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Talk show hosts celebrate 20 years on the air Weekend of events to provide scholarships



Roger B. Brown

(NDG Wire) Twenty years ago KKDA-AM introduced a talk format, with several shows like *Call Dr. Wall*, *Talk Back with John Wiley Price*, *Hotline* and *Girlfriends*.

Today, only three shows, *Reporters Roundtable with Cheryl Smith*,

Speak Out with Judge Maryellen Hicks and *Talking Sports with Roger B. Brown* remain and the weekend of June 25-27 the hosts of these award-winning shows will celebrate their accomplishments.

Roger B., a former columnist for the *Fort*

Worth Star Telegram, is a graduate of Tougaloo College in Jackson, MS with a degree in English and Jackson State University with a master's degree in Journalism.

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Older Americans are frequent financial swindle victims



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Plano Symphony Orchestra presents *Patriotic Pops* on July 4th

(NDG Wire) Join Hector Guzman, the Plano Symphony Orchestra, and the Patriotic Pops Chorus at the Eisemann Center for a rousing and inspiring tribute to our beautiful country.

The program will include many American and

Patriotic favorites, including the *Star Spangled Banner*, Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, John Williams' moving music from *Saving Private Ryan*, a *Salute to the Armed Forces*, and much more!

Come celebrate the 4th of July at 3 p.m.

To order, please call the Plano Symphony Orchestra Ticket Office at 972-473-7262, or visit www.planosymphony.org to order tickets online. Reserved Seating tickets begin at \$8; add \$2 per ticket at the door. Group and student rates available.

Happy Birthday United States



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Rock icon Bret Nicaels headlines 100.3 Jack FM's *Bandanaroo '10*

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COMMENTARY

Deepwater Horizon oil spill steels a president

BY KATHERINE SAVERS MCGOVERN
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

On April 20, 2010, the well being drilled by the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and changed the fortunes of the American Gulf Coast. Detailed timelines have been published which suggest that BP and the Mineral Mines Service/Dept. Of Interior had been aware that the well was exhibiting pressure control problems for several days prior to the

explosion. On April 20, 2010 at about 9:30 pm, the gas pressure in the well contributed to an explosion which killed 11 men on the Deepwater Horizon rig and injured many others. That night, the President was notified of the explosion and deaths. A federal command center was established on the Gulf Coast to address the environmental impact, to coordi-

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First-of-its kind organization seeks to support Hispanic community

(NDG Wire) The inaugural event of the newly formed Latinos in Architecture Committee, a first-of-its-kind Hispanic networking organization, kicked off with drinks, lively discussions and al-

most 100 people.

The Latinos in Architecture (LiA) Committee launched last month with the goal of increasing the relationships between Hispanic architects, strengthening the community and

inspiring Hispanic students to consider an architecture career. A Happy Hour meet-and-greet served as the group's initial introduction to the Dallas community, which is composed of almost 50% Hispanic resi-

dents.

"We would like to raise the level of exposure concerning architecture as a career for minorities. We want to increase the number of Hispanic role mod-

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Arnett Lanse Waters

Arnett Lanse Waters is a dynamic financial/wealth speaker who has quickly and strategically risen to the top of the investment industry. At age 24, he created a budget of \$30 million to employ and train adults in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. He was also personally selected and oversaw a 25 person team that was responsible for managing the program and its two hundred additional employees.

He was later selected by former Governor Edward J. King to operate a statewide program serving 30,000 in-

dividuals and employing a staff of approximately 600 people. Mr. Waters went on to serve as the Executive Director of the Private Industry Council (PIC) and as an aide to former Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of Bank of Boston, Dr. James Howell.

Mr. Waters subsequently shifted from his role in the public service sector and moved into the investment arena at Merrill Lynch. He quickly rose from the ranks of trainee stockbroker and was later named Assistant Vice Pres-

ident of Sales at Merrill Lynch, and later went on to serve as both Assistant Vice President and Vice President of Sales at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette. Prior to founding his own ventures, he served as Vice President and Senior Vice President of Sales at Shearson, Lehman.

The dramatic increase in rare coins in the 1970s and 1980s convinced Mr. Waters that a value-investing approach existed in the growing marketplace. Therefore, in 1990, he founded Windsor Park Ltd., an international purveyor of high mint state United

States gold and silver coins. His recommendations and anticipation of market trends have enabled some clients to receive returns in excess of 17% per year since 1990, which differentiates his performance from that of other private dealers.

Today Windsor Park is the umbrella organization under which its affiliate companies operate: A.L. Waters Capital LLC, a FINRA/SIPC broker dealer company focusing on investment banking and corporate finance; and Port Huron Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership organized to buy and

sell precious metals, coins, energy funds and securities focused on precious metals.

Mr. Waters served as the Secretary for the Boston Latin School Association. An avid lover of classical music, he also served as Director and Chairman of the Opera Company of Boston—a distinct honor, as he was the first black person to be named Chairman of a major Boston cultural institution. He currently serves as an overseer to The Boston Museum of Science. Mr. Waters retired from playing polo in 2004, where he was a member of the Newport, RI Polo Club.



He also has played at Palm Beach, Aiken, SC and in the Dominican Republic.

Miles Jaye

(NDG Wire) Miles Jaye is no stranger to Dallas fans. For nearly a decade he has been a featured artist at the annual Don't Believe the Hype Weekend and this year will be no different as he showcases his many talents at the KKDA 20th anniversary celebration for talk show hosts Maryellen Hicks, Roger B. Brown and Cheryl Smith on Friday, June 25, 8p.m. at Harwood 609 Jazz Restaurant, 609 North Har-

wood in Dallas.

On Saturday, June 26 at 6p.m. he'll be at Cheryl Smith's Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon at USA Bowl and then on Sunday, June 27 he's back at Harwood 609 for a 7 p.m. show.

"I enjoy coming to Dallas," said Jaye, during a recent interview. "I always receive a warm welcome and I'm looking forward to participating in such a beautiful establishment as Harwood 609."

The weekend's activities

benefit UNCF, the DFW Association of Black Journalists Urban Journalism Workshop and Sen. Royce West's (D-Dallas) Dr. Emmett J. Conrad Leadership Program, and is sponsored by Off the Bone Barbecue, American Airlines, Clear Channel Outdoor, Coca Cola, Evans Engraving, Black Business Directory, Harwood 609, Ntheknow.com, *The Dallas Weekly*, TXU Energy, Dallas South News, KKDA-AM, Evolv and Ash Britt Je'Ne Spa.

Miles will be joining several celebrities, including ac-

tress Kiki Shepard, comedian David A. Arnold, former Dallas Cowboy Drew Pearson, former Dallas Maverick Derek Harper, and a host of others, including emcee Roland Martin of TV One and CNN.

Like his namesake the legendary trumpeter Miles Davis, Miles is one of music's most gifted, distinctive and dynamic artists. He laid the groundwork for excellence with his three highly acclaimed and successful CDs *Miles*, *Irresistable* and *Strong* on Island Records. He



returned to the forefront of music and distinguishes his status as a master songwriter, musician and vocalist with a brilliantly creative CD, *Hu-*

manity, his 7th album and 4th on his independently owned record label, Black Tree Records.

"During my shows in Dallas, I will be sharing songs from my newest CD," he said. "We're going to have a good time with a combination of old and new tunes."

Miles was discovered by R&B singing sensation, Teddy Pendergrass and in 1988 produced the certified gold CD *Joy* for his mentor.

He was also the lead

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Audrey Gilbreath

Audrey Gilbreath, president and CEO of Gilbreath Communications, Inc., has been selected as one of seven distinguished industry leaders named as the Southwest Advertising Hall of Fame's 2010 class of inductees. Audrey has the rare distinction of being both the first African-American

and the first woman inducted for the honor.

The Southwest Advertising Hall of Fame is a creation of the Tenth District of the American Advertising Federation, which recently announced the names of the inductees. The induction ceremony and luncheon will take place in Dallas at 11:30 a.m. on October 12, 2010, at the Doubletree Campbell Centre on North Central Expressway, hosted by the Dallas Ad League.



The other 2010 Hall of Fame inductees include Herbert D. Kelleher, founder of Southwest Airlines; Alex Lopez Negrete, president of Lopez Negrete Communications, the second-largest independently-owned Hispanic agency in the U.S.; George Arnold, retired CEO of Arnold/Harwell/Sherill/Carrithers (now Evans /AFSC); Warren K. "Doc" Johnson, late founder and former CEO of Jordan Asso-

ciates; Tom Moroch, founder and chairman of Moroch Partners; and Willard Walbridge, the late first vice president and general manager of KTRK-TV in Houston.

The Southwest Advertising Hall of Fame's purpose is to honor regional industry standouts who have distinguished themselves by contributing to the betterment of advertising and its reputation, while also making volunteer contributions beyond their profession.

Audrey runs the largest and oldest African-American-owned marketing agency in Houston. She founded Gilbreath Communications more than 20 years ago, and the company has steadily grown — earning recognition over the years as one of Houston's Fastest-Growing Small Businesses. Throughout her company's expansion and rising suc-

cess, Audrey has remained active in her industry and her community.

