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Coppell Mayor's suspected murder



Jayne Peters

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

The Dallas County medical examiner's preliminary report on Wednesday indicates Coppell Mayor Jayne Peters, 55, shot and killed her 19-year-old daughter and then fatally shot herself in the head.

Their bodies were discovered in their home Tues-

day night. City spokeswoman Sharon Logan reported there was no sign of forced entry at their home located at 700 block of Greenway Drive.

Peters was appointed the mayor of Coppell in May 2009. Professionally she was a software developer.

When Peters did not arrive at a regularly scheduled

city council meeting on Tuesday night, the city manager requested the police visit her home where they discovered the bodies.

In a press release the city stated, "The Coppell Police Department's investigation is still on-going and will not be completed until any/all investigative leads have been exhausted."

No Limit Women's Expo and Career Fair

(NDG Wire) The No Limit Network is hosting the 6th annual No Limit

Women's Expo scheduled for Saturday, August 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center in Richardson. The purpose of the No Limit Women's Expo is life enrichment and empowerment of women.

The No Limit

Women's Expo was first organized in 2005 to promote life enrichment and empowerment of women.

The vision is to address the needs of the whole woman...mind, body and soul by connecting businesses directly with women in the community at one event.

The No Limit Women's

Expo will feature shopping, live entertainment, career fair, business opportunities, health and fitness information, health screenings, free vision screenings, educational seminars, children's activities, food drive and door prize drawings.

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Are you a Super Saver?

(NDG Wire) A curious new group of bargain hunters are descending on supermarket aisles in search of deals to take the edge off the current economic crisis, research from The Nielsen Company reveals. Deal-savvy young women and middle-class shoppers are part of a

growing cadre of "super-savers" who are driving sales of store brands over national brand names.

Of course supersavers don't don a cape before dashing into the market, but they do research potential savings with X-ray like precision. Supersavers take the time to understand the

nuances of store brands, which have overcome their previous association as low-quality generics to include premium choices.

As such, store brands (known as private label) accounted for 17 percent of supermarket sales in the

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COVER STORY

Even with Wall Street reform, the quest for financial fairness continues



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COMMENTARY

Racial Discrimination in the Gulf Reconstruction

BY RON WALTERS

(NNPA) The big story about the NAACP convention meeting in Kansas City was whether President Barack Obama would come or not. But I think that Ben Jealous hit the right nerve in his opening speech to the Convention when he delivered a report that organization had put together from a series of meetings in affected communities in the Gulf area where the oil spill oc-

curred.

The Report found that minorities have been locked out of contracts for clean-up and other kinds of work and are routinely given the lowest-paying jobs; people are at risk of loosing their houses and businesses because work has dried up; many of these communities were hit by Katrina and Rita and have not recovered; fumes and pollution are a

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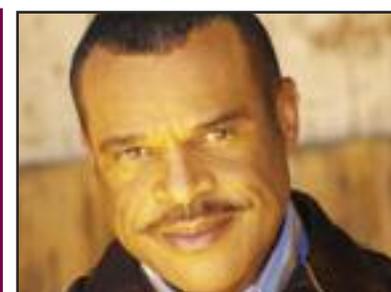
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Dr. Rebekah Nix



Jaqueline Moore



Walter Hawkins

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Dr. Rebekah Nix

Dr. Rebekah Nix, who teaches science education courses through the University of Texas at Dallas' Teacher Development Center, has been honored with the 2010 Innovations in Online Learning Teaching Award, given by the UT

System Innovations in Online Learning Conference.

"I am honored to be recognized by my peers – other online educators," said Nix. "The award is a confirmation of the efforts that UT Dallas is making to advance the quality of education its

students receive on campus and through distance education."

The award is given to an outstanding UT System faculty member or teaching assistant who has made innovative contributions to the field of teaching in online education. Recipients must have taught an online course within the past year

and used inventive techniques in presenting learning materials and/or teaching their online course.

"As classrooms for schools across the country change, our instruction of future teachers must also change," said Dr. George Fair, dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. "Dr. Nix provides a window

for our students to use the latest in classroom technology for all our students."

Nix used her experiences as an online student and as a teacher to create a student-centered learning environment that would be useful and engaging, whether online or face-to-face.



Jacqueline Moore

Jacqueline Moore is a Christian author who offers spiritual words of encouragement daily on her website at jacquelinemoore.com. She has contributed to several anthologies and is the 2009 African American Literary Show romance author of the year for her first novel, *Serving Justice* under the Peace in the Storm imprint.

She is also a contributing author to several anthologies including 2008 releases, *Triumph of my Soul*, *Stories of Hope*, *Triumph and Inspira-*

tion, *Journeys of Love*, *Voices of the Heart* and *Gumbo for the Soul*, *Here's our Child Where is the Village*.

Jackie has served as a Deaconess, as well as served on various boards and committees. She has taught a basic computer skills class in an after school program at her church and she has also worked as a consultant for an after-school motivational program that teaches students how to write books.

She has been a parent Advocate with the Detroit School Board. Jackie has also served as a consultant to a non-profit organization incorporated to address the problems of domestic violence in a pro-active way.

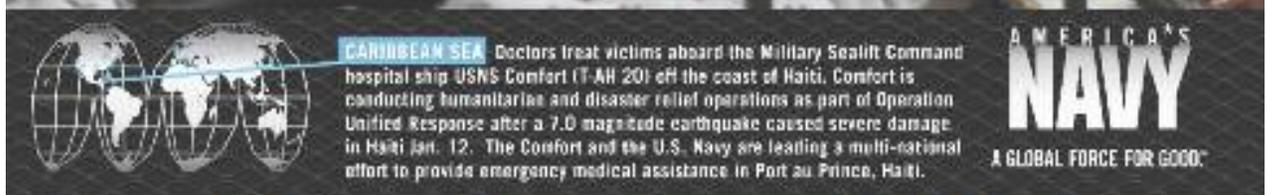
Jackie is also very active in the Detroit Literary Community and is a prolific public speaker. She has conducted seminars in the church on Christian issues as

they relate to today's woman and is especially fond of speaking to young women

and teaching them not only Christian values but also how to improve their confidence

and pursuing their goals and dreams. Jackie is also an outspoken advocate on im-

proving literacy in the African American Community.



