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## Obama signs Jobs Bill as CBC Chair calls for specific help for Blacks

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY (NNPA) As the Black unemployment rate rose slightly last month, President Barack Obama has signed the long-awaited jobs bill with hopes of turning around employment rates, which for African-

Americans still nearly doubles the national average of 9.5 percent. "The Manufacturing Enhancement Act of 2010 will create jobs, help American companies compete, and strengthen manufacturing as a key driver of our eco-

nomic recovery," Obama said during a bill signing ceremony at the White House last week. "To make their products, manufacturers - some of whom are represented here today - often have to import certain materials from other coun-

tries and pay tariffs on those materials. This legislation will reduce or eliminate some of those tariffs, which will significantly lower costs for American companies across the man-

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The staff at the North Dallas Gazette wish everyone a safe and happy Labor Day holiday. The next publication of the paper will appear on newstands Thursday, September 9, 2010.

## Plano Fire Department to Receive \$27,200 Grant

(NDG Wire) Plano Fire Department will receive a grant of \$27,200 to support firefighters and their work as first responders it was announced on Wednesday. The funding can be used for training and support operations, and to purchase firefighter safety and rescue

equipment. It comes through the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. "This funding will help make sure first responders at the Plano Fire Department will have the resources nec-

essary to keep the surrounding community safe," Sen. John Cornyn said. "We have a responsibility to support those working on the front lines every day to protect families, homes and property."

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## The Trinity River photo exhibition comes to the African American Museum

(NDG Wire) The African American Museum has been chosen to host the Trinity River Corridor Project Photo Exhibition, showcasing images from professional and amateur photographers from the Metroplex. The pictures portray

the natural and raw beauty of the Trinity River and surrounding areas in four categories: wildlife, forest/prairie, river/ponds and architecture/structures. Pictures were submitted through the 1st Annual Trinity River Photo Contest

in 2009, with the winners being displayed in the current exhibit. The images in the exhibit now on display reflect how locals see the Trinity...through their eyes and camera lenses. Featured are the 48 winning photo-

graphs of the 350 images entered into the 1st Annual Trinity River Photo Contest. The City of Dallas and the Trinity River Corridor Project saw the contest as an opportunity to make a

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COMMENTARY

## For Black Farmers: "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied"

BY MARC MORIAL

(NNPA) For more than 10 years, tens of thousands of Black farmers have been denied justice and a share of a \$1.25 billion government settlement as compensation for decades of discrimination in federal farm loan programs. Many have lost their farms waiting. Some have died waiting. And on August 5, before going on its summer recess,

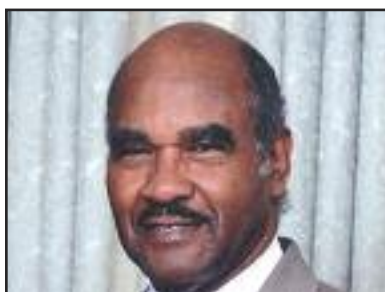
the Senate prolonged the wait by failing to once again appropriate the funds to right this egregious wrong. Consistent with an unfortunate pattern that has stalled Congressional action on everything from health care reform to unemployment benefits, the Senate is stuck in a stalemate over the black farmers' settlement due to partisan

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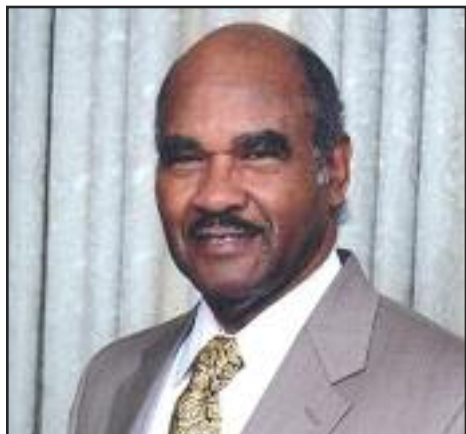
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## Rev. George Pryor

Rev. George Pryor has led the New Birth Baptist

Church as Senior Pastor for over 45 years and under his



leadership, the church has seen growth and stability. The church began on a Wednesday evening in November, 1964 with twelve of Reverend Pryor's

family members and one co-worker present. Now, over 3,000 worshipers call the church their spiritual home.

During the years the church has grown and has acquired several sites including its present location at 444 W. Ledbetter Drive. To accommodate its growing membership, which now numbers over 3,000, the church now sits on 13 acres and has 38,000 square feet in improvements.

A Jesus Center was opened in 1993 which houses a Day Care Acad-

emy, Seniors programs and community events. Rev. Pryor has mentored more than 60 young men and nearly 20 are now pastors. A scholarship was established in his name and more than 30 students have been awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships.

Rev. Pryor has received numerous awards for his work in his church and in the community including recipient of Daily Points of Light Award and recognition by the State of Texas under Governor Rick Perry; recipient of Outstanding

Texas Award by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; recognition by the City of Dallas under former Mayor Ron Kirk for Community Service; and recipient of the Kuta Keza Kazi Award for Community Service by the Dallas Regional National Alliance of Black School Educators.

At 71, when asked by the *Dallas Morning News* earlier this year if he is considering retiring anytime soon he replied, "If I should become unable to do what I feel pleases God and meets the needs of the people,

then I'd consider retiring," Pastor Pryor said.

"But until then, I believe in being faithful to my call."

Rev. Pryor will receive the Whitney M. Young Humanitarian Award for his long-time support of the Urban League movement, its mission, programs and services.

The Urban League of Greater Dallas Annual Gala is Saturday, August 28, 2010 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel.

For ticket and more information call 214-915-4600.

## Floyd Williams

For the past 29 years, Floyd Williams has worked at Verizon Communications and is currently Senior Staff Consultant in Supplier Diversity, Quality, Sourcing Policies and Procedures. His jobs have ranged from Supplier/Vendor Quality Assurance and Performance to Contract Negotiation and Management. Williams assisted the Supply Chain and Logistics sector in paving the way for increasing Minority and Women-owned business involvement in

procurement products and services within the Verizon community.

Williams' commitment extends beyond his job and into the community. He is Director of the Jr. Brotherhood Mentor Program; Lead Coordinator/Mentor of the Reaching our Youth Program; and Vice President of Verizon's African American Employee Resource Group. He was a member of the Urban League Board of Trustees for five years and continues

to participate in activities in the Urban League Education Department.

Volunteering comes naturally to Williams as does sharing Verizon's commitment to the community. For example, as part of the education programs hosted by the Urban League, Williams shares his corporate experiences and knowledge with high school students, and as he encourages them to strive for excellence and higher education, he highlights the Verizon Foundation's Thinkfinity resource and website by incorporating the rich information

available from Thinkfinity into the seminars.

Williams will receive the Urban League Presidential Award for his leadership and service throughout the Dallas Community. Williams was chosen for this special honor for his ongoing support of the Urban League and unselfish gift of time in volunteering with the youth of Dallas.

As he reflected on the recognition, Williams said, "I am honored to receive this recognition and want to encourage others to volunteer their time through mentoring, tutoring, being a Big

Brother or Big Sister, or just sharing personal experiences with youth. I can truly say I've received more than I gave."

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## Bishop D. A. Davis

Americans are facing an epidemic in marriages, with skyrocketing divorce rates, record numbers of affairs and an overwhelming percentage of married people who would consider themselves either lonely or severely unhappy.