Audrey started her advertising career with the J. Walter Thompson Company in Houston, and she held several positions with JWT over the next 10 years before leaving to start her own agency.

Since launching Gilbreath Communications, Inc., Audrey has developed, implemented and managed diverse integrated marketing campaigns, and corporate communications programs for a number of public and private entities. Her portfolio of clients include Shell Oil, the Port of Houston Authority, Workforce Solutions, City of Houston Department of Homeland Security, CenterPoint Energy, JPMorgan Chase, the NFL, CART, ConAgra Foods, Waste Management, The Ensemble Theatre, the

Houston-Galveston Area Council Clean Air Coalition and Commute Solutions programs. Gilbreath Com-

munications has won numerous prestigious awards over the years for the

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nate with the state and local governments and the Coast Guard initiated search-and-rescue operations. Between April 21 and April 22, the Administration's focus was anticipatory of the grave risk of a major environmental incident in which the Coast Guard had reported the existence of 700,000 gallons of diesel oil on the Deepwater Horizon rig and the potential release of 8,000 barrels per day of crude oil if the well were to completely blowout. NOAA's Environmental Scientist arrived on scene to coordinate initial trajectory advice for any oil spill with MMS.

On April 22, the Horizon Deepwater rig sank. The President convened a "Principal Level Meeting" and ordered that the United States' government's response to the potential oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was priority number one. The President's order cleared the way for the federal government to treat this environmental risk as enabling all responding departments to devote every resource needed.

On April 22 and 23, there was no apparent leak, but on April 23 the Coast Guard significantly increased its estimate of a release potential from 8,000 barrels to 64,000 - 110,000 barrels per day of crude oil if the well were completely blown out. All information on the condition of the Deepwater Horizon's blowout preventer valve was sourced from BP's underwater cameras and deep-water ROVs.

As events have played out, the Deepwater Horizon's blowout preventer valve, indeed apparently the entire structure, was not operating as designed and a massive release of crude oil has ensued. The pictures of great streams and pools of crude oil floating on the waters of the Gulf Coast, of large underwater plumes of oil, and of crude oil reaching the marshes and breed-

ing sites of the Louisiana barrier islands and coasts have disgusted and mesmerized the nation and the world. The negative implications to the very existence of the Louisiana fishing industry - in all of its forms - are clearly displayed by the pictures and reports. The increasing impact to the Gulf Coast tourist economy built on the pristine sands and waters is played out daily. The scope of this oil spill catastrophe continues to grow as the oil appears destined to enter into the Loop Current which will lead it around the tip of Florida and along the East Coast to the North Carolina beaches and fishing areas. Not to mention the presence of the hurricane season and its potential to spread the oil exponentially.

President Obama has again stepped forward in a time of crisis with strong, focused leadership. Recognizing that an environmental disaster has rapidly become catastrophic, President Obama has moved forward to mitigate and contain the oil's impact with more than 1,200 federal response vessels in the Gulf Coast, more than 22,000 personnel from various federal agencies acting to protect the wetlands, the birds, sea life, beaches, and for the placement of hundreds of thousands of containment boom and sorbent boom along the Gulf Coast to impede the onslaught of this oil. BP has been ordered to put its contractors to work on these projects.

The responsibility to stop the oil leak rests on BP. President Obama has not left the decision-making concerning how and what BP will do to achieve this goal to BP. The Administration has called on the smartest, most knowledgeable engineers and scientists available, both in the federal sector and in the private sector, to solve this complex problem and to oversee what BP proposes and does. The leak will be

stopped and this Administration will necessarily revisit the complicity and arrogance which lead to the approval of deep water drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. This review must address the apparent absence of meaningful review and oversight by MMS in the application and drill process, including BP's proceeding to drill without the command protocol and on hand resources necessary to respond to failure.

The damages to the wetlands and marshes of the Gulf Coast, and the indigenous wildlife, will undoubtedly take many years to overcome, if at all. As yet, the damages to the underwater life due to the volume of oil and the existence of the underwater oil plumes are unknown because we have never faced a catastrophic oil spill which has continued largely unabated for months. . . . assuming that the target date of August for the two relief drilled wells to be completed is met.

One can appreciate the calm, determined focus of President Obama on meeting and responding to the complex, multi-focused challenges created by the collapse of the Deepwater Horizon. This is particularly true in comparison to the literal tantrums displayed by various public officials and political commentators. For example, while understandably intimidated and angered by the scope of the oil spill and its likely damage to the wildlife, fisheries, wetlands, marshes and coasts of Louisiana, Governor Jindal's answers appear to be short term, of uncertain benefit, and very expensive. He has demanded that sand barriers be placed to protect the Louisiana coasts although it is recognized that construction of the barriers would take up to 9 months, would not be likely to withstand a mild hurricane, and would certainly have unknown environmental and

other consequences which could be injurious to the Gulf coast.

The unfortunate fact appears to be that Gulf Coast America has lost and is going to lose wetlands, marshes, breeding areas as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The capacity to block or skim up the volume of oil being released does not appear to exist - whether the number of vessels and booms placed in the Gulf Coast were tripled or quadrupled. Until the oil spill is stopped, the government's focus for protection of the coast and its valuable resources, both federal and state, must be to mitigate, contain, protect and preserve that which we can. The President has placed unprecedented federal resources to that purpose and has directed that BP step up its contribution of resources to that purpose.

The blame game of politics is in full force and will undoubtedly continue, as will the unceasing news coverage which reminds us all of the terrible consequences of this manmade oil spill. However, we are fortunate to have a President who recognizes the need to exhibit a steely resolve which not only holds BP responsible and demands specific action, but directs the use of all of the resources of the federal government to help the immediate and continuing needs of the citizens of the Gulf Coast so harshly affected by this spill. As the President has said so many times in response to challenges, and we echo - Yes we can!

Editor's Note: This commentary was completed prior to the events of last week including BP's agreement to fund a \$20M account for payouts to victims.

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Healthy Fourth of July Recipes

(NDG Wire) Independence Day is nearly here and Americans across the country are gearing up for grub at their annual barbecues. But navigating typical Fourth of July cookout staples can be frustrating for those focused

on healthy eating.

Elizabeth Edelman, resident culinary expert and healthy eating guru at Diabetes Daily (www.DiabetesDaily.com), has developed nutritious adaptations of American classics, including

a holiday-themed sangria, stuffed hamburgers, healthy shish-kabobs with tomatillo salsa and a fresh take on corn that are easy to make and

sure to please – whether you are hosting or just bringing something to share - at any Fourth of July celebration. Full recipes are below.

Sautéed Fresh Corn With Herbs

What You Need:

- 8 to 10 ears of corn
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme

How to Make It:

Remove the husks and silk from the corn. Cut the kernels off the corn carefully, making sure to not remove any of the husk. Heat the butter over medium heat in a large skillet. Sauté the corn with the salt, pepper and thyme for about 10 minutes, until nice and brown.

Serves 8.

Nutrition Facts per Serving

- Calories: 96
- Carbohydrates: 17g
- Fiber: 2g
- Sugars: 3g
- Total Fat: 3g
- Saturated: 2g
- Trans: 0g
- Sodium: 232mg
- Protein: 3g

Red White & Blue Sangria

What You Need:

- 1 bottle chilled white wine (Elizabeth likes Rioja when she makes Sangria)
- 1/2 cup peach schnapps
- 1 shot Cointreau or triple sec
- 1 cup diet 7UP
- 1/2 cup diet ginger ale
- 1 cup sliced strawberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1/2 cup raspberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)

How to Make It:

Combine the chilled white wine, the peach schnapps and the Cointreau in a large pitcher and stir. Add the strawberries, raspberries and blueberries to the pitcher. Top with the 7UP and the ginger ale and stir lightly to combine. Pour into individual glasses.

Serves 6.

Nutrition Facts per Serving

- Calories: 127
- Carbohydrates: 9g
- Fiber: 2g
- Sugars: 4g
- Total Fat: 0g
- Saturated: 0g
- Trans: 0g
- Sodium: 1mg
- Protein: 1g

Hamburgers Stuffed with Cream Cheese and Jalapenos

What You Need:

- 1 lb. ground sirloin
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 6 oz. whipped cream cheese
- 4 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- Lettuce, for wrapping
- Any condiments you may want

How to Make It:

Heat your grill over medium heat. While the grill is heating, combine the cream cheese and the chopped jalapenos in a bowl and stir to combine. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the ground sirloin, the egg, Kosher salt and black pepper. Form eight 1/4" thick patties. Spoon the cream cheese and jalapeno mixture onto half of the patties. Place the other patties on top of the cream cheese and press to seal them shut.

Grill the burgers over medium heat, for about 6-10 minutes per side, or until cooked to desired temperature.

When the burgers are done, remove from the grill and wrap in the lettuce leaves.

Serves 4.