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Restoring Balance Between Wall Street and Main Street

BY FRANK KNAPP JR.

The South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce and small business organizations and owners across this country want Wall Street Reform. But you wouldn't know that from the attention the media gives to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which is the mouthpiece for the big financial institutions that oppose reform.

The U.S. Chamber purports to represent small businesses. However, the reality is quite different. The July/August edition of the Washington Monthly features an eye-opening story on Tom Donohue, the CEO of the U.S. Chamber, who has a plaque on his desk that reads, "SHOW

ME THE MONEY." In 2008, a third of the Chamber's revenues came from just 19 big companies.

When big oil, insurance and other companies are out of favor because of their greed, they turn to the U.S. Chamber to convince Congress and the public that the needed reforms are bad for business in general and small business in particular. This is exactly what is going on regarding Wall Street reform.

It's clear that the U.S. Chamber does not represent the interests of small businesses that have suffered because of the irresponsible actions of the nation's biggest banks. The greed of these financial institutions collapsed our economy and shut down loans and credit lines to our small busi-

nesses. We hear macro and micro stories every day about small businesses not getting access to the money they need. And every economist acknowledges that small businesses must hire the employees we need to lead us out of this recession just as they have in the last three economic recoveries.

But ironically, the only business sector that's apparently hiring is Wall Street, as the New York Times explains in a recent piece. Greed is still alive and well on Wall Street. And we all know that without Wall Street reform, greed will bring our economy down again and tear apart our small businesses -- if we can ever get them back on their feet.

Yet, the U.S. Chamber still wants Congress and the

public to be afraid -- very afraid. Wall Street reform will dry up loans to small business, the U.S. Chamber warns. That's wrong. Their big bank donors are doing pretty well right now and they aren't doing that by making small business loans and investing in our communities. They're making money gambling on Wall Street.

The U.S. Chamber pretends to be a friend to Main Street worried that Sam the Butcher, Joe the Orthodontist and your local car dealer will be regulated out of business. That's not in the Wall Street reform proposal.

What the butcher, orthodontist and car dealer want are customers -- the cus-

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serious problem and workers are often not given the correct protective clothing. Lisa Jackson, head of the Environmental Protection Agency also spoke at the Convention and backed up the findings in the report and vowed to work with communities to produce clean water, clean land.

However, it seems to me that a civil rights operation needs to move into the oil clean-up operation that bring about a strong element of fairness to that situation. When Katrina hit, we heard that the companies involved in the clean-up were importing workers from Korea, Mexico and Vietnam at the lowest wages to work the reconstruction. Many of them are still there and they provide competition with many workers who actually live in the area and have been deprived not just of a job, but of their entire livelihood if things don't improve. They have the most stake in the outcome of the reconstruction.

I was listening to Na-

tional Public Radio station the other day and John Boyd, President of the National Association of Black Farmers was being interviewed. It seems that many of his members are farmers whose land has been desecrated by the oil spill and fishermen whose livelihood was made on the water. But their complaint is that BP has bypassed them in looking for other farmers and fishermen whose land and waters have been polluted.

This important because black farmers and fishermen have a claim to the same kind of financial reparations that are being made available to whites in the area and they want and deserve a big piece of the clean-up work that is going on. However, Boyd says that Black fishermen seeking jobs with the clean-up crew have been brushed off.

Again Lisa Jackson's agency seems to be the only one that has an SBA participation program with respect to soil and water, chemistry, waste disposal but Black owned public re-

lations firms like Bright Moments in New Orleans are awaiting proposals to community outreach messaging, but none have come from BP. Apparently, they believe that national adds showing an Africa American male who lives in the area and is "in charge" of claims will suffice to show that they are sensitive to the problem. This, together with what appears to be a national media blackout of this problem hides a monumental race issue with respect to the oil spill.

Ken Feinberg has been placed in charge of processing the claims associated with the oil spill, since the President has wrested \$20 Billion from BP. But Feinberg was recently on CNN discussing the claims process but said nothing about the safeguards placed on the money would allow it to be distributed fairly, not just to selected individuals but to communities as well. The Nation Congress of American Indians has called for a meeting in New Orleans to discuss why the

Native American community in the Gulf has been overlooked with respect their access to resources in the clean-up. The black community interest is not just vested in workers, one black fisherman stands to loose more than \$100,000 from his shrimp business, but he can't get remediation contracts for the destruction of their fishing grounds.

What's happening here is old style racism and cudos to the NAACP, but the Justice Department needs to get involved and not just leave the EPA down there to fend off blacks seeking distributive justice for the damage to their lives. This is another racial issue for the administration and it will be interesting to see how they handle it.

Ron Walters is a Political Analyst and Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest book is: *Democratic Destiny and the District of Columbia* (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2010)

Cowboys' Bradie James and Methodist create new cancer resource center

(NDG Wire) Breast cancer patients and their loved ones have a new resource in their support system, thanks to a partnership between Dallas Cowboys Linebacker (#56) Bradie James and Methodist Health System Foundation. James joined Methodist leaders on July 7 to unveil the new Bradie James Breast Cancer

Resource Center at the Methodist Dallas Medical Center campus, and to present a check for \$71,000 from his Foundation 56 to the Methodist Foundation. James' contribution provides key funding for the new center and other ongoing breast cancer outreach services in his partnership with Methodist.