A Dallas author and Bishop says the answers to contemporary marital woes can be found in his new book *Barren Vines and Empty Baskets*. Bishop Davis defines the martial problem by comparing unproductive husbands to barren vines, and unfulfilled wives to empty baskets. These conditions makes marriages difficult but not impossible. His new book introduces strategies and principles that bridged the gender gap and help couples communicate, cope and

work out effective habits that ensure a lasting relationship.

Aloneness is a condition where one spouse deliberately excludes the other leaving the gilted partner feeling unaccepted, unappreciated and devalued *Barren Vines and Empty Baskets Effective Habits for Developing Affective Relationships* (available through Amazon.com and mydavis.com) motivates men to become Vine-Dressers: men that continuously make adjustments in their marital relationship by investing in their wives. Every woman is proud to assist a producer.

On the other hand, a wife is an empty basket. However, by design she was created for receiving from her Vine-Dresser. If her Vine-Dresser fails to



produce, then she remains an empty basket (unfulfilled). An empty basket is an unfulfilled, bitter woman who disrespects her husband in both public and private arenas.

The book compiles and shares spiritually and scriptural-based mentoring on marriage. Bishop Davis says "this book is about marriage and men must mature into "Vine-Dressers" as

Davis further says "in any marriage, the husband is the caregiver. He is the one God has chosen to tend, till and tolerate the vineyard. A healthy vineyard that is well maintained always yields the greatest yield. Therefore, every vineyard (wife) needs a Vine-Dresser just as every marriage needs a special kind of husband who is sensitive about the growth of the vines (wives) assigned to his care. God designed the woman for receiving as she awaits the efforts of his production as his fruit is a demonstration of the constant love, devotion and personal care that he gives to her. She is a tender plant under his care in the vineyard."

The opening chapter of the book deals with "The Root of Marital Discard" and leads couples through the power of submission into the spiritual alignment

through ten chapters of anointed guidance for eliminating empty baskets.

Bishop D. A. Davis is a

multi-faceted, multi-talented professional who is

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# Foreclosure Crisis Defers or Denies the American Dream

BY CHARLENE CROWELL (NNPA) As the U.S. Treasury Department devoted a day's discussion this week to the future of two housing government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) issued a new research report that details the impacts and characteristics of foreclosures in the nation's most populous state, California.

Dreams Deferred dispels the McMansion myth that the foreclosure crisis is the result of consumers purchasing high-priced, opulent estates. Instead, the new report found that the majority of California foreclosures were modest homes of three bedrooms or less with a median size of only 1,492 square feet. Although foreclosures are highest in major cities such as Los Angeles, the highest concentration or density of foreclosures occurred in the big-city exurbs of Central Valley and Inland Empire.

Once again, CRL found distinct racial disparities in foreclosures. California Latino and African-American borrowers were heavily hit with foreclosures com-

pared to non-Hispanic whites. Representing nearly half of all California foreclosures, Latinos were affected 2.3 times more often and African-Americans were affected 1.9 times more often.

As foreclosures continue to affect even more families, it is important to remember how this crisis actually began. Long-standing lender practices were shoved aside in favor of risky underwriting and broker kick-backs for pushing consumers to accept high-cost loans. This specific issue is directly addressed in Dreams Deferred.

"The combination of originators aggressively seeking to make as many loans as possible without due regard for underwriting standards and Wall Street's conviction that risk could be adequately managed" says the report plus, "Complex financial instruments helped inflate an enormous housing bubble in California and many other states."

In the aftermath of the housing bubble burst, 34 percent of California mortgages, according to CoreLogic, are upside down, owing far more than the

home is now worth. Moreover, CoreLogic also found that three of the nation's four largest metro areas with negative equity are in California, Los Angeles, Riverside / San Bernardino /Ontario and San Francisco.

In its glory days of economic and population growth, California was known as the Golden State. Yet in recent years, that golden image has been tarnished by the profusion of foreclosures that still continue. Further complicating the likelihood of sustained economic recovery are double-digit unemployment and a state deficit so severe that state vendors get vouchers instead of payment and public employees may face furloughs this year.

Although California's mix of economic ills is one of the nation's worst, the underlying ills can be found in communities and states across the nation. Beyond nagging levels of unemployment, wages are flat for those fortunate enough to still be employed. As mortgage lenders look for higher credit scores, low debt ratios, and available cash after down payments and closing costs have been paid, fewer

families can make the transition from renters to homeowners despite current low-interest rates.

California also illustrates another key issue that should be included in current housing policy discussions: affordability. According to a 2009 fourth quarter analysis by the Center for Housing Policy, Paycheck to Paycheck, California has 11 of the nation's most expensive housing markets.

When it comes to housing affordability, California is not alone. Other states where housing costs were found to outpace incomes include Arizona, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Washington State and Washington, DC.

What policymakers must understand is that if this trend continues, this generation will collectively lose its American dream as well as the economic benefits and pride derived from homeownership.

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bickering over how it will be financed. But, as noted in a recent Reuters news story, "The measure brought to the floor included offsets required under congressional 'pay-as-you-go' rules mandating new spending be offset with cuts elsewhere so as not to add to the deficit."

This is a clear case of political obstructionism and a violation of civil rights. Attorney General Eric Holder and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the settlement in February. President Barack Obama included money for it in his current budget. The House of Representatives approved the funds in July. But the Senate has repeatedly refused

to add its final stamp of approval. According to John Boyd, Jr., President of the National Black Farmers Association, "It shows that some of the same treatment that happened to the black farmers at the Department of Agriculture is transpiring with the Senate's inaction to help Black farmers."

The original class-action lawsuit, Pigford v. Glickman, filed in 1997 and settled in 1999, awarded \$50,000 to black farmers who were denied Department of Agriculture farm loans due to racial discrimination from 1983-1997. The government has already paid out more than \$1 billion to 16,000 farmers. The new funding is for pay-

ments to as many as 70,000 farmers who were denied previous payouts because they missed the deadline for filing.

The black farmers settlement bill has the support of the White House, the Agriculture Department, Senators and House members of both parties, the Congressional Black Caucus and the major civil rights organizations, including the National Urban League. The National Black Farmers Association has taken the fight to Capitol Hill on numerous occasions and has appealed to the White House for help.

When the February settlement was announced, CBC Chairwoman Barbara

Lee and many others thought that justice had finally arrived. In a statement then she said, "I am encouraged that today's settlement is an opportunity for black farmers who were denied the benefit of USDA loans and programs to begin to be made whole."

But justice continues to be denied. This is a travesty. The federal government has spent trillions on bailouts to banks, corporations and investment firms, but struggling black farmers have been left out in the cold. As John Boyd said, "It seems like the trains leaving the station in the Senate manage not to have the black farmers on them."



## New law offers third round of one-time, tax free \$250 rebate checks for eligible Medicare Beneficiaries in Medicare Part D donut hole

(NDG Wire) In Texas, approximately 42,247 seniors and persons with disabilities who rely on Medicare for access to health care have received new help with their prescription drug costs to date, thanks to the Affordable Care Act. Across the country, more than 750,000 Medicare beneficiaries have already received checks this year, and more beneficiaries will be receiving checks in

the coming months as they enter the coverage gap.

"The benefits of this bill continue to increase as time moves along. I feel this is probably the most herald achievement in the last 25 years," said Congresswoman Johnson. "It makes it so much better for seniors."