Nutrition Facts per Serving

- Calories: 344
- Carbohydrates: 3g
- Dietary Fiber: 0g
- Sugars: 2g
- Fat: 25g
- Saturated: 12g
- Trans: 1g
- Sodium: 499mg
- Protein: 26g

African Americans at Increased Risk for Stroke

(NDG Wire) When Craig Miller, a 37-year-old Charleston, SC native, arrived at his church one Sunday morning, he had no idea that he would suffer a stroke that day.

"I never could have imagined it. I had just run three miles the morning of the stroke and played golf the day before – I was feeling good," said Miller, the minister of music at his church. "Now, I know that my high blood pressure and diabetes were major risk factors for stroke."

Each year, 780,000 Americans suffer a stroke. It is the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of long-term disability in the United States. For African Americans, stroke is more common and more deadly – even in young and middle-aged adults – than for any

other ethnic or racial group in the country. In addition, African Americans suffer more severe strokes than white Americans and have a higher incidence of the manageable stroke risk factors, including high blood pressure and cigarette smoking.

Yet many people do not know the symptoms or what to do when they witness someone having a stroke.

"I was playing the organ and felt disoriented. I couldn't get my left hand to connect with my face as I tried to wipe my forehead," said Miller. "A member in the congregation noticed that I was acting strange and summoned for help."

"I'm lucky that my symptoms were recognized as those of a stroke, that someone called 9-1-1 quickly, and that I was treated at an experienced

stroke center," he added.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted. Brain cells die when deprived of oxygen and nutrients provided by blood. Because stroke injures the brain, a person having a stroke, may not realize what is happening. But, to a bystander, the signs of a stroke are distinct. According to the National Institutes of Health, symptoms include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg (especially on one side of the body)
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe

headache with no known cause.

Prompt treatment can dramatically decrease or even prevent long-term disabilities caused by a stroke. Knowing the symptoms, making note of the time of the first symptoms, and getting to the hospital quickly by calling 9-1-1 can help prevent serious long-term disability.

"The good news is that treatments are available that can save people's lives and enhance their chances for successful recovery," said Salina Waddy, M.D., program director at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). "It is critical that African Americans know that we are at much higher risk for stroke. It also is important that we all know to call 9-1-1 and get to the hospital to

receive appropriate medical treatment immediately. Stroke strikes fast; you should too."

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An old-fashioned Fourth celebration at Dallas Heritage Village

(NDG Wire) Only at Old-Fashioned Fourth will you meet costumed characters from 1840 to 1910 who will regale visitors with tales of how Dallas and North Texas once celebrated America's birthday. Discover what the teenage years were like "back then" from Dallas Heritage Village's Junior Historians. "Teens in History" looks at topics like popular music, fine arts and daily life.

Kids of all ages will get a history lesson they'll never

see coming. The little ones can take home patriotic crafts and help make ice cream the old-fashioned way. Join in for traditional carnival games like Jenny Pockets, bean bag toss and pick-a-duck. Kids 3 to 11 can show off their barrel racing skills by participating in the Stick Pony Rodeo to be held throughout the day. The whole family can play historic games like horseshoes, croquet and graces. Stop by the saloon for a root beer and a game of cards or dominoes.

Be sure to bring a picnic basket to enjoy underneath Dallas Heritage Village's 13-tree lined acres.

Investigate if people really were "greener" in the nineteenth century and how life on the family farm was affected by the growth of industry. The special exhibit, Green Fields, Black Smoke: Nature & Progress When Dallas was Young, will make one final appearance during Old-Fashioned Fourth.

Dallas Heritage Village is located at 1515 South Har-

wood, just one block south of Farmers Market. Old-Fashioned Fourth admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65+ and \$3 for children ages 4-12. Children under four and members of Dallas Heritage Village are admitted free of charge. Parking is free. For additional information, call 214-421-5141 or visit DallasHeritageVillage.org. Discount admission generously provided by the Comerica Charitable Foundation.



DART to operate on July 4 holiday schedule

(NDG Wire) Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will operate on the following schedule in celebration of the July 4 holiday weekend:

- Bus and light rail services will follow a Sunday schedule on Sunday, July 4, and Monday, July 5.

- The Trinity Railway Express will operate a normal Saturday schedule, July 3, and will not operate on Monday, July 5. Schedules for the TRE can be found at www.trinityrailwayexpress.org.

- The following High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes will be closed Monday, July 5: the HOV lane on I-30 (East R.L. Thornton) and on I-30 West (Tom Landry Freeway); the reversible S-ramp at the southern end of the I-35E (Stemmons) HOV lane; the reversible HOV ramp between the US 75 and the I-635 HOV lanes; and the section of the I-35E/U.S. 67 (South R. L. Thornton/Marvin D. Love) HOV lanes from downtown Dallas to Loop 12.

- The remaining portion of the Stemmons HOV lanes, the HOV lanes on LBJ Freeway, the US 75 HOV lanes, and the

HOV lanes on I-35E/U.S. 67 from Loop 12 to Camp Wisdom Road will, as usual, be open 24 hours.

- DART Paratransit services for customers with disabilities will operate on a Sunday schedule Monday, July 5. X-Press Booking and Voice Mail Booking are available, but the Paratransit Scheduling Center will be closed on Monday, July 5. Customers may call the center Thursday, July 1, to book their trips through Monday, July 5, and Friday, July 2, to book their trips through Tuesday, July 6.

DART administrative offices are closed Monday, July 5. However, customers with questions about DART schedules may still contact Customer Service at 214-979-1111 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 4, and Monday, July 5. DART's Customer Care and Lost and Found will also be closed on Sunday and Monday. DART route and schedule information is always available on the DART website, DART.org, and information on special holiday destinations served by DART is available at DART.org/fireworks.

Local church hosting July 4th celebration

(NDG Wire) Johnson Chapel Community Church, located at 1400 N. Hampton Road, Desoto Texas 75115, invites the community to JC3 Freedom Fest 2010 on July 4, 2010, from 10:00am-3:00 pm.

This is a family-oriented

event that will include: an outdoor worship service, live music, entertainment for all ages, food, fellowship, and lots of fun. There is no charge and it is open to the public.

Attendees will experience a vibrant setting while enjoying a day of worship,

inspiration, and celebration. Holy Communion will also be served. Come and join us as we celebrate freedom on Independence Day in a fun, family-friendly setting.

"It's time for us to break free from the four walls of the church and bring freedom

to the community and the world," says Rev. Marcus D. King – Senior Pastor.

Please contact Rev. Tandra Johnson at 972-224-9940 or by email at tjohnson@jc3online.org for additional information. You can also visit jc3online.org.

DART to July 4th Celebrations

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) invite you to show off your love for America this 4th of July weekend by celebrating with family and friends at various area events.

Plan your trip to a spe-

cial holiday destination by visiting DART.org/fireworks, by using the online DART Trip Planner at www.DART.org or call DART Customer Information at 214-979-1111. TRE information is at www.trinityrailwayexpress.org.

Addison Kaboomtown

(NDG Wire) The 25th Addison Kaboomtown is scheduled for Saturday, July 3 from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Rated one of the top places to watch fireworks in the country by the American Pyrotechnics Association, *USA Today*, *Travel + Leisure* and *The Wall Street Journal*, the nationally-recognized fireworks show can be seen from anywhere in Addison.

The dazzling 30-minute fireworks show is choreographed to music and a live radio simulcast on 100.3 JACK FM. Stay after the fireworks show for a free movie. Plus there is great food, live music and the spectacular Cavanaugh Flight Museum Warbird Flyover with live narration on KRLD AM 1080.

Little Known Facts about The 4th of July

(NDG Wire) July 4 is the 185th day of the year (186th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 180 days remaining until the end of the year. The Aphelion, the point in the year when the Earth is farthest from the Sun, occurs around this date.

The Real Independence Day?

The Declaration of Independence was announced on July 4th, though the formal signing didn't occur until August 2nd, and the colonies actually voted to accept it on July 2nd. So you may wonder – what

day is the real Independence Day?

John Adams, who first proposed the idea of declaring independence from England, wrote a famous letter to his wife, Abigail, about how he believed July 2nd would be a day that was remembered and celebrated in America for years to come. Apparently everyone else remembered otherwise...

Old Glory

Did you know, that there have been 28 versions of the U.S flag to date, and that the most recent one, designed after Alaska and



Hawaii joined the union, was the result of a school project? Robert Heft was 17 when he came up with the flag design in 1958. He originally got a B- on the project, but when his pattern won the national competition to become the next flag, his teacher raised his

grade to an A.

A Patriotic Death?

Three American presidents have died on the fourth of July. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the same day, in 1826. They had been rivals in everything, even about who would live longest. Adams' last words were about his long-time foe: "Thomas Jefferson lives!" In fact, Jefferson had died just five hours earlier, but Adams hadn't gotten the message. James Monroe is the third president to die on July 4th, but he died in 1831.

Tips to avoid summer brain drain for kids of all ages

(NDG Wire) According to the National Summer Learning Association, all kids experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer.