The new center provides breast cancer patients with access to on-site and online educational information and resources, including a private setting for one-on-one consultation services. Resource center services includes staffing by an American Cancer Society volunteer who can also provide personalized assistance with fitting wigs, scarves, and prosthetics.

The pledge from James' foundation for creation of the resource center within the Women's Imaging Center at Methodist Dallas, 1441 N. Beckley, was announced in May when renovation work began. Through his foundation and an expanding partnership with Methodist, the project also includes a breast cancer support group, and other outreach initiatives to expand screening, education, and detection services. One of the funded activities includes purchase of new digital mammography equipment for Methodist's existing mobile mammography unit to expand outreach efforts into the community.

The well-known Cowboys linebacker lost his mother to breast cancer while he was a student at Louisiana State University. He has since become a passionate advocate in the fight against breast cancer through the foundation he established to honor her life.

"We are tremendously thankful for Mr. James' heartfelt dedication to advocating on behalf of breast cancer detection and treatment," said April Box Chamberlain, president and CEO of Methodist Health System Foundation. "Methodist is also grateful and proud to be part of an active partnership with his Foundation 56 to create this resource center and provide other ongoing services for our community."

In discussing his foundation's work and the role of the new resource center, and other ongoing projects with Methodist, James commented that he wanted to help provide more resources to both the patients going through breast cancer treatment, and to their fam-

ily and friends. He noted that he and his family faced the disease and treatment mostly on their own during his mother's illness and he wished to help other families have more ready opportunities for support.

James and Methodist also partnered last October

in a luncheon education event and mammogram sessions in which services were provided for 27 women who needed financial aid to obtain the potentially lifesaving screenings. The event is under development into a potentially annual project.



Cowboys Linebacker Bradie James joined (from left) Methodist Health System Foundation Grant Development Administrator Jennie Ball-Tissing, Methodist Dallas Medical Center President Michael A. Mayo, Methodist Mobile Mammography Manager Buffie Pleasants, and Methodist Dallas Assistant Vice President Operations Jessica Rangel. Methodist and James' foundation are also partnering in other outreach efforts.

Free mammograms to qualified uninsured at Expo

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

The Methodist Health System Mobile Mammography Unit is partnering with the No Limit Women's Expo to provide free mammograms to uninsured Dallas County residents for those who qualify. The No Limit Women's Expo is scheduled for Saturday, August 14 at the Richardson Civic Center.

Participants must be 35 or older with no breast implants and have no cur-

rent breast problems.

If the patient has insurance, claims will be filed. Medicare and Medicaid will be accepted also. Unless you qualify for assistance the cost of the exam will be \$239.58. For the



Dallas County residents who qualify the service will be provided at no charge.

An appointment must be scheduled before July 31. Call the Methodist Health Connection at 214-947-0026.

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DART receives \$4.9 million federal grant for downtown streetcar connector

(NDG Wire) Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is scheduled to receive \$4.9 million from the US Department of Transportation (DOT) as part of the \$130 million Urban Circulator Grant Program.

The grant is one of 53 proposals totaling nearly \$300 million in federal funding for both the Urban Circulator Program and the Bus

and Bus Livability Program. DOT officials say winning projects were selected from a 281 applicants totaling more than \$2 billion in funding requests. The DART grant will have a local match of \$5 million from the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

The project creates a new connection between Uptown and Downtown Dallas. It is a

rail track loop, just under three-quarters of a mile long, connecting the M-line Olive Street extension to the current M-line track on St. Paul Street. It will provide a direct connection to DART's St. Paul Station and improve connections to popular destinations like the Dallas Museum of ART and the Nasher Sculpture Garden. The M-line's heritage vehicle fleet

will still be used. Ultimately the line will connect with the planned Downtown Dallas streetcar project and will be built to accommodate a modern streetcar.

"The support of the Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration is critical," DART President/Executive Director Gary Thomas said. "It's also important to note this would

not have been possible without the sustained efforts of Representative Eddie Ber-

nice Johnson. We appreciate all she does to help keep our region moving."

The Cathedral of Hope Celebrates Four Decades of Unique Ministry

Dallas church marks its 40th anniversary with worship and celebration

(NDG Wire) This year, the Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ celebrates 40 years of ministry in the Dallas community. Since its inception, the church has offered sanctuary and a place of worship to those who have felt rejected by mainstream Christianity.

Over the past 40 years

the church has grown from 12 friends meeting in member's homes to more than 30,000 constituents living in all 50 states and 41 foreign countries.

The anniversary festivities begin with the official Birthday Celebration on July 24 at the Dallas INFO-MART. Guests will enjoy a welcome toast, a "walk

down memory lane", cash bar, food, fun, a live band, dancing, and entertainment by the outrageously funny comedienne Judy Tenuta.

The weekend culminates in two anniversary worship services at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center on the morning of July 25 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The commemorative services

will be worships will feature an inspiring message from Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson and Holy Communion inside the Meyerson concert hall.

Tickets to the 40th Anniversary Celebration are \$40. For more information on the Cathedral of Hope UCC and its mission can be found visit www.cathedralofhope.com.

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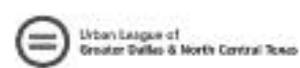
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Teen Graffiti Magazine Awards 2010 Scholarships

Khalid, McPhee, Monroe and Smith will each receive \$250.00 Book Scholarships

(NDG Wire) Aliyah Khalid of Richardson, TX, Sharonda McPhee of Fort Pierce, FL, Conzuela Monroe of Dallas, TX and Hunter Smith of Katy, TX are the recipients of this year's *Teen Graffiti* Education Scholarships for their outstanding commitment to education and community service. Kaliyah, Sharonda, Monroe and Hunter will each receive a \$250.00 Book Scholarship.