The rebate checks will partly close the donut hole this year, with the \$250 one-time checks for beneficiaries

who enter the gap. In 2011, the Affordable Care Act takes an additional step for Medicare beneficiaries in the donut hole by providing them with a 50 percent discount on their brand name medications. Every year from 2011 to 2020, the Affordable Care Act will take progressive steps towards closing the donut hole.

In addition to savings on prescription drugs, the new law takes a series of steps to

strengthen Medicare. Under the Affordable Care Act:

- Medicare beneficiaries will receive free preventive care services like mammograms and certain colon cancer tests and a free annual physical starting in 2011;

- By 2018, seniors can expect to save on average almost \$200 per year in premiums compared to what they would have paid without the new law, and most

beneficiaries will also see a significant reduction in their Medicare coinsurance as a result of the Affordable Care Act; and

- The life of the Medicare Trust Fund is now expected to remain solvent until 2029.

Medicare beneficiaries who do not already receive Medicare's Extra Help receive these checks automatically in the mail when they reach the donut hole; there is

no requirement to sign up. Seniors should never give out personal information to anyone who is not a trusted source. Seniors are encouraged to contact 1-800-MEDICARE to report any solicitations of personal information, or go to [www.stopmedicarefraud.gov](http://www.stopmedicarefraud.gov) to learn about how the Affordable Care Act helps to protect seniors from scams and safeguard taxpayer dollars.

## Texans with pre-existing conditions can now have affordable health care coverage

(NDG Wire) Texas, along with 21 other states, has decided to not participate in the Federal health insurance pools as mandated by the new Affordable Care Act. However, Congresswoman Johnson's recommendation to provide affordable health insurance coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions was well received by U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

According to the Texas Medical Association, there are currently 5.4 million Texans who lack health insurance for which 1.5 million of them are children. The federal funding would expand the existing high risk pool offered in Texas in the amount of \$493 million. Program eligibility is as follows:

1) The applicant must be a citizen or national of the United States, or lawfully present in the United States;

2) The applicant must have been uninsured for at least the last six months before they apply; and

3) The applicant must have had a problem obtaining insurance due to a pre-existing condition.



The pre-existing condition insurance plan will cover a broad range of health benefits to include: primary care, specialty care, hospital and prescription drugs.

HHS began accepting applications on August 1, 2010. For more information on the program and how to apply, visit <https://pcip.gov/Apply.html>.

## Free Community Health Fair at Plano's Vines High School

(NDG Wire) A free community health fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28, at Vines High School, 1401 Highedge Drive (just east of Independence on 15th Street). Additional parking will be available next to Vines at the Plano ISD Administration Building, 2700 W. 15th Street. The fair will include:

### Health Services

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- Immunizations (bring records)
- Sonograms
- Blood Pressure, Body Mass and Cholesterol Check

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- Spinal Screening
- Dental Screening
- Learn to Manage Your Diabetes
- Vision and Hearing Check

### Community Resources

- Sign up for CHIPs (Please bring your child's Social Security Number if US citizen, Alien Registration Card (I-551) if not US

citizen, proof of your family's income, proof of child-care cost, disabled adult care, or child support)

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## Emmitt Smith keynotes diversity program at SMU

(NDG Wire) Former Dallas Cowboy and recent Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee Emmitt Smith served as the keynote speaker at the 4th Annual Youth Summit and Diversity Dialogue hosted by Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. The summit held on August 17, is an ongoing partnership between Johnson's Congressional Office and the Aga Khan Shia Ismaili Council for Northern Texas.

The event uses cultural diversity as a platform to help young people learn more about themselves, their family norms and the cultures of their peers. Approximately 50 students, ages 13-18, were nominated by educators and wrote essays to earn admission to the full day of cultural awareness education. Following the summit, some of the participants were asked to join the Congresswoman's Youth Advisory Committee.



Emmitt Smith

## Connemara to celebrate reopening of Meadow Preserve with dinner under the stars

(NDG Wire) The Connemara Conservancy Foundation will celebrate the reopening of its 72-acre Meadow Preserve with "Into The Meadow," a fundraising dinner on Sept. 25. The event, including a white tablecloth dinner under the stars, will be held in the Meadow on the border of Allen and Plano. Proceeds will benefit the Connemara Conservancy, which

currently protects more than 3,400 acres of open space throughout North Texas.

"This is definitely not going to be the typical fundraiser," said Scott White, president of the board of Connemara Conservancy Foundation.

The Meadow was closed to the public in 2006 for rest and rejuvenation after more than two decades

of use that included hosting sculpture exhibitions and string concerts as well as providing area residents a place to enjoy the beauty of nature and open space. In 2008 Connemara began hosting nature walks and guided tours for families and local educational programs on a limited basis.

Now, the Meadow will once again be open on a daily basis for Connemara

members to come enjoy Texas' natural beauty in its original form.

Connemara will also continue to hold frequent nature walks, open houses and special events for non-members.

More details, including ticket information, about "Into the Meadow" is available at [www.connemara-conservancy.org](http://www.connemara-conservancy.org) or by calling 214-351-0990.

## Annie's List Luncheon scheduled for September

(NDG Wire) Once again, the North Dallas Texas Democratic Women (NDTDW) will be sponsoring a table at the Sixth-Annual Annie's List Dallas Luncheon. This year's special guest is Connie Schultz. She is a nationally syndicated columnist for *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* and

*Creators Syndicate*.

Schultz won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for what the judges called her "pungent columns that provided a voice for the underdog and the underprivileged."

Her first book *Life Happens - And Other Unavoid-*

*able Truths* was published by Random House in 2006.

Her second book for Random House, *...And His Lovely Wife* is a memoir about her husband Sherrod Brown's successful race for the U.S. Senate from Ohio.

The event is scheduled for Monday, September 27

from Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. at The Westin Galleria Dallas, 13340 Dallas Parkway, Dallas.

Tickets are available for a \$150 donation which will help get Texas Women elected and re-elected.

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Despite his continual opposition to many budget proposals of the Obama Administration, Sen. Cornyn issued a press release hailing the announcement of this funding.

The award aims to enhance first responders' ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel, with respect to fire-related hazards.

Sen. Cornyn has held roundtables with emergency

first responders across Texas. The events provide communities with the opportunity to express their needs and concerns directly to Sen. Cornyn.

The Office of Grants and Training, a component of the DHS Preparedness Directorate, partners with state and local officials to strengthen the capabilities of first responders in addressing emergencies and catastrophic incidents. The program provides a broad array of assistance to

America's emergency responders through funding, coordinated training, exer-

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## DART's Labor Day holiday schedule

(NDG Wire) In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Monday, September 6, DART will operate on the following schedule: Bus and light rail services will follow a Sunday schedule. The Trinity Railway Express commuter rail will not operate.

The following High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes will be closed: 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. The Paratransit Scheduling Center will be closed on Labor Day. Customers may call Thursday, September 2, to book their trips through Monday, September 6, and Friday, September 3, to book their trips through Tuesday, September 7. Customers may call Tuesday, September 7, to book trips for Wednesday, September 8. X-Press Booking is also available.

DART's administrative offices, Customer Care, and Lost and Found will be closed. Customers with questions about schedules may still contact DART Customer Service at 214.979.1111 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. DART route and schedule information is always available at [DART.org](http://DART.org) along with information on special holiday destinations served by DART.