To combat this learning loss, Target and Search Institute, a Minneapolis non-profit, have partnered to provide parents and caring adults with a summer-long series of tips and activities designed to give kids' brains—and bodies—a workout.

The Play + Learn tab, which is updated each week through July, is available on Target's Facebook page: facebook.com/Target.

• Give your books a beach cover-up. Use construction paper, wrapping paper or newspaper pages to create summer covers for

your kids' favorite books. Let them add stickers, doodles and their own illustrations. Then take those titles to a beach or pool, where they'll be better protected from the sun, wind and water.

• Why It Matters: Not only are you making books fun and enticing, you're giving your kids a unique way to be creative and artistic, which has all sorts of benefits!

A study of middle and high school students by the U.S. Department of Education shows kids involved in the arts do better on standardized tests, volunteer more and watch fewer hours of TV.

• Create an outdoor book nook. Find a perfect little corner of your yard, deck, or community park to

make a cozy secret spot for curling up with some good books. Fill it with picnic blankets, pillows, snacks and a pile of books for your kids to pore over.

• Why It Matters: Kids who read frequently and have easy access to books have been found to be more competent and resilient in risky situations. Plus, one of the simplest ways to help your kids grow up smart and capable is to let them spend plenty of time in nature!

• Read by the light of the moon. Go outside for bedtime stories under the stars with a blanket, a flashlight and a favorite book to share with your kids.

• Why It Matters: Want peace on Earth? Start at home! Exposure to the outdoors helps children de-

velop some serious super powers: observation skills, creativity, and a greater sense of peace and being at one with the world.

• Turn little bits of nature into one-of-a-kind bookmarks. Teach your kids to treat their books with TLC by making special, nature-inspired bookmarks or name labels for each one. Collect leaves, flower petals, sticks and other objects; then laminate the items or paste them on paper.

• Why It Matters: More good news for nature lovers: Kids who spend time outside are better able to endure the stresses of life and effectively deal with adversity. The more they're out in nature, the more they benefit!

All RISD and PISD high schools rank among top 3% in U.S.

(NDG Wire) Newsweek released its list of America's Best High Schools for 2010 this week, and all four Richardson Independent School District (RISD) high schools, and all three Plano Independent School District (PISD) high schools, are on the list:

- Pearce High School - #255 in U.S.
- Richardson High School - #288 in U.S.
- Berkner High School - #628 in U.S.
- Lake Highlands High School - #639 in U.S.
- Plano West High School - #353

- Plano High School - #582

- Plano East High School - #858

According to the report, the rankings evaluate how hard school staffs work to challenge students with advanced-placement college-level courses and tests. With more than 26,000 high schools in the United States, all RISD and PISD high schools ranked among the top three-percent in the country.

For the entire report visit newsweek.com/feature/2010/americas-best-high-schools/list.html?year=2010.

Credit agencies reaffirm AAA bond rating for Richardson

(NDG Wire) The Moody's and Standard and Poor's bond rating agencies have both designated Richardson as a "AAA" community, which is the highest rating assigned by either agency. The rating comes just weeks after City officials met with representatives from Moody's and S&P to review the City's finances and financial outlook.

Richardson has maintained a AAA rating from Standard and Poor's for the

past two years, and this is the first reaffirmed Aaa rating from Moody's since it performed its recalibration of ratings last month.

In its rationale, S&P cited Richardson's large economic base, role in the Metroplex as a primary employment center, location of a significant number of technology-based companies, strong residential income and wealth levels and "Strong, tenured, and responsive management;" as reasons for its high rating.

In its opinion, Moody's reported its AAA rating was, "Reflective of a relatively sizable, affluent tax base that derives its value in almost equal proportions between residential and commercial/industrial properties; strong financial management with a demonstrated commitment to maintain financial flexibility; and a manageable debt position."

Among cities which seek bond ratings, Richardson is among the top 6.8% in the

nation, and 3.1% in Texas, to hold AAA status. That makes Richardson one of only five cities in Texas to be rated so high, and places the community in the top one-percent when you factor in all cities in the nation.

The AAA designation helps the City attain low interest rates on debt, which will be helpful as the City moves forward later this month to sell bonds. The new debt issuances include \$66 million recently approved by

voters for a series of community infrastructure and improvement projects.

Richardson successfully weathered the telecom downturn a decade ago. Since then, the City has focused on strategically diversifying its

economic development strategy, which has helped during the current downturn. Evidence can be found by the community's relatively strong sales tax figures and consistently strong fiscal ratings from outside examiners.

Free Basically Beethoven Festival launches 30th Season

(NDG Wire) Fine Arts Chamber Players (FACP) opens the 30th free Basically Beethoven Festival on Sunday, July 4 at 2:30 p.m. This is the first of four concerts in the festival presented every Sunday afternoon in July. The festival is held in the air-conditioned Grand Hall in the Texas Discovery Garden at Fair Park located at 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas. The doors open at 2:00 p.m. for the 2:30PM Rising Star Recital. At 3:00 p.m.,

the featured performance begins. All concerts are free to the public, including free admission to the Texas Discovery Gardens. No reservations or tickets are required. For more information about this year's series, call FACP at 214.520.2219, email bbfb@fineartschamberplayers.org or visit the website, www.fineartschamberplayers.org.

The July 4th performance begins with the 2:30 p.m. Rising Star Recital featuring young harpist Victo-

ria-Ina McCormack, a winner in the American Harp Society Competition. Ms. McCormack will present the music of Scarlatti, Hovhanness and Salzedo. At 3:00pm, ten members of the Dallas-based professional ensemble Imperial Brass will celebrate the 4th of July with a rousing concert of brass selections themed "Pictures of America" featuring the music of America and its heritage. The program includes music by Beethoven, Byrd, Grainger,

diLorenzo and John Williams.

Fine Arts Chamber Players' Basically Beethoven Festival concerts are made possible in part by the Don and Norma Stone, Ben E. Keith, JD's Chippery, Online Design Bureau, PODS, World Wide Piano, United Party Rental Center, the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, TACA, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and WFAA Channel 8, WRR Classical 101.1FM.

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Meals on Wheels volunteers needed in Dallas County



(NDG Wire) The Visiting Nurse Association needs Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers in Dallas County who want to help the homebound frail elderly, sick, and disabled.

Meals on Wheels volunteer training will take place July 21 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Visiting Nurse Association's headquarters, the Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty

Center, located at 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. Volunteer training is also available by appointment. There is no cost to attend the training session.

For additional information contact Betsy Cox, Director of Meals on Wheels Volunteers for the Visiting Nurse Association, at 214-689-2210 or coxbe@vnatexas.org.

Prosper launches inaugural Senior Citizen Program

(NDG Wire) Citing the need to provide more activities for members of an aging population, the Town of Prosper is developing a Senior Citizen Program that hopes to address the social, emotional and community needs of older adults, according to the program's administrator Kelly Vanaman, Utility Billing Clerk. Residents 65 years of age and older are welcome to become members or participate in events.

"Seniors are an important constituency for us, and we want to ensure that, to the extent possible, we try to meet their needs by creating programs that keep them engaged in Town activities and provide an outlet for them," she said.

To that end, the Town has already sponsored a "Coffee with the Mayor" event in which some 20 senior citizens were in attendance. Mayor Ray Smith addressed the assembled group at the Town Municipal Chambers.

He entertained a number of questions from the enthusiastic group and met with individuals to address their specific concerns.

Following the Mayor's address, Vanaman spoke about the proposed Senior Citizens Program. She asked participants to fill out a survey of their preferences and asked each to become charter members by filling out a membership form. "We still have many other seniors who are eligible to participate, but were not at the coffee. We'd love for them to come by Town Hall and register," she said.

The next event planned for the program is a potluck picnic to coincide with other Independence Day activities. Set for Monday, July 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the picnic will take place at Main Street Park, 201 S. Main Street just south of the downtown area.

"We're asking seniors to bring a small covered dish to share with others. Since we

will not have adequate refrigeration and we're set for an outdoor venue, we're asking people to be mindful of spoilage. And, of course, people should dress appropriately for the hot weather," she said. Additionally, to prepare properly for the picnic, Vanaman is asking those

planning to attend to submit an RSVP either by phone or e-mail.

To RSVP for the picnic or to obtain more information on the program, residents should contact Vanaman at 972-569-1004 or kelly_vanaman@prosper.tx.gov.

Tickets for Super Bowl Countdown event go on sale this week

(NDG Wire) Tickets will go on sale to the general public this Saturday, June 26, at 10 a.m. for "XLV Countdown Live From Cowboys Stadium" presented by Frito-Lay. With most seats priced at a family-friendly \$25, tickets can be purchased online beginning June 26 at www.ticketmaster.com or by dialing 800-745-3000.

Grammy Award-winning country artist Tim Mc-

Graw will headline "XLV Countdown Live From Cowboys Stadium" on Friday, September 10, at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

The star-studded celebration will also feature seldom-seen NFL Films archival footage projected onto massive screens and the Cowboys Stadium scoreboard and scored live by the 90-piece XLV Symphony Orchestra.