Aliyah Khalid is a 2010 graduate of L.V. Berkner High School, and she will be attending Midwestern State University in the fall majoring in Nursing. Aliyah is the daughter of Rachel Hatim of Richardson, Texas.

Sharonda McPhee is a 2010 graduate of Fort

Pierce Westwood High School and she will be attending Indian River State College in the fall majoring in Veterinary Medicine and Creative Writing. Sharonda is the daughter of Floyd and Mona McPhee of Fort Pierce, Florida.

Conzuela Monroe is a 2010 graduate of Richardson High School, and she will be attending the Texas Womens University in the fall majoring in Communicative Disorders. Conzuela is the daughter of Janice Williams of Dallas, Texas.

And Hunter Smith is a 2010 graduate of Katy High School, and he will be attending the University of Oklahoma in the fall majoring in Finance. Hunter is the son of Rocky Smith of



Aliyah Khalid



Conzuela Monroe

Katy, Texas.

Last year's scholarship recipients were Priscila Carrera of Seagoville, TX, Danisha Malcolm and Celeste Rumphs of Garland, TX. The 2008 recipients were Darannica Cuffie a graduate of Sachse High School and Victoria Doucet a graduate of Naaman Forest High School. The 2007

recipients were Maurice Dorsey a graduate of Sachse High School; Julia Little a graduate of Bishop Lynch High School; and Tiffany Wilson a graduate of North Garland High School. The 2006 recipients were Warren Seay, Jr. a graduate of Cedar Hill High School; Margaret Smith a graduate of All Saint's Epis-

copal High School; and Kristi Walton a graduate of Lincoln High School Humanities/Communications Magnet. The 2005 recipients were Erin Graham a graduate of Lincoln High School Humanities/Communications Magnet, Brandon Jay a graduate of Cedar Hill High School, Leticia Kelly a graduate of Naaman Forest High School, and Clarissa Rumphs a graduate of North Garland High School. And the 2004 recipients were Crystal Harper a graduate of Lake Highlands High School and Brian Irvin Chapman a graduate of Justin F. Kimball High School.

Teen Graffiti's Education Scholarship was founded on the principle that today's youth are to-

morrow's leaders. These scholarships are made possible through funds raised from annual fundraisers events and private and individual contributions.

Students interested in applying for *Teen Graffiti's* Education Scholarships can review eligibility requirements, download application forms, and explore *Teen Graffiti's* website at www.teengraffiti.com or by writing to Teens Reaching Teens, Inc.; c/o Teen Graffiti's Education Scholarship; P.O. Box 452721; Garland, Texas 75045-2721.

You may also contact Sharon Jones-Scaife, Executive Director at 972-496-9457 or email sharonjs@teensreachingteens.org.

Paul Quinn's extreme makeover

Paul Quinn College has begun demolished of thirteen abandoned buildings on the campus. The school

is using the \$1 million dollars it received recently from philanthropist Trammel Crow. School officials,

Trammel Crow, students and members of the community attended the event.



Demo work began on Tuesday



Paul Quinn College
President Michael Sorrell
and Ryan Carrington a
junior year from Houston.



DISD interns navigate the legal profession



(NDG Wire) Twenty-nine law firms and 31 students from the Dallas Independent School District are participating in the Dallas Bar Association's 2010 Summer Law Intern

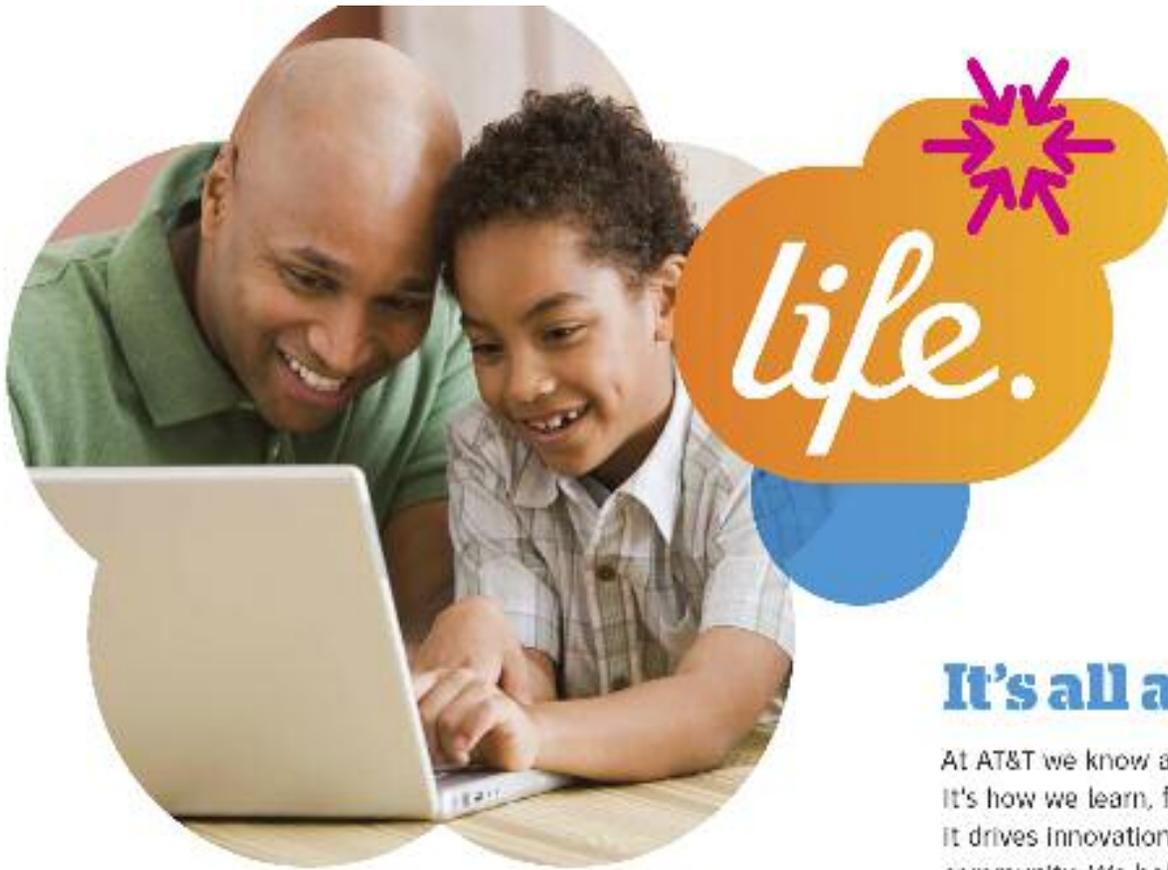
Program. Since 1994, the DBA has interviewed thousands of high school students and placed nearly 500 exceptional teenagers in law firms, non-profits and corporate legal de-