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## Senator West calls on black greek fraternities to mentor African American youth

(NDG Wire) State Senator Royce West is calling to action members of the black Greek community to emphasize the need for mentorship as he brings attention to the growing number of African American children on the waiting list of Big Brothers Big Sisters, including the number of African American boys on the list.

Senator West, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and a Texas Sena-

tor representing District 23 (Dallas County) formally reached out to local black Greek fraternities and sororities to address the crises faced by African American students and the low graduation rates of African American males in the state of Texas. Members of the black Greek community met with Senator West at the T. Boone Pickens Mentoring Hall of Fame in the Big Brothers Big Sisters headquarters.

"The unique power of our organizations can make significant change happen in the lives of our African American children. We are the leaders in our community and it is our duty to answer the call of our most vulnerable youth," said Senator West. "By uniting and partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters, we have the rare opportunity to make REAL change, the kind of change that will infinitely impact every gener-

ation to follow."

Through a partnership with Texas Pan-Hellenic Greek organizations across Texas, Senator West is spearheading a new statewide initiative to create a mentorship pipeline for African American students. The initiative will target students from 3rd grade through the completion of their sophomore year of college.

The pilot program is scheduled to begin in the

D/FW Metroplex in Fall 2010 and will bring together representatives from the Big Brothers Big Sisters with numerous other service-based organizations. Big Brothers Big Sisters will work with members of the areas' Pan-Hellenic Greek Council's "Divine Nine" who are currently enrolled in an institution of higher education or are members of a Greek-letter alumni chapter. Their charge will be to serve as

mentors, or "Goal Models," to students attending public school or who are currently enrolled in their freshman or sophomore year of college.

Senator West has asked the Texas Education Agency Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Region 10 Education Service Center to explore ways the agencies may reasonably be able to support the goals and objectives of this mentoring initiative.

## SMU achieves its highest national ranking in 2011 U.S. News & World Report Guide

(NDG Wire) This year Southern Methodist University (SMU) advanced to its highest ranking ever among national universities in the 2011 edition of Best Colleges published by U.S. News Media Group. SMU ranked 56th among 191 institutions included in the top tier of national universities. SMU's ranking represents an increase from 68th in 2010, up from 73rd in 2004.

The only universities in Texas ranked ahead of SMU in the 2011 guide are Rice University, ranked 17th, and the University of Texas-Austin, ranked 45th.

"Although ranking universities is a controversial venture at best, the recognition given our outstanding students and faculty, small

classes, strong graduation rates and committed alumni is gratifying," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "The timing is particularly relevant as we prepare to celebrate the University's centennial, beginning next year, and as we remain committed to achievement at the highest levels."

Rankings of more than 1,400 institutions, including national universities and liberal arts colleges are available at [www.usnews.com/](http://www.usnews.com/) colleges, and will be published in the U.S. News & World Report issue available on newsstands starting August 31. The U.S. News rankings group schools based on the categories established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Over the past two decades, these rankings have served as research tools for students and parents considering higher education opportunities.

The 2011 Best Colleges package provides an examination of how accredited four-year colleges and universities compare on a set of up to 16 indicators of excellence.

Among the factors weighed in determining the rankings, the key measures of quality are: peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, graduation rate performance and high school counselor ratings of colleges.

## Local officials to help UNT Dallas welcome first freshmen and cut ribbon

(NDG Wire) Elected officials, the UNT System Board

of Regents and local business and community leaders are

invited to a ribbon cutting and welcome reception for the first freshman class at the first public university inside the city limits of Dallas at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 26.

The University of North Texas at Dallas will cut the ribbon on its second building, one year and six days after crews started clearing the site for the three-story, 103,000 square-foot structure. State Sen. Royce West of Dallas (District 23), Dallas Mayor

Childhood obesity continues to threaten the healthy future of one-third of American children. Obesity rates have tripled in the past 30 years, meaning that for the first time in history, America's children may face a shorter lifespan than their parents.

Earlier this year, First Lady Michelle Obama announced her Let's Move campaign to reduce childhood obesity and make the nation's schools models for healthier living.

A major component of Let's Move is the USDA's HealthierUS School Challenge which calls on schools to create healthier school environments through their promotion of good nutrition and physical



activity, and encourages them to meet the USDA's nutrition criteria.

McKinney ISD is one of the first in the State to offer these new Gold Standard menus. Over the past several years, in partnership with ARAMARK, we have enhanced our menus with

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UNT System Chancellor Lee Jackson points out the view from the garden roof at UNT Dallas as Sen. Royce West and Rep. Dan Branch look Aug. 11.

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# Dallas Bar Assocation wins community outreach award

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Bar Association (DBA) was recognized at the American Bar Association's annual meeting as the recipient of the Lexis Nexis Community Outreach Award in the local bar with more than 5,000 members division for the association's Amachi Program.

Amachi Texas is a mentoring program which uses faith-based and secular partners to match children of offenders with adult role models to break the inter-generational cycle of incar-

ceration. Amachi Texas became the first of its kind to go statewide. By forming a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas, the DBA set its initial goal to mentor 100 children in 2009—a goal that was accomplished.

"When you explain to people that a child with one or both parents in prison has a 70 percent probability of going to prison themselves they are shocked and appalled, yet intrigued by the fact that simply placing a positive role model in these

young lives can break that cycle," said DBA Amachi Texas Co-Chair Rob Roby.

With the help of DBA Immediate Past President Christina Melton Crain, DBA Amachi Texas Co-Chairs Harriet Miers and Roby, and Big Brothers Big Sisters' Lauren Hoofnagle, during 2009, children in the Amachi program had the chance to partake in pursuits such as a tour of the FBI facilities in Dallas, a trip to the Dallas Cowboys Stadium and many more activities.



Accepting the LexisNexis Community Outreach Award for the DBA Amachi Texas Program were (left to right) Lauren Hoofnagle, Associate Vice President, Amachi Texas; Dianne Callahan, LexisNexis Director; Karen Mathis, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America; Cathy Maher, DBA Executive Director; Christina Melton Crain, DBA Past President; Rob Roby, DBA Amachi Texas Co-Chair; Rhonda Hunter, DBA Past President; Michele Wong Krause, DBA Director; and Brad Weber, DBA Vice Chair.

## Actor Edward James Olmos at Dallas Comic Con

(NDG Wire) Actor Edward James Olmos — "Admiral Adama" on TV's *Battlestar Galactica* — will sign autographs Saturday at this weekend's Dallas Comic Con. The two-day event runs Saturday and Sunday in the Richardson Civic Center, 411

W. Arapaho Road in Richardson.

Olmos also starred in the 1982 movie *Blade Runner* with Harrison Ford and in the popular 80s TV series *Miami Vice*. Next year he will play "Michael Axford" in the much-anticipated movie *The*

*Green Hornet* with Seth Rogen, due out next year.

The Dallas Comic Con also will feature more than 30 guest artists, including rare appearances by Keith Pollard, artist of *Amazing Spider-man*, *Captain America* and *Fantastic Four*; and

Adam Warren, writer and artist of *Dirty Pair* and *Empowered* comics. Angel Medina, artist of *Spawn*, *Sam and Twitch*, and *Sensational Spider-man*, is another featured guest.

Media guests will sign autographs for a nominal fee.