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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, CCBC 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 meetup.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.

Thru Jul. 18

Spring Thoroughbred Horse Racing The horses are ready, are you? Come join us at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie when the live Spring Thoroughbred Horse Racing begins. For more details,

schedules and ticket information, please visit www.lonestarpark.com

Thru Aug. 28

Mesquite Championship Rodeo Every Friday and Saturday night in 2010 (June 4th – August 28th) thousands of visitors will witness the thrills of the original western sport: the rodeo! We work hard to provide an exciting place where children and adults can be safe and still get close to the action: crazy clowns, brave cowboys, talented cowgirls, fast horses and big bulls. Many of our guests are coming to see their first professional rodeo so you may see people from many nationalities and countries. Families with children can enjoy face painting, cowboy autographs, visit the western store, eat at the BBQ pavillion or experience either a pony ride or petting zoo. The rodeo will open with an exciting new laser show followed by all the rodeo events you've come to expect at a championship rodeo: Bull Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Barrel Racing, Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping. Visit www.mesquiteirodeo.com for more information.

Thru Sept. 6

Gaylord Texan Summer-Fest Wonderland Adventure brings to life author Lewis Carroll's original vision of the magical place called Wonderland. Guests will enjoy fun-filled exhibits, performances and games for both the young and the young at heart! Journey Down The Rabbit Hole 3-D Black Light Maze, PHOTO with ALICE and the Cheshire Cat, Rock Band Bar Nights, wine and cheese tastings, family dive in movies, fireworks and more. Visit www.gaylordhotels.com for more information.

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 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 1

Bring a guest and join us at the North Texas Chamber Reception sponsored by TXU Energy: An Evening of Arts and Networking featuring *Dreamgirls* at the Music Hall at Fair Park. Reception is from 6-8 p.m.

July 1

DFW New Beginnings hosts **financial freedom seminar and luncheon.** The "Thou Shall Prosper - Celebrating Your Financial Freedom" luncheon at La Cima Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is hosted by Pastors Larry & Tiz Hutch and features special guest speaker, Rabbi Daniel Lapin. Widely known to both Jews and Christians as America's Rabbi, Daniel Lapin, descen-

dant of a renowned rabbinical family, is a best-selling author, preeminent speaker, Torah education and radio host. Rabbi Lapin is also founder of the American Alliance of Jews and Christians, a national organization working to advance our nation toward the traditional Judeo-Christian values. Advanced registration (\$40/person or \$75/couple) is required and available online at www.newbeginnings.org.

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/HOMEL-ESS/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 –

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

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Older Americans are frequent financial swindle victims

(NDG Wire) More than 7.3 million older Americans one out of every five citizens over the age of 65 already have been victimized by a financial swindle, according to a major new Investor Protection Trust (IPT) survey conducted by Infogroup/ORC and released last week to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

campaign will educate medical professionals about how to spot older Americans who may be particularly vulnerable to financial abuse and then to refer suspected investment fraud involving these at-risk patients to state securities regulators and/or to local Adult Protective Services (APS) professionals. (See more details below.)

sured in such a fashion.

* Almost half of those aged 65 or over (44 percent) got at least two out of four questions wrong about basic investment knowledge.

* About one out of three older Americans (31 percent) says they are vulnerable in one or more ways to potential financial victimization.

of 65, more than a third (36 percent) are very or somewhat worried about being less able to handle money issues over time.

IPT President and CEO Don Blandin said: We now know that a shockingly large number of older Americans are already victims of financial swindles and millions more are in danger of being exploited in such a fashion. Given that front-line medical professionals who deal everyday with older Americans are ideally positioned to spot the impaired mental capacity that can leave seniors vulnerable to financial abuse, our new program seeks to inform doctors, nurses and others about the warning signs of elder investment fraud and financial exploitation. Our goal is to improve the communication among medical professionals, older Americans, adult children and state securities regulators in order to head off financial swindles before the damage is done."

NASAA President and Texas Securities Commissioner Denise Voigt Crawford said, "The success of a Texas pilot program to train medical professionals to identify and report the signs of elder financial abuse to the Texas State Securities Board encouraged NASAA to form partnerships to expand this education and awareness campaign nationwide. We are pleased to have the support of family physicians, adult protective services workers and other caregivers in the effort to detect and fight the persistent problem of elder investment fraud and abuse. Investment fraud against seniors too often goes unreported, but by teaming up with clinicians and APS workers to give voice to the silent victims, state securities regulators will have more information to investigate and prosecute those who financially exploit our nation's seniors."



The survey results underscore the urgent need for a new partnership between the nonprofit Investor Protection Trust, the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), and the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) in cooperation with leading U.S. medical associations including the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Area Health Education Center Organization and the National Association of Geriatric Education Centers. The "Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation" prevention cam-

Key findings of the IPT survey of 2,022 American adults including 706 adult children with at least one parent aged 65 or older and 590 adults who are aged 65 or older and have children include the following:

* Half of older Americans exhibit one or more of the warning signs of current financial victimization. For example, more than one out of three seniors (37 percent) are currently being pitched by "people (who) are calling me or mailing me asking for money, lotteries, and other schemes," while a much lower 19 percent of adult children believe that their parents are being pres-

* Only 5 percent of adult children in touch with their parents doctors report the healthcare providers ever mention[ing] any concerns about your parents handling of money or relayed any concern from your parent about handling money. However, of that same group, nearly one in five (19 percent) report the health care provider has mentioned concerns about your parents' mental comprehension. Only 2 percent of Americans aged 65 or older say that their healthcare provider has ever asked about "how you are handling money issues or problems."

* Four out of 10 children of parents 65 or older are very or somewhat worried that their parents have already become or will become less able to handle their personal finances over time." Among those

investigate and prosecute those who financially exploit our nation's seniors."

NAPSA Executive Director Kathleen Quinn said, "The National Adult Protective Services Association represents the boots on the ground in the fight against elder abuse. Adult Protective Services professionals are the first responders to elder financial abuse, so they see the devastation these crimes wreak in older persons lives every day. It is imperative that a serious national campaign be launched to end rampant elder financial exploitation and to protect and help vulnerable older victims."

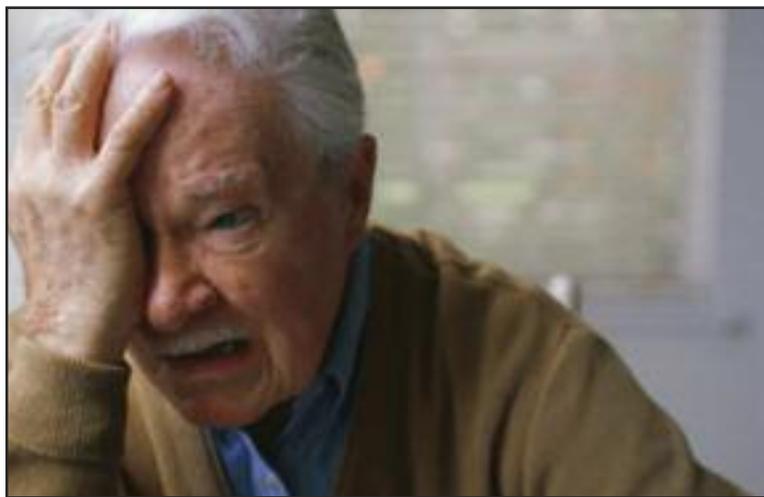
The Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation project will allow collaborators to work as a team to refer cases to each other, whether it is to report fraud to securities regulators, report abuse to Adult Protective Services (APS) workers, or refer a patient to a clinician for further medical evaluation.

Of particular concern are seniors with mild cognitive impairment who can perform most daily functions, but have trouble or become confused with others, like following their

medicine regimen and managing their finances. A 2008 Duke University study found that about 35 percent of the 25 million people over age 71 in the U.S. either have mild cognitive impairment or Alzheimer's disease. This makes them especially vulnerable to financial exploitation, including investment fraud.

State securities regulators and participating medical professionals now have available the project's Clinician's Pocket Guide and an informational brochure for patients/investors. The pocket guide which outlines common red flags, how to ask about a patient's financial capacity and what types of referral may be needed can be used to train medical staff, as well as functioning as a handy reference card. The brochure tells how to protect against elder financial fraud and where to get help.

With a grant from the Investor Protection Trust, the new program was developed by clinicians and geriatrics faculty from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. For more information, go to <http://www.investorprotection.org>.



Rock Icon Bret Michaels Headlines 100.3 Jack FM's Bandanaroo '10

(NDG Wire) Musical and pop-culture superstar Bret Michaels will rock Jack FM's Bandanaroo on Tuesday, July 20 at American Airlines Center. All proceeds from Jack FM's Bandanaroo will benefit the kids at Texans Can! an organization that gives at risk kids a second chance.

With recent success as the winner of *Celebrity Apprentice* and starring in the

highest rated series on VH1, *Rock of Love*, Michaels has more than proved he is multi-talented. Michaels will release his upcoming album, *Custom Built* in July of this year, which features Miley Cyrus on the song *Nothing to Lose*.

