harvey called on celebrity friends, business leaders, and corporate sponsors such as American Airlines to lead seminars on topics that include getting in and staying in college, making the best impression, "manhood 101" and other areas of self development.

Plano Animal Shelter promotes Give Dad a Dog (or a Cat) event

(NDG Wire) Why give your dad a pair of boxers for Father's Day when you can adopt a Boxer for him? Now through Father's Day, the Plano Animal Shelter is offering special adoption deals during its "Give Dad a Dog (or a Cat) Event." One size fits all with adoptions of all cats over the age of 6 months priced at only \$25 and all dogs over the age of 6 months priced at \$60. The regular fee for adoptions is \$80.

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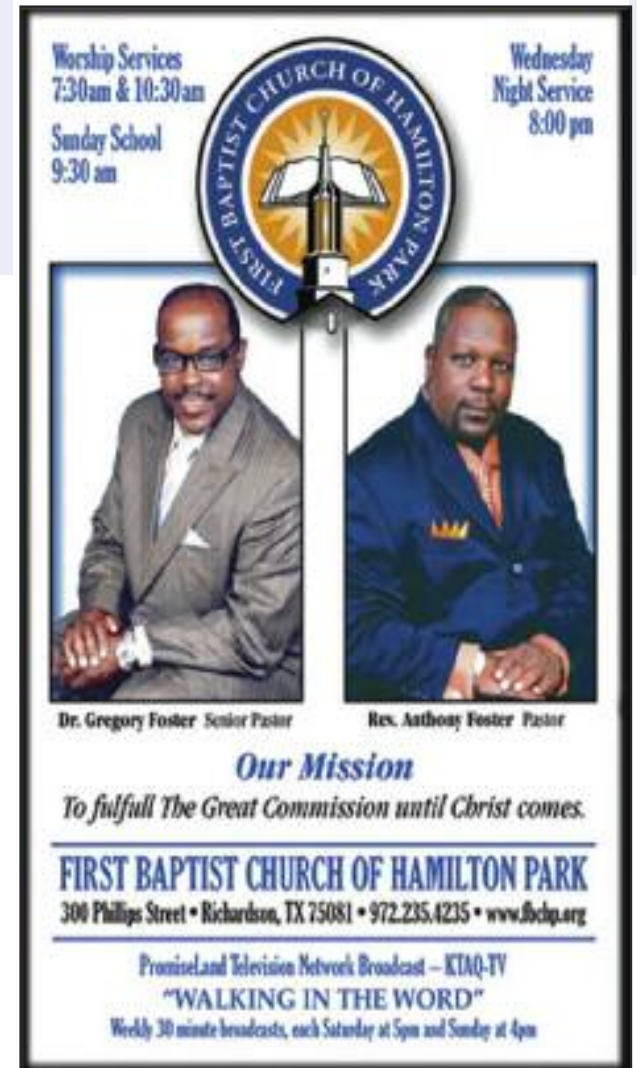
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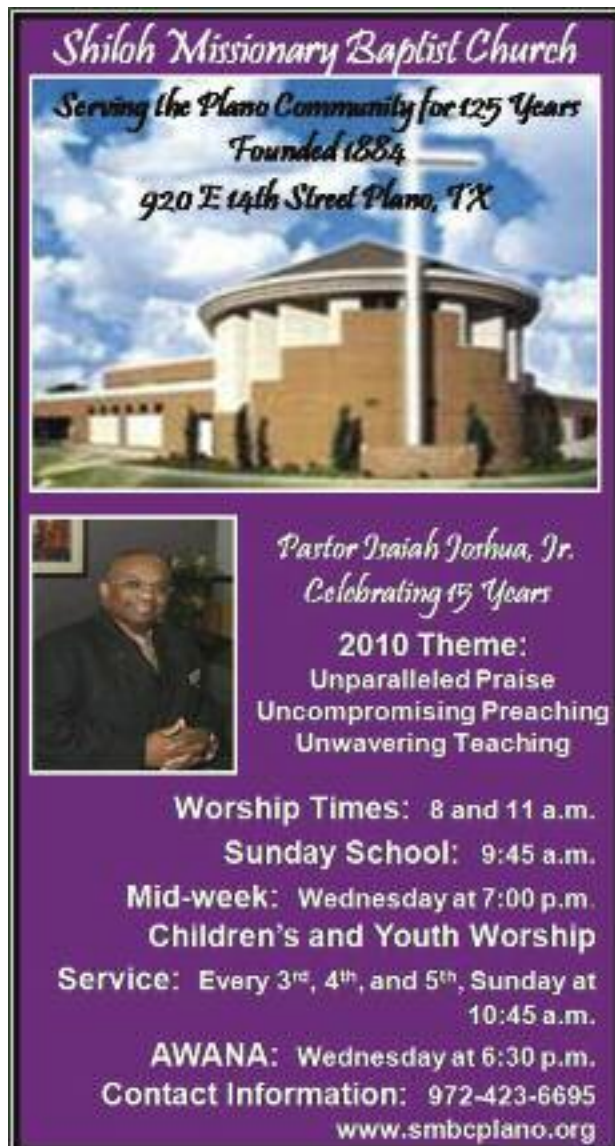


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Wednesday Service
Intercessory Prayer 6:15 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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SUNDAY
Education Ministries
9:30 a.m.
Worship Celebration
10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Family Ministries
7:00 p.m.

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