Fans with a \$20 Priority Access Pass, good for admission both days, will be allowed into the convention center beginning at 10:45 a.m. Saturday. General admission is \$10 for one day. All tickets are cash only beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. Children ages

10 and under are free with a paid adult.

Dallas Comic Con hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Parking is free.

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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 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Collin County Republican Party HQ, 8416 Stacy Rd., McKinney. Call Linda Wynn Drain, 214-498-7574 or website [www.aarcc.com](http://www.aarcc.com)

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

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

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

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://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 Aug. 28**

**Mesquite Championship Rodeo** Every Friday and Saturday night in 2010. The rodeo will open with an exciting new laser show followed by all the rodeo events: Bull Riding, Saddle

Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Barrel Racing, Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping. Visit [www.mesquiterodeo.com](http://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](http://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! 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](http://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.

**August 26**

Twenty North Texas mayors have accepted the invitation to the **DFW International Dinner with the Mayors** that celebrates the contributions of New Americans to the DFW area. Mayor Joe Chow of the Town of Addison is the Honorary Chair of the third annual dinner which will be held at Temple Emanu-El, 8500 Hillcrest Road (at NWH Highway) at 6 p.m. The flags of 70 nations will be presented to the assembled mayors during the event. The event is open to the public and tickets are available for \$100 from the webpage [www.dfwinternational.org](http://www.dfwinternational.org), or by calling 972-965-5727.

**August 27-29**

**St. Luke Community United Methodist Church Dance Conference for Dance Workshops.** Ages 13 and up. Youth/Seniors \$20 & Adults \$25. The workshop will culminate in a Dance Concert August 29th at 5 p.m. Info: [slcumc.org](mailto:slcumc.org), [wedance4him@gmail.com](mailto:wedance4him@gmail.com) or 214-887-3928.

**August 27**

North Dallas Texas Democratic Women will present a program on "Human Trafficking in North Texas" from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Speaking will be Deena Graves, Executive Director of Ft. Worth based "Traffick911" and Bill Bernstein, Deputy Director of Mosaic Family Services. North Texas is the hot spot for human trafficking in the US and is expected to increase as the date of the Super Bowl approaches. Find out what we can do to stop this scourge on our communities. 17111 Preston Rd (between Royal & Forest), 2nd floor of Northaven United Methodist Church. Public welcome.

**August 28**

**The Fall 2010 Garland Neighborhood Management Academy classes** are launching with the first class on City Government 101. The class will be held at the Central Library, 625 Austin Street from 9 a.m. - Noon. To register call 972-205-2108 or visit [www.Garland-VitalNeighborhoods.org](http://www.Garland-VitalNeighborhoods.org).

**September 3 - 7**

Dallas D.A.N.C.E. Swing Competition welcomes you to attend the biggest and most exciting **Swing dance competition** in the country on Labor Day Weekend. Held at the Fairmont Hotel and Towers in Dallas, this event features a 5,000 sq. ft. dance floor, colored skyline backdrop, projection TV monitors, superb sound system, and open seating at cozy 18" wide tables that allow close-up viewing of all the

competitions. Details at [www.dallasdance.com](http://www.dallasdance.com).

**September 10**

**9th annual Freedom Run & Festival** will be staged in the Dallas City Hall Plaza. The Attacks of September 11, 2001 were intended to divide our country through fear and intimidation. The Freedom Run not only pays tribute to the victims and heroes of that fateful day, but also to boldly declare that our nation is even stronger today. Dallas Police Department will have S.W.A.T. vehicles, police horses, fire truck and police officers on hand distributing identification kits for children. Details @ [www.thefreedomrun.com](http://www.thefreedomrun.com).

**September 11**

Texas Publisher's Association is hosting the **Black Publisher's Luncheon** at the Courtyard Marriott - 2383 Stemmons Trail, Dallas at 12:00 noon. The Honorable Senator Roy West is the speaker for the occasion.

**Read to Rover at the Library** - Readers can read a favorite book one-on-one to a Heart of Texas therapy dog for free at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 11 at Hebron and Josey Library (4220 N. Josey Lane). These specially trained dogs love to hear kids read. Younger children and their parents may take photos with the dogs after all readers have read to Rover. For more information, call 972-466-4800 or visit [cityofcarrollton.com/library](http://cityofcarrollton.com/library)

**September 21**

Methodist Health System is sponsoring a **free health screening event** at Golden Cross Academic Clinic, 122 W. Colorado Blvd, adjacent to Methodist Dallas Medical Center. Screenings will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will include prostate blood test, cholesterol, sugar, triglycerides, and the digital rectal exam. These screenings are limited to once per year per person. Fasting is

not necessary. Appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment, call 214-947-4647.

**September 27**

**Annie's List Luncheon's** Special Guest is Connie Schultz, author and syndicated columnist for The Cleveland Plain Dealer and Creators Syndicate. The event is scheduled for Noon to 1:15 p.m. at The Westin Galleria Dallas, 13340 Dallas Parkway, Dallas.

**October 2**

**thru January 2**

**American Modern: Abbott, Evans, Bourke-White** at the AMon Carter Museum of Art [www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions](http://www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions)

**October 12**

**27th Annual Philbin Awards Luncheon**, Recognizing Excellence in Legal Reporting. Keynote speaker: Former U.S. Solicitor General and Current President of Baylor University Kenneth Starr. For tickets, log on to [dallasbar.org/philbin](http://dallasbar.org/philbin) or email [JSmalling@dallasbar.org](mailto:JSmalling@dallasbar.org).

**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](http://DallasAlphas.com) or : [jabari156@gmail.com](mailto:jabari156@gmail.com)

**November 12-13**

The Ricardo Miller Children's Ministries are hosting the 2nd Annual Children's Ministry Symposium, a city-wide meeting for Children's Pastors, Children's Workers, Coordinators, and individuals interested in being trained in Children's Ministry. The CMS will be held November 12-13 at Pathway of Life Church in Dallas. [www.richadomiller.com](http://www.richadomiller.com)

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# No relief in sight for Black fishermen, communities hurt by oil disaster

BY JESSE MUHAMMAD

(NNPA) While the country celebrates BP's successful effort to finally cap a deepwater well gushing oil into the Gulf, Black fishermen are losing millions in revenue, complain of being deprived of recovery jobs and denied payments made to those affected by the spill and expect to suffer at least five years while trying to bounce back from this environmental nightmare.

The disaster could mean the complete extinction of Black fishermen in that area and the end of a way of life. The fishermen want BP, the multi-billion corporation responsible for the spill and the first Black president to do more—and do it now.

"We have nowhere to go. This is destroying families that have been working in this area for generations. I'm angry and I am ready to take this fight on. I don't care about being politically correct," oyster fisherman Byron Encalade told The Final Call.

"The African-American community in East Pointe A'La Hache is being wiped. All of our oyster beds are dead and provided that we get the money owed to us, it may take five to seven years before we recover from this spill. We're losing our culture and many may never recover from this like Katrina," Encalade said.

The Black fishermen of Pointe A'La Hache have been a major factor in making Louisiana the top provider of shrimp, oysters, crab and crawfish in the U.S. while helping to generate \$2.4 billion a year for the state economy.

"These people have

made millions on the backs of Black people like us working in the Gulf and we get treated like this. They have deprived and robbed us and it is time for someone to own up. I am tired of this crap and my group is getting ready to launch a national campaign to em-

vive but this is a wound that may never heal. BP doesn't care because they sit behind a desk pushing pens and papers."