partments for eight weeks during the summer. The students are paid a reasonable wage, while receiving a glimpse into the legal profession.

Students, who are entering their senior year, are chosen to experience the structure and demands of an office environment. Simultaneously, they gain self-confidence and learn about professionalism. During the program, the interns also enjoy courthouse tours and other educational programs hosted by the Dallas Bar Association.

The program is funded by the Dallas Bar Foundation, and the generosity of the firms and legal departments who open their doors each year to new interns.

For more information on the Dallas Bar Association, visit www.dallasbar.org or call Amy Smith, Law Related Education Coordinator at 214-220-7484.

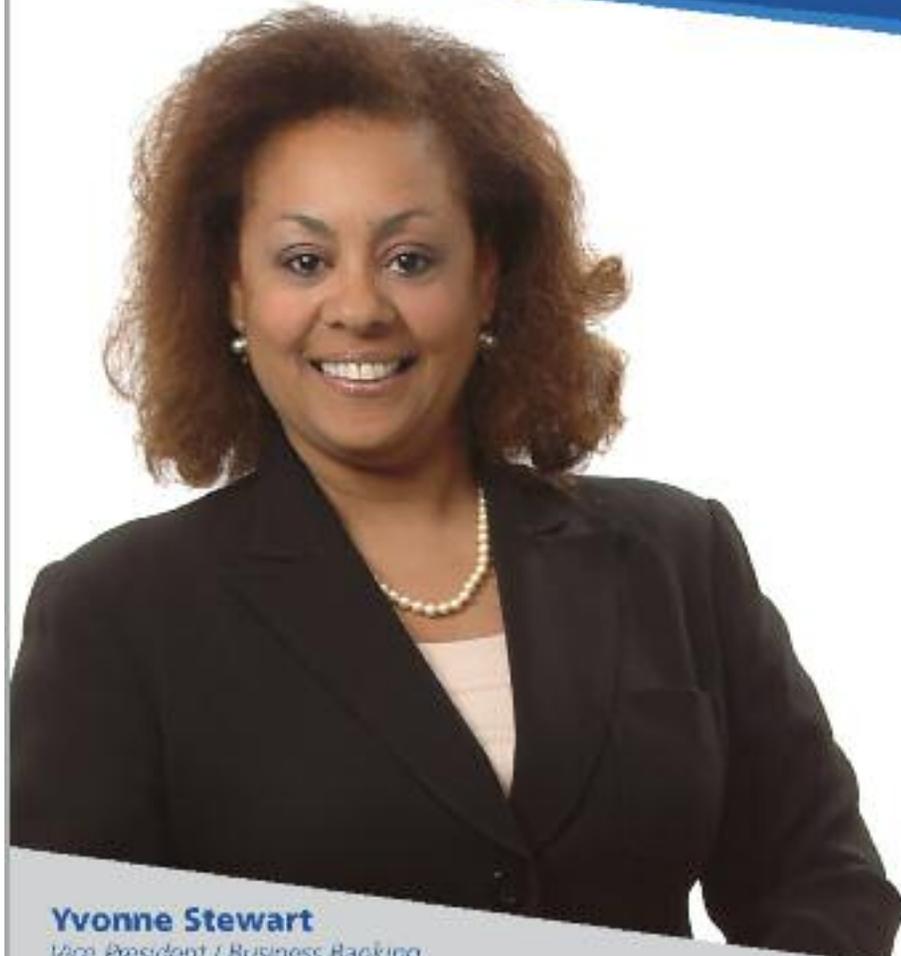


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African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. (Doors open at 6:30 pm.) Collin County Republican Party HQ. 8416 Stacy Rd., McKinney. Call Linda Wynn Drain, 214-498-7574 or website www.aarcc.com

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.

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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.mesquiterodeo.com for more information.

Thru September 5

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

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.

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/HOMELESS/GPD.asp

July 15-17

Friends of the Plano Public Library 27th Annual Book Sale First Nighter Sale, July 15, 6 - 10pm, Entry fees: \$5 Ind., \$10 Family. Free Friday, July 16, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and July 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. No sales tax! Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Info: 972-941-7193 or www.friendsofplano.library.org/.