Never leaving his reality stardom behind, Michael's has a brand new reality show premiering in the fall called

Bret Michaels: Life As I Know It.

"Bret Michaels, so, yes, it's fun for the whole family as long as the family is relatively dangerous to start with," Jack said.

Fuel opens for Michaels at Jack FM's Bandanaroo. Fuel has been a staple on rock radio since 1998 with hits like *Shimmer*, *Hemorrhage (In My Hands)* and

Bad Day.

010 brings in a new decade and new beginnings for the band as they have enlisted Guitarist Yogi of Buckcherry/Wallflowers, Bassist Brad Stewart of Shinedown, and Drummer Ken Schalk of Candiria to accompany lead vocalist Brett Scallions. 100% of the ticket sales for Jack's Bandanaroo will go to Texans Can! Jack

is very excited for this opportunity to help raise money for the organization.

Texans Can! operates 10 charter schools in Texas for at-risk, disadvantaged youth who have dropped out of their traditional schools. The campuses are open enrollment and tuition free to any student who wants to continue their high school education and earn their diploma.

For more information contact Cheryl Rios Cooper at 214-557-4949.

Tickets can be purchased at the American Airlines Center Box Office, all Ticketmaster locations, via Ticketmaster charge-by-phone at 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster Express at 866-448-7849 (automated only self service line) or online at Ticketmaster.com.

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Talking Sports, Roger B. is the sports director for KKDA and he's one-third of the *Willis Johnson Morning Show*. *Talking Sports* airs weekdays and Sundays at 6:00p.m.

Judge Maryellen Hicks opens her show with *Wel-*



Cheryl Smith

come to America where she gives her take on issues of the day, from around the world. A former Municipal Judge and now visiting judge, she is a distinguished alumna of TWU, and very passionate about Mother Africa. While her major focus is on Fort Worth and Tarrant County, the judge tackles and confronts all issues. Her show is international and first began airing on Saturday mornings until it moved to Sunday mornings at 9:00a.m.

Cheryl was Editor of the *Dallas Weekly* when she came to KKDA first with her one-minute vignettes, *One African American Woman's Opinion* where on a

weekly basis she provided her take on issues of the day. Then the Florida A&M and Amberton University graduate was tapped for *Reporters Roundtable*, which was initially hosted by Shaun Rabb who after two months moved to Fox 4. Focusing on its theme song, Don't Believe the Hype, *Reporters Roundtable* airs at 8:00a.m.

All three are known for there provocative interviews, bringing some of the top newsmakers to the airwaves, including Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Rep. Jesse Jackson, the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, Minister Louis Farrakhan, Dick Gregory, Ambassador Ron Kirk and Tyler Perry.

Weekend Calendar of Events

Friday, June 25

Roger B Brown, Cheryl Smith, Maryellen Hicks celebrate 20 years as the hosts of award winning talk shows on KKDA-AM. Journalist Roland Martin, actress Kiki Shepard, comedian David A. Arnold, singer Nation and musician Miles Jaye are among those in attendance for this gala event at Harwood 609 Jazz Restaurant, 609 N. Harwood. Program begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

It's the 16th annual Don't Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-thon at USA Bowl 10920 Composite Drive 6 p.m. there's the VIP Reception, all bowlers should be checked in by 7:30 p.m. and bowling begins at 8 p.m. Celebrity attendees include comedian David A. Arnold, actresses KiKi Shepard and Nicole Barrett, Dana and Adrian from *Amazing Race*, *Dallas Weekly* Publisher James Washington and Managing Editor Gordon Jackson, the Sports

Diva, Joy Strickland of Mothers Against Teen Violence, Sam Putney, KKDA's Alecia Thompson, Gary with da Tea from the *Rickey Smiley Morning Show*, KSOUL's Lynne Haze, KGCM Radio's Jean Jones, KHVN's Camille Holmes, Judge Maryellen Hicks, Miss Community, sports guy Thom Bailey, Ester Davis, Joyce Ann Brown and Miles Jaye.

Sunday, June 27

There's the Live Broadcast of *Reporters Roundtable* with Cheryl Smith and *Speak Out* with Judge Maryellen Hicks at Harwood 609 with an elaborate breakfast buffet! Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and broadcasts begin at 8 a.m.

Miles Jaye - in Concert -- Close out the weekend at Harwood 609 at 7p.m. as Miles shares some of his greatest hits, including: *I've been a fool for you*, *Let's start love over*, and *You come from heaven*. Enjoy dinner and the show! Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

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singing "Cop" for the world-renowned disco group the Village People. He served five years in the U.S. Air Force and upon his return to his hometown of New York City, began impressing audiences while performing with jazz guitarist Eric Gale and songstress Phyllis Hyman.

As a writer, Miles has penned and recorded more than 40 original compositions and has the distinction of recording 12 different instruments on several of his critically acclaimed CDs. This classically-trained violinist has also produced seven chart-topping hits • *Let's Start Love Over*; *I've Been A Fool For You*; *Objective*; *Heaven I'll Be There*, *Sensuous* and

Strong • and enjoys a reputation as an R&B and Contemporary Jazz writer, partnering with some very notable jazz giants on his musical recordings -- Grover Washington, Jr., Roy Ayers, George Duke, Branford Marsalis, Dexter Wansel and Nat Adderley, Jr.

As further testament to his musical diversity and appeal, Miles has also successfully shared the live performance stage with some well-known R&B and Jazz performers: Roberta Flack; Grover Washington, Jr.; Najee; Gerald Albright; Kirk Whalum; Boney James; Lee Ritenour; Jonathan Butler; Patti LaBelle; Peabo Bryson; Chaka Kahn; Bobby Caldwell; O'Jays; Gerald Levert;

Kem; Glenn Jones; M'lissa Morgan; Keith Washington, CeCe Winans, Regina Bell, Marion Meadows, Waymon Tisdale; and Pieces of A Dream, to name a few.

Miles left Island Records in 1992 and established an independent label, Black Tree Records, Inc. He has released four recordings on Black Tree - *Divine Ascension* (contemporary jazz instrumental featuring Miles on Zeta electric violin); *Romantic Storm* (suite of standard jazz songs featuring vocals, acoustic violin, guitar and harp; and "the *Odyssey*", signature R&B. and... *Humanity* written, produced, performed and engineered by Miles is well worth the visit for the appreciative

music lover.

Miles' career also includes the following being the producer of *Joy* with Teddy Pendergrass 1988 • Certified Gold) and theater performances: *Last Love Song*, *You're Gonna Make Me Love Somebody Else*, and *Young Man, Older Woman*.

An award-winning contributing writer for several publications, he is also the author of *Marguerite, a Novel* (published 2003).

You can see Miles Jaye Friday, June 25 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at Harwood 609, 609 North Harwood in Dallas. For tickets, call 214-740-0609 or 972-572-0088.

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New CRL report: \$350 billion of wealth lost in communities of color

Findings highlight need for a strong Wall Street Reform bill

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

As a joint conference committee of Congress works to reconcile two versions of the largest Wall Street financial reform since the 1930s New Deal, a new

report from the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) details how widespread foreclosures have drained an estimated \$350 billion from communities of color. These losses are attributable to both

foreclosed homes and nearby neighbors whose property values plummeted as a result of neighbors' foreclosures. In many instances, homes near foreclosures leave nearby homeowners

owing a mortgage far more than their home is now worth.

This loss of wealth may exceed the total cost paid by the Gulf Coast states in response to Hurricane Katrina.

According to *Foreclosures by Race and Ethnicity: the Demographics of a Crisis*, for every 100 African-American homeowners, 11 have either lost their homes or at imminent risk of foreclosure. For Latino families, the figures are even worse – 17 of every 100 Latino homeowners are affected by foreclosures.

“Whether we’re talking about oil spills or housing catastrophes, it’s clear that America needs to invest in prevention, clean-up and recovery,” said Mike Calhoun, CRL President. “As Congress works to finish financial reform legislation, the rules on home lending need to get stronger, not weaker.

We need to make sure a foreclosure crisis of this type never happens again; and though so many homes have been lost, it is not too late to prevent more damage.”

The report cites lending industry figures showing that the percentage of homes in some stage of foreclosure in the United States is the highest on record and five times the norm. According to CRL’s research, from January 2007 through December 2009, 2.5 million foreclosures were completed nationwide. Another 5.7 million borrowers are at least two or more payments behind, leaving them at imminent risk of foreclosure. The vast majority of homes lost to foreclosures were originated from 2005 through 2008 for owner-occupied borrowers, not speculators.