An investigation led by the NAACP found minority contractors are being overlooked in opportunities to make money assisting in

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Ben Jealous  
NAACP President

barrass this country," said Encalade.

"BP has treated me like sh--t. Every time I came with documents for my claims they kept asking me for more documents. Now they are telling me I won't receive anything in the month of August until I show more documents," oyster fisherman Bert Battle told The Final Call.

Battle, 53, grew in love with fishing as a teenager under the tutelage of his father. He has worked on multiple boats for decades but now is stressing about where his next meal will come from.

"The hardest thing about all of this is we don't know what tomorrow will bring. Before this spill we had consistent income from this business. My family will never be the same," said Battle. "We will sur-

cleaning up the oil. Information from the Federal Procurement Data System showed that out of the \$53 million awarded in contracts to clean up the oil spill only \$2.2 million (4.8 percent) went to minority-owned businesses.

After the civil rights group spent several weeks last month on the ground, NAACP President Ben

Jealous sent a letter to then BP CEO Tony Hayward.

"I emerged from that visit dismayed and outraged by what I heard and saw. Local residents who have lost their livelihoods due to the oil spill are not being hired on to work crews. Instead, contractors engaged by BP to staff clean-up crews are busing in workers from out of state," wrote Jealous.

According to a report by The Nation magazine, BP has even chosen to hire prison inmates to help with the oil spill versus paying struggling coastal residents.

"Workers of color tend to be assigned the most physically difficult, lowest paying jobs, with the most significant exposure to toxins, while White workers tend to be in supervisory, less strenuous positions," said Jealous, in his July 9 letter.

According to Encalade, at least 25 of 75 boats owned by members of the Louisiana Oysterman Association were hired by BP through the Vessel Opportunity Program. One catch—whatever fishermen earn will be deducted from any future potential settlements.

"That's crazy. So that means Black fishermen are basically out there working for free. Personally, we have lost millions and BP has taken this arrogant attitude. I have lost \$5,000 a day these last 100 days and some has lost more," said Encalade.

Before the oil spill occurred, Encalade said he owned 1,500 acres of active oyster beds.

"All of my oyster beds are dead. We have been feeding our families for years through these beds. Many of us have sent our children through college with the money we have earned from those oyster beds. BP would rather spend \$50 million on an advertising campaign than pay us what we are owed," Encalade.

The oyster beds were killed off by fresh water rerouted from the Mississippi River into the bayous to ward off the spread of the oil, said the longtime oysterman.

Questions about health hazards to workers also remain. "Workers and residents who live on the coast have reported irritated eyes, nausea, problems breathing, and headaches. Cleanup workers are not being provided with protective clothing and masks, resulting in hospitalizations," said Jealous, in his communication with BP.

"This will not only be an economic loss of enormous impact but this further exposes the nation's lack of effort to protect marginalized communities from the environmental affects," Attorney Tracie Washington told The Final Call.

Monique Harden, co-director of Advocates for Environmental Human Rights, expressed the same sentiment to The Final Call.

"The Obama administration is continuing down the path of setting up discretionary programs to address major disasters by appointing one person to determine what recovery will be for the people and the environment harmed by the BP oil drilling catastrophe. I have yet to see any action that reverses what Bush did after Katrina," she said.

"Now five years later you still see many of them have not recovered from Katrina. Our communities are the most vulnerable to these disasters," added Attorney Washington.

The NAACP wants BP to ensure that workers of color are not relegated to arduous tasks and low-paid positions and wants minorities awarded their fair share of contracts. And, the NAACP wants financial support to go to community-based organizations assisting distressed families.

Said Battle, "People truly don't understand how it feels to all of sudden not be able to do something you've been doing all of your life. Our children and grandchildren will be affected by this for years to come. This is what we talk about every day since this spill happened."

"Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee have been so gracious in helping us, also the Urban League. Where is President Obama? We support you, now we need you to step up," said Encalade.



# Ashford and Simpson headline Urban League Gala

(NDG Wire) The spectacular singing partners, Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson will provide the entertainment for the Urban League of Greater Dallas Annual 2010 Gala.

As songwriters and performers, Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson have long ranked among the most acclaimed and admired creative couples in contemporary music. Their award-winning collaborations began over four decades ago.

Having completed a course in modern dance at the University of Michigan in 1964, Ashford moved to New York from Detroit to pursue a career in the theater. He was homeless when he met Simpson, a Bronx native, who had studied piano since the age of five and was playing and singing with the White



Rock Baptist Church's legendary choir in Harlem.

Nick joined the choir and the two began writing songs. That year they recorded an original song, *I'll Find You* for \$75. They were soon signed to the legendary Scepter Records as staff songwriters, breaking through in 1966 when Ray Charles landed a major hit with their composition *Let's Go Get Stoned*. This led to

their signing with Motown Records, where they penned the classic Marvin Gaye / Tammi Terrell hits *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, *Your Precious Love*, *Ain't Nothing Like the Real*

*Thing*, *You're All I Need to Get By* and *Good Lovin'*. They also wrote hits for other Motown greats, most notably Diana Ross, who launched her solo career with a hit remake of *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* that was produced by Ashford & Simpson. The duo also wrote her hits, *Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)* and *The Boss*.

While Simpson scored with a pair of well-received solo albums for Motown in the early 1970s, it was with Warner Bros. Records that the now married couple fully realized their artistic vision. From 1973 to 1981 they released nine albums, which included such unforgettable hits as *Send It, Don't Cost You Nothin'*, *It Seems to Hang On*, *Love Don't Make it Right*, *Is It Still Good to Ya* and *Found a Cure*. The hit making continued after a move to Capitol Records in 1982, with *Street Corner*, *Highrise*, *I'll Be There for You*, and of course, *Solid*, which topped the rhythm and blues chart in 1984 and crossed over to No. 12 on the pop singles chart.

They continued writing and producing for other artists, including Ben E.

King, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Chaka Khan (they wrote her hit *I'm Every Woman*) and Quincy Jones (they co-wrote and performed on his hit *Stuff Like That*).

In addition to their artistic endeavors, Nick and Val are equally and continuously involved in community service. Ongoing activities include Simpson's membership on the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Board of Directors and her role as a national spokesperson for the Speaking of Woman's Health organization. For his part, Ashford serves on the Board of Directors for

George Faison's Firehouse Theatre.

The duo has received many honors and awards but the two that stand out as special milestones include a street sign in the Bronx Walk of Fame, in commemoration of Valerie Simpson's achievements by her proud neighborhood. She presented Bryant Park with a park bench inscribed with "Nick Ashford slept here," symbolizing the long journey they've traveled together since that fateful day at White Rock Baptist Church.

The event will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel.

## The Plano Symphony Orchestra announces The Concerts You Want to Hear!

(NDG Wire) Hector Guzman, Music Director, has announced the 2010 – 2011 Plano Symphony Or-



chestra Season. Building on solid successes with consecutive capacity seasons, artistic excellence, and a format of combining classical and pops musical styles into one season, the 2010-2011 season will feature famous performers from many musical backgrounds.

The 2010-2011 season features eight concerts beginning with *Forza Italia* on September 25, 2010. This opening night performance will include *Paganini's Violin Concerto No. 1* and Respighi's *Roman Festivals*.

The Renaissance Hotel will also feature a special Italian menu that will complement the Italian theme for the Opening Night.