July 15

A Beka Book Home School A home school curriculum and text book sale. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Info: Mickey Pierce, 800-613-3222 ext. 67 or visit our website at www.abeka.org

July 16

Enjoy a fun-filled Happy Hour with live music and a buffet at the **Hot Day, Cool Event! Dallas Margarita Society's Happy Hour** to Benefit Dallas Children's Charities 5:30-9 p.m. at The Londoner, 14930 Midway Road. All donations of \$10 will benefit the Dallas Children's Charities. Info: info@londoneraddison.com

Dr. Ron Anderson, President & CEO of Parkland Hospitals, is the featured speaker at the 2nd annual **State of Dallas County** at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Westin DFW Airport North Hotel, 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving

July 17-25

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

July 20

Jim Austin Online.com Networking Mixer presents **Mix & Mingle with Fort Worth's Leading Business Professionals!** Free Admission and Free Food & Door Prizes. Tuesday, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at The Vault, 525 Taylor Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76102

July 21-24

Life Enrichment Boot Camp: www.lifeenrichmentbootcamp.com Designed for singles, divorcees and couples. \$200 per person. Marriage Boot Camp: www.marriagebootcamp.com Designed for all couples. \$800 per couple. Info: 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. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

July 21

Play Hard Live Well! Mini-expo 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco Hotel: 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco. Info: Shonna Cooper, Striker Communications 512-576-2918

2010 National Basketball Championship Opening Ceremony featuring Basketball Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman 5:30 - 7:00 pm; Dr Pepper Arena: 2601 Avenue of the Stars, Frisco

July 28 – August 8

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

August 7

In Business 2 Win are FREE Entrepreneur Expo & Workshops from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Comings Community Center located at 2976 Cummings.

August 20 - 21

Women of Faith's 2010 event, Imagine. This 2-day event is to imagine what it would be like if the God who created us was willing and able to provide exactly what we need. Why would He do that? Because He loves us. He loves YOU. Imagine that. Imagine having two days focused on God and His love for you. Join us for two days filled with laughter, music, and stories that make you chuckle even as you wipe away a knowing tear. Info: womenoffaith.com

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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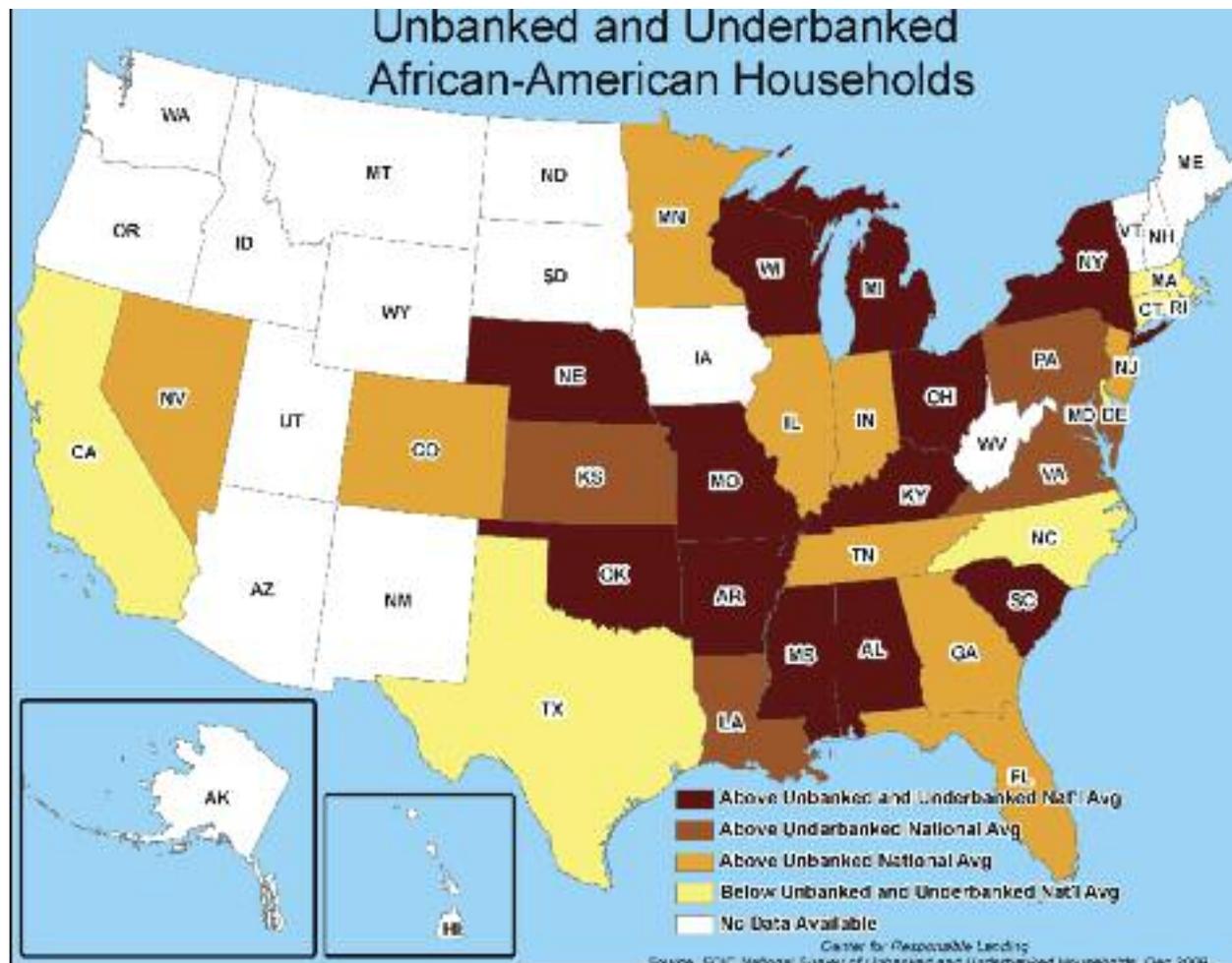
Even with Wall Street reform, the quest for financial fairness continues

(NNPA) As Capitol Hill works to complete historic Wall Street reforms, most of the public debate has focused on mainstream lending such as bank practices, loans and credit cards. Yet according to one of the nation's Federal Reserve Banks, 30 million American households -- nearly one in four -- are either unbanked or under-banked. These families instead turn to alternative financial services for their monetary mainstays.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, unbanked or under-banked residents operate in a subculture that eschews traditional lenders and instead patronizes non-bank operations such as pre-paid cards, check-cashing and/or convenience stores and pawn shops. Many households with unpredictable cash flow and few savings were found to experience difficulty maintaining minimum balances or managing limits on availability of funds as many traditional lenders require. Additionally, overdraft fees, unexpected charges to accounts and account disputes together have led many households to adopt a combination of cash, money orders and prepaid debit cards for their personal financial transactions.