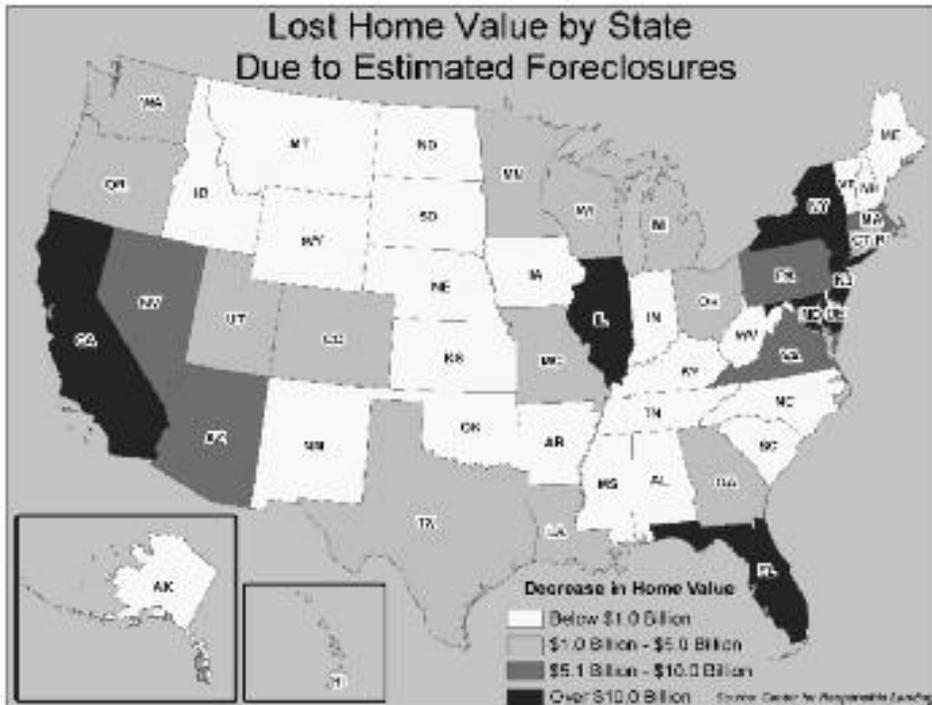
A related June case study by CRL shares the ongoing plight of a 79-year old

widow whose only income is social security. When Mrs. Louise Golden’s husband, Stanley, suffered a stroke and their income was drowning in medical costs, they decided in 2006 to refinance their long-time home, using the equity in the house to pay off bills. She and her husband thought they were getting a 30-year low fixed-interest loan.

Mr. Golden passed the following year and while his spouse was still grieving, learned that their loan was actually an adjustable rate mortgage or ARM. The payments that began at just over \$1,000 a month rose in excess of \$1,700 a month – more than her modest monthly income.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Golden’s case is repeated throughout much of the nation and the problem is par-

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New Banfield pet hospital just what doctor ordered for Lewisville

(NDG Wire) Banfield, The Pet Hospital®, is opening a new hospital on Saturday, June 26 inside the PetSmart® store located at 4854 State Hwy 121.

The new hospital is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

The hospital will be staffed by lead veterinarian Heidi Woodruff, DVM and

she will be assisted by experienced PetNurses and support staff.

“We hope we can educate clients about the importance of preventive care for their Pets. Banfield’s approach to preventive care means partnering with clients to ensure their Pets receive proper vaccinations, routine blood work, twice annual compressive examinations and regular

testing for diseases and other health conditions,” said Dr. Woodruff.

The new Banfield hospital offers routine check-ups and vaccinations, as well as a comprehensive range of ongoing medical services, such as: preventive care, surgical treatment, education about maximizing Pet lives and comprehensive Pet health Optimum Wellness Plans®.

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agency’s work.

For her profession, Audrey served as a board member and president of the American Advertising Federation-Houston. She also successfully chaired Houston’s 34th ADDY Awards. Audrey then served on the national American Advertising Federation Board of Directors as chairperson for Division I, representing the 500-plus member clubs na-

tionwide, as well as the AAF, and the Mosaic Council of Multiculturalism. During these years, Audrey also was instrumental in assisting Texas Southern University with the establishment of its first Ad Club.

Gilbreath has been featured in many publications locally and nationally, from the *Houston Business Journal* and *Minority Business News* to *Entrepreneur*, *Black*

Enterprise and *Independent Business Magazines*. Her contributions and commitment to the business community have positioned her for many nominations and awards, including Woman Entrepreneur of the Year, Women on the Move by the Texas Executive Women, a Woman of Distinction, and Small Businessperson of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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Local leaders call for 500 Dallas residents to join national town meeting on federal budget

(NDG Wire) Local leaders are actively inviting Dallas citizens to participate in a non-partisan, national town meeting, called AmericaSpeaks: Our Budget, Our Economy, to discuss the nation's deficit. Registration for the Saturday, June 26 event is now open at USABudgetDiscussion.org.

A diverse group of local leaders have come together to endorse the effort, including Central Dallas Ministries, Community Council

of Greater Dallas, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, the Dallas Regional Chamber, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Southwest Dallas County Alumnae Chapter), DFW International, League of United Latin American Citizens, League of Women Voters, LULAC-SMU, Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, South East Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Urban League of Greater Dallas, and West Dallas

Community Centers.

"Ordinary citizens will get a chance to engage one another around our country's persistent, threatening fiscal conundrum," said Gerald Britt, vice president of Public Policy & Community Program Development for Central Dallas Ministries. "If you participate in the June 26th national discussion, you get a seat at the table."

AmericaSpeaks: Our Budget, Our Economy is

funded by three foundations aiming to shed light on the country's fiscal realities, including the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Dallas is one of 19 communities across the country chosen to host a national town meeting, each of which will be linked together by satellite and the Internet for the national discussion. Participants will

use keypad polling and groupware technology to register their opinions. The public discussion will produce a set of national priorities that AmericaSpeaks will present to the President and Congress, as well as the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform.

The Dallas AmericaSpeaks event will take place in Ballroom C at the Dallas Convention Center from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June

26. Refreshments, transportation and daycare will be made available to participants.

More information can be found at USABudgetDiscussion.org, including videos, reports on the budget and economy, blog posts, site registration and much more. The site also provides a platform to share ideas at the national and local levels through links to Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and LinkedIn.

TXU Energy Launches Summer Solutions Website

(NDG Wire) Just in time for the hot summer season, TXU Energy, the number one choice for electricity in Texas, has launched an interactive, Web-based suite of tools and resources aimed at helping customers lower their electricity bills through better control of their energy usage.

The website, located at txu.com/billhelp is designed to give consumers the ability to identify common causes of high electricity costs and provides a number of easy-to-use tools to help consumers learn about and manage their

energy consumption.

Highlights of the website include:

- An Energy Thieves Calculator that helps identify household electronic devices that continue to draw power even when they're not in use;
- An Energy Savings Guide for indoor and outdoor tips to save energy;
- The TXU Energy Personal Energy Advisor that provides consumers with a list of tools, tips, and projects which can help them reduce usage based on their responses to a few simple ques-

tions;

- A section on understanding electricity costs with information to help consumers understand their bills by walking them through how to read their meters and understand their electricity bills;
- Information on TXU Energy AidSM, the company's bill payment assistance program, the largest among electricity providers in the nation;
- Information on TXU Energy's low-income discount program. TXU Energy

is the only retail electric provider in Texas that voluntarily provides an approximate 10 percent discount for participating low-income customers. This discount is in addition to the one provided by the State of Texas' System Benefit Fund -- the state directed program for low-in-

come assistance on energy bills;

• Information on the TXU Energy summer moratorium on disconnects for customers in need. A flexible payment plan is available for residential customers designated as low-income, ill or disabled, or who are at least

62 years of age; and

• Access to the company's Average Monthly Billing program that helps smooth out the seasonal highs and lows of customers' electricity bills.

For more information on the new website visit txu.com/billhelp

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els," said LiA Committee Co-Founder Yesenia M. Blandon, who works in Perkins+Will's Dallas office. "We want to be able to help people who have an interest in architecture but might have limited English skills. We don't want Hispanic people to think this door is closed to them."

"It's wide open, and this committee will help keep it that way," Blandon said.

The committee's success could help prevent projects that fall within predominately Hispanic neighborhoods from being overlooked, said Perkins + Will, Dallas Office, Principal Tom Reisenbichler.

"And when these neighborhoods miss out on projects, students miss the op-

portunity to witness the impact an architect can have on his or her community," Reisenbichler said. "Maybe they even fail to realize Hispanics can be architects. As a community and an industry, we miss out on some very potentially talented future architects. One of LiA's goal is to create a mentor program to prevent this."

Membership in LiA is open to architects, landscape architects, interior designers, educators, students and the community at large. Blandon and fellow coworker and Co-Founder Jimmy Castellanos, began looking into the group's formation after discovering no other inclusive organization for Hispanic architects existed in the country.

"We started with a simple Facebook page, but the response was overwhelming. It was clear we stumbled upon a dire need," said Blandon, who is earning her architect license. "The first week, 70 people signed up. We received positive responses from all corners. It's almost scary."