Broadway soprano Linda Eder will follow on October 23 in *Somewhere Over the Rainbow: A Tribute to Judy Garland*.

This performance will feature standards from the *American Songbook* made famous by Garland. Quartet San Francisco will accompany tango dancers Sandor & Parissa in *Tango!* on November 20.

Sandor was the male lead in the Broadway show *Forever Tango* and both he and his partner Parissa choreographed and coached the Argentine Tango portions of Season 8 of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*.

The perennial favorite Home for the Holidays performance, December 19, will feature soprano Teresa Gomez.

The first concert of the New Year, *Scheherazade* on January 29, will include

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difference in a number of ways; encouraging people to get outdoors and experience the amazing natural resources we have in Dallas; providing a fun and easy project for school-aged children in the Summer; showcasing the Trinity River Corridor Project; and helping photographically document the vast area this project encompasses because of the changes that will occur

in the near future.

The Trinity River Project is one of the most monumental public works and economic development projects every attempted in Dallas. As flood protection, recreation, environmental restoration, economic development, and major transportation projects converge along the Trinity River, residents and visitors from around the world will have

a new and exciting image of the City of Dallas.

The city's image will be defined by the wildlife, trails, parks, lakes, the Great Trinity Forest, the beauty of the Trinity River Audubon Center and the Santiago Calatrava designed "signature" bridge, the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge which opens in 2011. These amenities will stimulate new urban development in the downtown

area and along the corridor such as . . . stunning waterfront condominiums, beautiful townhouses, office towers, and a variety of sidewalk cafes and shops.

The public is invited to attend the reception on Thursday, August 26 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a special reception at the museum with the focus on the Trinity River Corridor photography.

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adept and skilled in many areas of ministry, business, literature, communication and education. Currently, Bishop Davis pastors "The Intersection Church" or "The I Church" as it is called by the members, in Desoto, Texas. He received an undergraduate degree from Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama and a graduate degree (M.Div.) from The Criswell College in Dal-

las, Texas. Bishop Davis brings clarity, depth and analysis in the exegesis of scripture. His commitment, to people is further demonstrated by leading a successful international prayer line seven days a week.

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## Dallas Cowboys scratch-off ticket returns with new \$250,000 instant-win top prize

(NDG Wire) The Texas Lottery® has once again teamed with the Dallas Cowboys to offer a special scratch-off ticket sure to please Cowboys fans and lottery players alike. This year, the Dallas Cowboys scratch-off game is even bigger with a top instant-win prize of \$250,000. Players can also enter second-chance drawings for a chance to win unique Cowboys fan experiences, tickets and other great prizes.

"The success of the original Dallas Cowboys game introduced last year led us to offer fans of the team a new game with a higher top prize and more than twice as many second-chance prizes," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "We are confident that this game will help us continue to generate revenue for the



Jones Jr., the Chief Sales and Marketing Officer for the Dallas Cowboys. "Last year we saw firsthand the excitement that went along with winning some of the unique second-chance prizes, and this year's game will give our fans even more opportunities to be a part of the Dallas Cowboys. Just as importantly, this program will continue to help the youth of Texas by supporting education."

The Dallas Cowboys game launched on August 2, and features more than \$43 million in total prizes, including almost 7,000 second-chance prizes as shown below.

- 5 – Dallas Cowboys "Wild Weekend" Packages, which include:
  - One suite for 20 guests at a Dallas Cowboys home game
  - Private tours of the

Dallas Cowboys practice facility at Valley Ranch and the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium

- Pre-game party for 20 guests at the Dallas Cow-

boys Stadium, including food and non-alcoholic beverages

- Transportation and hotel accommodations for 20 guests

• 10 – Dallas Cowboys "Draft Party Trip" Packages for Two, which include:

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Five second-chance drawings will be held for the

Dallas Cowboys game, and the entry deadline for the first drawing will be September 17 of this year.

Players can enter for a second chance to win by filling out the back of each non-winning ticket, affixing a first-class stamp and mailing.

For detailed instructions and game information, visit the official Texas Lottery website at

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Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* and Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 3*, performed by pianist Jae Hyuck Cho. On February 26, the *Classical Mystery Tour*, sold out the world over, will perform the hits of the Beatles, and on March 19, Barbara Padilla, the second prize winner of NBC's *America's Got Tal-*

*ent* will perform music from grand opera and Broadway.

The Grand Prize winners of the Collin County Young Artist Competition will also perform at the March 19 concert. The 2010-2011 season ends with A Grand Finale on April 2. This performance will feature Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9 – Ode to*

*Joy*, and Mozart's *Symphony No. 40*.

To order season tickets, call 972-473-7262. Subscription packages begin at \$60 for five concerts and \$80 for the complete season of eight performances.

For more information, contact the Plano Symphony Ticket Office at 972-473-7262.

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Tom Leppert and UNT Dallas President-Designate John Ellis Price will speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony, scheduled for 8 a.m.

The new building contains classrooms, labs, an expanded library, a food court and staff and faculty offices. School officials will provide tours of the building after the ceremony.

Local residents are invited to see the new building when UNT Dallas hosts a

community picnic/open house from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sept. 25. That event is being held in conjunction with the Dallas Police Department's "Kid's Health and Safety Fair," which features free health screenings, games and entertainment.

The name officially changes to the University of North Texas at Dallas on September 1. The school opened in January 2000 as the System Center at Dal-

las—a satellite campus of UNT—and later became known as the UNT Dallas Campus. After enrollment reached the legislature's mandated threshold of 1,000 full-time equivalent students in February 2009, the school began the process of becoming a four-year, independent university.

Gov. Rick Perry signed Senate Bill 629 on May 27, 2009, allowing the school to issue \$25 million in tuition

revenue bonds partially to pay for the building. The total cost of the building is \$41.8 million. UNT Dallas must raise the remaining \$14.2 million.

The Beck Group and the Warrior Group were selected as general contractors, and Overland Partners Architects of San Antonio was the architectural and engineering design team. They worked with UNT System executives to pursue LEED (Leadership

in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification for the new building.

The rating system—developed by the U.S. Green Building Council—means construction is independently verified to meet high environmental and efficiency standards. For example, drains throughout the building's roof will carry rainwater to a 60,000-gallon cistern that will be used to irrigate the campus, and the east

wing of the building features a roof garden. The building also maximizes the use of natural light through windows and skylights.

In addition, 448 solar panels line the roof of the north wing of the building. Tony Gust with Meridian Solar said the panels will produce 100.4 kilowatts of power—enough to run 1,000 100-watt light bulbs—five hours a day, producing about 500 kilowatt hours per day.

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1170	8 Seconds Lucky - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.76	\$2	10/27/10	04/25/11
1215	\$50,000 Payout - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.82	\$5	10/27/10	04/25/11
1222	Cash Extravaganza - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.18	\$5	10/27/10	04/25/11
1223	Lucky Pair - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.50	\$1	10/27/10	04/25/11
1227	Great 8's - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.81	\$1	10/27/10	04/25/11
1230	Triple Payout - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.85	\$3	10/27/10	04/25/11



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# Plano Fire Department to hold exam for firefighter eligibility list

(NDG Wire) The Plano Fire Department will hold an entrance examination for the Fire Rescue Specialist position on Monday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Recent changes approved by the Civil Service Commission allow the fire department to require an applicant to have only a high school diploma and 30 college hours to be eligible to take for the test.