Sadly, these recent 2010 findings mirror those of a December 2009 report from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Although Black and Hispanic households respectively account for 13.1 and 11.1 percent of all U.S. households, FDIC found that Latino and African-American communities together represent more than 60 percent of the nation's unbanked households. Among the nation's unbanked households, 36.9 percent are African-Americans.

FDIC defines a household as "unbanked" if no one



in the family has a checking or savings account. "Under-banked" households are those that have a checking or savings account but rely on alternative financial services that use non-bank money orders, payday loans, rent-to-own agreements, or pawn shops at least once or twice a year.

a Detroit Free Press columnist, the nation's largest poor city -- Detroit -- nearly half of all Motor City households lack traditional bank accounts.

"Convenience plays a part" wrote Gerritt, "especially for the nearly one-third of Detroit households that don't have vehicles. In

Recent written remarks to the FDIC from a wide range of organizations addressed many of the underlying issues surrounding unbanked and under-banked consumers and the inherent problems with building financial assets.

For example, Heidi Goldberg with the National

the few assets they do have are vulnerable to loss from theft or natural disaster. Neighborhoods also suffer from the consequences of a cash economy, which can erode public safety and increase theft and related crimes."

"Perhaps most importantly" Ms. Goldberg contin-

to alternative financial services, Dory Rand, president of the Chicago-based Woodstock Institute in part wrote to FDIC, "Products such as money orders are important because many landlord and small business owners in LMI [Low-to-Moderate Income] areas do not accept checks. The 'competitive market rates' charged for these services should be less than the rates charged by non-bank providers in order to entice customers into mainstream banking. To avoid gouging customers, rates for cashing checks and wire transfers should be capped and not based solely on a percentage of the check or wire transfer/remittance amount."

So although the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act represents a major step forward for consumers, it is equally true that much yet remains to be accomplished before full, equal and competitive access to lending reaches all of America and its people.

According to Mike Calhoun, president of the Center for Responsible Lending, "Auto dealers—whose lending record is rife with unfair, deceptive practices, especially for people of color and military personnel—should not have been exempted from oversight by the new consumer protection agency. Also, payday or other unscrupulous lenders should not be allowed to sabotage the consumer protection agency's proposed new rules before they even see the light of day"

In other words, the quest for fairness in financial transactions continues.

Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's Communications Manager for State Policy and Outreach. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org

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Each year alternative financial services drain an estimated \$11 billion from the pockets of moderate and low-income households through a series of related fees.

According to Jeff Gerritt,

many neighborhoods, the corner party store is a lot closer and more accessible than a bank -- and presents a lot fewer hassles."

Among public policy advocates, some would readily agree with Gerritt's assess-

League of Cities advised, "Lack of access to the financial mainstream makes it difficult for families and communities to thrive. Individuals who are un- or under-banked must operate in a cash economy, which means

ued, "financially underserved families miss out on opportunities to build assets when they do not have access to affordable, mainstream banking products."

Addressing the urban dynamics that lead consumers

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Basically Beethoven presents "Hall of Fame" season finale July 25

(NDG Wire) Fine Arts Chamber Players (FACP) 30th free Basically Beethoven Festival presents the final concert of the 2010 season on Sunday, July 25 at 2:30PM. 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, TX 75210. The doors open at 2:00 p.m. for the 2:30 p.m. Rising Star Recital. At 3:00 p.m., the chamber music 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 bbf@fineartschamberplayers.org or visit the website, www.fineartschamberplayers.org.

Walter Hawkins

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

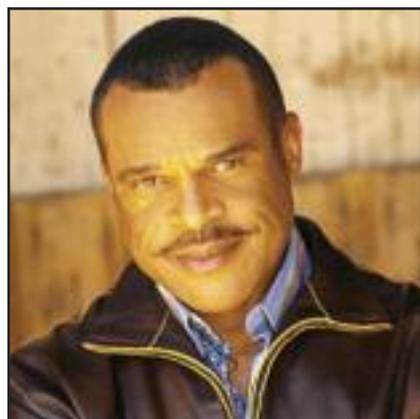
In the 80s and 90s the songs of Walter Hawkins dominated African American church choir line-ups across the country. I know his music did at our church.

For many the lovely music and simple yet powerful messages in the lyrics ministered to congregations. Even now his songs learned nearly 30 years ago come to mind and refresh my spirit.

Born May 18, 1949, Hawkins passed away on Saturday, July 11.

His list of legendary music includes: *Marvelous*, *Going Up Yonder*, *Changed*, *Be Grateful*, *Thank You*, *He's That Kind*, *Of Friend*, *Until I Found*

The Lord, Jesus Christ Is the Way, I'm Not The Same, Holy One, Spirit Now, Battle, I Love You Lord, Special Gift, Set Me Free, Is There Any Way, Everybody Ought To Know, My Gratitude, It's Right and Good, Cry On, I'm So Thankful, Just In The Nick of Time, Jesus Made A Way, Thank You Lord, I Must Go On, I'm Going Away, Lord Give Us Time, Try Christ, I Feel Like Singing, Dear Jesus, God Is Standing By, I Love Jesus More, Follow Me, All You Need Is Christ, He Brought Me, He'll Be There, Goin To A Place, I'm A Pilgrim, Never Alone, On & On, and so many more.