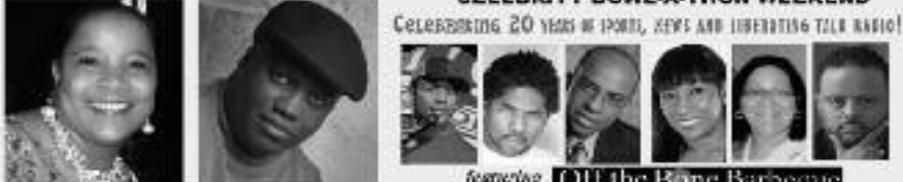
Next on LiA's agenda — an introductory event in September tied to Hispanic Heritage Month that will include a nationwide book drive. Dallas high schools will receive the donations. "LiA is in the planning stages to become a American Institute of Architects Dallas Chapter Committee.

For more information, visit LiA's blog at <http://LiAcommittee.blogspot.com/>

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The International Inland Port of Dallas Employment Training Program receives thousands

(NDG Wire) Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson has announced that the City of Dallas will receive \$186 thousand to provide training for employment in the logistics industry to support the developing International Inland Port of Dallas (IIPOD). IIPOD is a joint project of the City of Dallas, Dallas County and the cities of

Balch Springs, Cedar Hill, Duncanville, Desoto, Hutchins, Lancaster, Mesquite and Seagoville.

Congresswoman Johnson secured these funds as part of the FY 2009 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill. The project will provide 130 participants in southern Dallas with workforce training to

become logistics workers and technicians. Cedar Valley College and Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas are project partners and job placement assistance will be provided at the end of training. The training process is intended to help provide employers in the warehousing and materials transportation industries with skilled workers.

Two job fairs scheduled for Irving in July

(NDG Wire) DeVry University will host their annual "Student Success Job Fair" on Thursday, July 8, 2010, from 12 noon to 3pm.

The event will be at their Irving campus, 4800 Regent Blvd. The "Student Success Job Fair" is for part-time, full-time, non-degree-related, and Co-op opportunities.

There is no cost to attend. Complimentary

lunch will be provided to all employers who would like to attend and network with DeVry students so that they may learn more about your company and your company's opportunities.

To register, contact Mike Luna at mluna@devry.edu or 972-929-9392.

The Job Center at the Irving Public Library will host its twenty-sixth

Quarterly Job Fair on Thursday, July 22. The event is free to both employers and job seekers.

The job fair will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Employers may set up between noon and 1:00 p.m. Job seekers can call the job center hotline at 972-721-2326 for additional information. Interested employers should John LaRoche all at 972-721-2608.

How do I get a job in the 'New Economy?'

(NDG Wire) When the media is throwing around terms like "jobless recovery," it's a little easier to understand how a drop in the unemployment rate can actually be bad news.

At least that's how Chris Tidball, career coach and author of Kicked to the Curb (christidball.com), sees it.

"Last May, the Department of Labor Statistics touted the creation of 431,000 new jobs, but behind that nice six-figure number is the fact that about 95 percent of those new jobs were temporary government jobs related to the U.S. Census," Tidball said. "In this instance, the lower unemployment figure is worse news than a higher one, because an increase in government jobs can actually contribute to a higher long-term unemployment rate. The full report by the Labor Department still paints a bleak outlook for jobs, which is why people need to be extra competitive in the job market."

How bad is it? Tidball puts it into historical perspective.

"To put it mildly, we have never lost as many jobs as in the current recession," he said. "Not during the great depression, not after World War II -- never. What's worse is that we have never been confronted

with such a perfect storm of government mandates -- such as healthcare and the inevitable cap and trade tax -- that could permanently derail any glimmer of hope."

Tidball said his analysis isn't meant to scare people, but rather, to motivate them.

"I have developed 20 rules that are designed to help people get back to work," he said. "The key thing is to look at getting a job a little differently. Instead of just looking for work, look at your household as a business, and look for revenue opportunities. They may exist in odd jobs, freelance work, starting a new business, getting a part time job to begin with -- or any combination of those

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June 27

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June 26, 12 p.m.

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Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:" **John 10:27 (KJV)**

This is the time of the year that I attend my maternal (63 years) in Limestone County and my paternal (25 years) in Freestone County family reunions in Mexia, Texas.

There is something very special about going to the farms where my parents (Mr. Lloyd David and Mrs. Cedella Baker Demus) grew up and where they met and married. Both farms are approximately seven miles from the City of Mexia, deep in the country, where the nights are so dark, the stars shine like diamonds and you can't see your hands in front of you.

Both parents lived and grew up in Mexia, but in different counties, yet their

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homes were only two miles apart, separated by State Hwy 1365. Mom lived south of Hwy 1365 and dad lived north of Hwy 1365.

I love going to the farm often and spending quality time with Uncle Charlie & Aunt Eva Joyce High Baker who are the caretakers of the farm, and learning more about my family history and things about my parents as they were growing up and as a young married couple.

On one particular trip, while my uncle was tending to his cows, I walked to the tabernacle (where the main activities for our reunion are held); while mediating in the still quietness on the farm I heard my uncle calling his cows, rounding them up for the evening.

It was amazing to see the cows, looking up from their grazing, turn toward my uncle and began walking toward him, very slowly

and gazing as they were going. These are farm animals that I am talking about; they heard my uncle's voice and they followed him; they depend on my uncle for everything! He feeds them, put them out early every morning to gaze in the pastures and calls them in every evening; he cares for them when they get sick.

How much more should Christians listen to God when He speaks to us? He created us; He has a vested interest in us and our welfare, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **John 3:16 (KJV)** He personally speaks to us, but only in quiet tones, therefore, your spirit must be calm and you must listen to hear God speak to you.

A story is told of a Mus-

lim man and a Christian man discussing the differences between the Muslim faith and the Christian's faith. When the Christian said that our God speaks to us personally, the Muslim challenged the statement; he said that it can't be proven that God speaks to Christians.

The Christian prayed to himself asking God how he could prove the statement to the Muslim. A few moments later the two men began walking toward two ladies on the other side of the road coming toward them. As they approached, the Christian spoke and made small conversation; he then said to one woman, "You are a nurse, is that correct?" The woman was startled and asked him, "How would you know that? I have never met you before." He replied, "I asked my Father and He told me." The Muslim had



Mr. Jarrell Edwin Tarpley, it's a proven fact, real men do cook and cook well!

his proof.

Many of us do not hear God's voice because we do not believe He speaks or desires to speak to us. In order to hear, we must listen. In order to listen, we

must believe that He speaks. Ask God for a listening ear so that others might know that you have a heavenly Father who speaks; then obey and follow Him.

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things. Worry less about jobs, and think more about revenue."

Some of his rules are:

- Have a Plan -- We're all guilty of not planning, of not saving for that rainy day, and it may seem too late after you find yourself

without a job. Not so. Look at your savings, your retirement accounts and all your resources. Examine the job opportunities available, from the least attractive to the most attractive. Develop your tactics for outreach, and stick to the plan.

- Forget Fear -- Fear can motivate, but it can also paralyze. It can derail a job interview faster than showing up late. Fear can prevent you from executing your plan, and it can prejudice people against you. It forces bad judgments. Remember,

things WILL get better.

- Don't Let Up -- Perseverance is one of the keys to success. You will knock on a lot of doors, and you may bloody up your knuckles, but you better your odds with every new door that you knock on.

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ticularly severe in Maryland's Prince George's County where in 2009 the number of foreclosure filings, 13,412, accounted for 31 percent of similar filings throughout the state. According to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, one out of every 24 homes in this county was subject to a foreclosure filing last year, compared to the statewide rate of one out of 54.

Additional CRL research shows that without regard to ethnicity or race, 24 states and 38 counties will also experience a loss of over \$1 bil-

lion each in local house prices and tax bases. Among the 24 affected states, the ten worst facing declines in house values and tax bases are: California, New York, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, Maryland, Arizona, Massachusetts, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

As an independent research and public policy organization, CRL is among the advocates that are keeping a close eye on the House and Senate Conference Committee on financial reform to ensure that the policy reforms for mortgage lending are preserved in the final bill.

Stronger regulatory oversight, sensible underwriting standards, and removing financial incentives for lenders to steer consumers into higher-cost loans are among the items CRL believes will make a significant difference in preventing similar crises from recurring.

Rep. Barney Frank (MA), House Financial Services Committee, chairs the bi-partisan conference committee and has a target goal of sending a bill to the President by the upcoming Independence holiday, July 4. Three members of the Congressional Black Caucus

(CBC) serve on the full conference committee: Representatives Kendrick Meek (FL), Maxine Waters (CA) and Mel Watt (NC). Four additional CBC members are assigned to sub-committees and specific policy areas. They are: Representatives Bobby Rush (IL), Energy and Commerce; John Conyers (MI), Judiciary; Elijah Cummings (MD) and Edolphus Towns (NY), Small Business.

Consumers interested in commenting on foreclosures or sub-committee deliberations are urged to contact the offices of these Members of

Congress.

To review the complete report, visit: responsiblelending.org/mortgage-lending/research-analysis/foreclosures-by-race-and-ethnicity.html

The full case study on Mrs. Golden and Prince George's County, see: responsiblelending.org/mortgage-lending/research-analysis/foreclosure-capital.html

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