Previously the Plano Fire Department required applicants

to hold both a firefighter certification from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and an Emergency Medical Technician certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, applicants were required to have a high school diploma and have completed 30 college hours to be eligible to take the entrance examination.

"It is our hope that with these changes the number of applicants taking our tests will increase," said Assistant

Chief Dan Thompson who heads the Personnel Division. "We are aware that the requirement that they hold a firefighters certification has greatly limited the number of enthusiastic and interested candidates."

Those hired from this test will be sent to Collin College's Fire Academy to receive their firefighter and EMT training and certification while employed by the Plano Fire Department. While Plano does not currently have any new posi-

tions for Fire Rescue Specialist, this list will remain active for one year to fill positions due to retirements and promotions.

Interested persons must complete pre-registration questionnaires found at [www.planofire.org](http://www.planofire.org). The questionnaire must be received in the Civil Service Office of the City of Plano's Human Resource Department, 1520 Ave K, Suite 130, no later than 12 noon on Thursday, Sept. 2.

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ufacturing landscape — from cars to chemicals; medical devices to sporting goods. And that will boost output, support good jobs here at home, and lower prices for American consumers."

Obama's stroke of the pen will not wipe out all of the damage done during the economic crisis that started in earnest during the Bush Administration. But, there are high hopes in Black communities where the jobless rate reached back to 15.6 percent last month, up from 15.4 in June, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment among Black males — though dropped significantly from its high of 19 percent in March of this year — is still at 16.7 percent, nearly twice the average White rate of 8.6 and White male rate of 8.8 percent.

There is contention among some that Obama may need to take specific actions to help quell the disparate economic suffering in the Black community.

"Unemployment rates for African-Americans and Latinos remain unacceptably high at 15.6 percent and 12.1 percent, respectively, and highlighting the disproportionate impact the recession has had and the need for targeted efforts to address chronic unemployment," said Congressional

Black Caucus Chair Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) in a statement.

In the President's bill-signing statement, there was no specific mention of the Black unemployment rate at the bill signing Aug. 11. However, earlier this month, Obama acknowledged to thousands at the National Urban League Convention that Black communities had already been hit substantially by the economy before he ever took office.

"The African-American unemployment rate was already much higher, the incomes and wealth of African-American families already lower," he said. "There was less of a cushion. Many minority communities -- whether in big cities or rural towns -- had seen businesses and opportunities vanish for years, stores boarded up, young people hanging out on the street corners without prospects for the future."

He added, "So when we came in to office, we focused not just on rescuing our economy in the short run, but rebuilding our economy for the long run -- creating an economy that lifts up all Americans."

He also told the NUL crowd that certain actions by his administration have been intended to at least respond to the Black unemployment rate, including

"making sure civil rights and anti-discrimination laws are enforced."

Meanwhile, the issue that was predicted to be his toughest is measuring up to its expectations, Obama said: "Now, we knew from the beginning that reversing

the damage done by the worst financial crisis and the deepest recession in generations would take some time — more time than anyone would like. And we knew that it would require an ongoing effort across all fronts."

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"And therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you, and therefore will He be exalted, that He may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for Him." **Isaiah 30:18 (KJV)**

When you want God to do things for you or others that are close to you, have you ever noticed that God never seems to be in a hurry? The Bible tells us that it took 40 years for Moses to receive his commission to lead the people out of Egypt. It took 17 years of preparation before Joseph was delivered from slavery and imprisonment. It took 20 years before Jacob was released from Laban's control. Abraham and Sarah were in their old age when they finally received the son of promise, Isaac. And you think, why isn't God in a hurry after He tells us to do things?

God called each of these servants to accomplish a certain task in His Kingdom, yet He was in no hurry to bring their mission into fulfillment. First, He accomplished what He wanted in them. We are often more focused on outcome than

the process that He is accomplishing in our lives each day. When Christians experience His presence daily, one day they wake up and realize that God has done something special in and through their lives. However, the accomplishment is no longer what excites Christians. Instead, what excites them is communicating with and knowing God. Through those times, they become more acquainted with His love, grace, and power in their lives. When this happens, they are no longer focused on the outcome because the outcome is a result of their walk with God. It is not the goal of their walk, but the by-product.

Hence, when Joseph came to power in Egypt, he probably couldn't have cared less. He had come to a place of complete surrender so that he was not anxious about tomorrow or his circumstances. And this is the lesson for us. We must wait for God's timing and embrace wherever we are in the process. When we find contentment in that place, we begin to experience God in ways we never thought possible.

"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the

way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people." **Exodus 13:21-22 (KJV)**

Are you good at waiting on God? How do you determine if God is giving you the green light to move forward? Many believers make the mistake of adding up all the pluses and then concluding that God has given them the green light. There is an art in waiting on God. Several factors go into making a decision from the Lord. It is important to do three things before you make a decision on a matter. First, you should gather facts. Fact gathering allows you to determine all the realities of a given situation. However, this does not ultimately drive your decision, but it can put a stop to it. For instance, if you were planning to build a shopping center and you knew the only way to lease the space was to rent to a porn or illegal drug shop; your decision would be made. God would not lead you to enter into unrighteous ventures. Second, is the Holy Spirit guiding you in your decision? "The steps of a good man is ordered by the

Lord: and He delighteth in his way. **Psalm 37:23 (KJV)** God puts hedges around us, but many times we push our way through the hedges under the guise of tenacity and perseverance. This too is unrighteousness. A wise believer knows the greatest success one can have is to know when it is time to pull the plug rather than keep forcing a situation. Third, has your decision been confirmed? God confirms decisions and keep us from the deceit of our own heart. "This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be



Cammie with friend Philip Lott, students at Polser Elementary School in the Lewisville ISD, posing as they were celebrating at a birthday party.

established." **2 Corinthians 13:1 (KJV)** This is God's way of keeping us within the hedge of His pro-

tection. This is a good thing to do, write your plans in pencil and give God the eraser."

## DFW Teen Voice helping local youths

For several years DFW Teen Voice lead by Patricia Ross has offered customized seminars for local schools, organizations and youth groups. Now they are partnering with Envibrance Studios to produce future seminars.

Seminar topics have included Spiritual Enlightenment and Money Matters two key areas youth need help in developing a solid foundation.

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# NFL Players Choir roster announced

(NDG Wire) The NFL Players Choir has released the official list of 30 former players who will perform *America the Beautiful* at XLV Countdown Live From Cowboys Stadium on Sept. 10 in Arlington.

Along with their vocal talents, the NFL Players Choir will bring impressive football résumés with a combined 51 Pro Bowl selections, 13 Super Bowl appearances, 6 former Dallas Cowboys and 1 Heisman Trophy winner.

Former NFL Players (Teams)

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Roy Jefferson (Steelers,



Drew Pearson

Redskins)

Olrick Johnson (Patriots, Vikings)

Sydney Justin (Rams)

Eddie Kennison (Rams, Saints, Bears, Broncos, Chiefs)

Henry Lawrence (Raiders)

Larry Lee (Lions, Dolphins, Broncos)

Eugene Lockhart (Cow-

boys, Patriots)

Mike Martin (Bengals)

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Michael Merriweather (Steelers, Vikings, Jets, Packers)

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Jemone Smith (Eagles)

Neil Smith (Chiefs, Broncos, Chargers)

Otto Stowe (Cowboys, Dolphins, Broncos)

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