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Register online on or before 7/23/10 at:
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For more information contact:

Joyce Bertolacini, HUB Coordinator
512.344.5293
joyce.bertolacini@lottery.state.tx.us

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The No Limit Women's Expo is a fun, family-friendly, charitable event featuring products, services and business opportunities for women between the ages of 25 to 54.

The announced free seminars topics include Get Organized - Home & Office Organization and How to Self-Publish Your Book.

The 2010 No Limit Women's Expo will benefit

the North Texas Food Bank.

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a nonprofit hunger relief organization that distributes donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of

1,146 feeding programs in thirteen North Texas counties.

For more information and to register, visit www.nolimitexpo.com.

Fourth annual Youth Crime Prevention Summit considered a success

(NDG Wire) There is a drastic increase in crime committed by our youth during the summer months. To battle this, Congresswoman Johnson in conjunction with Big Thought, hosted her annual Youth Crime Prevention Summit today to help not only create successful paths for at-risk youth, but also to combat crime and drugs in our communities.

Big Thought is one of the nation's leading nonprofits devoted to closing the opportunity gap in education through creative learning. Big Thought develops groundbreaking programs to address problem-solving, life skills and workforce development that provides children with pathways to success.

"The Youth Crime Summit is a testament to Congresswoman Eddie Bernice



Johnson's leadership and commitment to supporting a safe and healthy future for our children," said President and CEO of Big Thought, Gigi Antoni.

The featured speakers were Bradie James from the Dallas Cowboys, and Omar Jahwar and Antong Lucky from Vision Regeneration.

"I was delighted to have 200 students gather for my annual Youth Crime Prevention Summit," said Congresswoman Johnson. "This year's panel was wonderful and they captivated the students and encouraged them to make positive choices in life."

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 Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Mediating on God's Word develops faith. Mediating on Satan's lies on the

Living With Out Fear

other hand develops fear. Such fearful meditation is called worrying. Don't do it!

The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Use it to fight Satan every time he comes against you. Hold up your shield of faith and quench all of his fiery darts. Speak and live words of faith and fear will depart.

HEALTHY DOSE OF LOVE: Medical science has proven that walking in love is good for your health. Researchers have discovered that hostility produces stress that causes ulcers, tension headaches and a host of other ills. When you think of hostility, you may think of the type of anger you feel when something serious happens. According to the experts, that kind of thing isn't what causes the worst problems. It's the little things (when the dry cleaners ruin your favorite outfit, for example, or when the cafeteria lady puts gravy on your mashed potatoes after you've specifically told her not to.)

Think how much stress you could avoid by being quick to forgive, by living your life according to 1 Corinthians 13, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding

brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profited me nothing." Don't count the evils done to you but imagine the physical and emotional benefits of living according to God's word.

Don't allow yourself to be habitually bound by hostility. As a Christian you have the love of God inside

of you. If you will yield to that love, it will set you free. Remember when Jesus called Lazarus forth from the grave, Lazarus was alive but still bound in the grave clothes. Jesus commanded the bindings to be loosed so that Lazarus could be free to walk.

Jesus wants that same kind of freedom for you. So get into agreement with Him. Pray first then say to those deadly habits that have you bound. "In the name of Jesus, loose me and let me go." "I'm putting hostility, un-forgiveness and selfishness behind me. I'm going on with God. I'm going to live the



Happy Birthday, July 12, 2010, Mr. Eugene "Father" Tinner, may God continue His blessings to you.

life of love."

It doesn't take a medical miracle to turn your life

around. All it takes is a decision to yield to the force of God's love.

Friends of the Plano Public Library 27th Annual Book Sale

(NDG Wire) The public is invited to support the Plano Public Library beginning at the First Nighter

Sale, Thursday, July 15, 6 – 10 p.m., Entry fees: \$5 Individual, \$10 Family.

Then enjoy Free Admission Friday, July 16, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Saturday, July 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

What is available for sale? Over 100,000 new and gently used books. Hardback books, DVDs and CDs: \$2. Paperback books: \$1. Videocassettes, audiocassettes, and records: 2 for \$1. No sales

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All proceeds go to Friends of Plano Public Library who reinvest the

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Noted North Texas professor warns of K2 dangers

(NDG Wire) Several years ago, the world was fixated on what became known as Y2K---a belief that computers would self-destruct and send the world into utter chaos. Twelve years later and with billions of dollars spent to save civilization from destruction, we now must deal with "K2." What? K2, a combination of herbs and spices sprayed with synthetic residue similar to that of THC (delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinoid), is a legal drug that goes by many names: skunk, knock off weed, genie, spice, and fake weed-



- just to name a few.

Dr. M. Lavelle Hendricks, Assistant Professor of Counseling at Texas A&M-Commerce warns that the public should take

this drug, though legal, more seriously. "Since K2 has been found to be more potent than marijuana, using it gives them a higher feeling than regular mari-

juana. Yet, studies continue to show that regular use of K2 will produce in individuals many symptoms including but not limited to paranoia, increased heart rate, loss of consciousness, difficulty in thinking and problem solving, problem with learning and memory, and brain damage as reported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)," says Hendricks.

So much is unknown about this drug that can be purchased legally at incense and smoke shops, over the internet, and some health

stores. Hendricks believes that the more attention is given to the dangers of K2, the greater chance that young adults and others will choose to avoid this drug. He is also finalizing a book ("It's Not Y2K...Just K2) for educators, mental health workers,

law enforcement and community officials on the dangers of K2 usage.

Dr. Hendricks is a Texas Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and Certified Anger Resolution Therapist.

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