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Murphy to send 37 charter amendments to voters on Nov. 2

Pair of informational Town Hall Meetings set prior to vote

(NDG Wire) Qualified voters who reside within the City of Murphy will have the opportunity to express their opinions on 37 changes, clarifications or modifications to their city's home

rule charter during the mid-term election set for November 2 of this year, according to City Manager James Fisher.

"The City of Murphy adopted its original charter

in February of 2004, and since then, the city has seen the types of increases in population, in commercial activity, and in the level of citizen involvement that characterize superior cities.

Like all emerging cities, we must maintain a charter that reflects the needs and requirements that come with growth and development,"

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COVER STORY

Bishop Eddie Long: "I Am Not Perfect"



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Plano fitness club owner says "There is no childhood obesity epidemic"



(NDG Wire) Nearly one out of every three American children is clinically overweight or obese. The health and well-being of future generations is undeniably at risk. And yet the fastest-growing fitness club

chain in the world is about to launch a nationwide campaign featuring TV commercials and full-page ads in *USA Today* and *People* magazine which declare "There is no childhood obesity epi-

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"Family Symphony Sundays" in Plano

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Dallas Police take a progressive approach to transparency

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Police Department has taken a progressive approach to transparency by making their crime data available to the public through numerous channels.

CrimeMapping.com

now provides current incident data for both the Dallas and Fort Worth areas. Any resident with access to the internet can map out and analyze recent crime activity in their neighborhood.

CrimeMapping.com

also offers free Crime Alerts which help keep the community well informed by distributing incident reports via e-mail to anyone that subscribes to the system.

Over two million Texas residents can now stay up

to date regarding what's happening near their home, work or child's school of attendance. The fifteen crime types displayed are those most often requested by the public and include

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COMMENTARY

Republicans Pledge: "A Trick Bag For America"

BY DANNY J. BAKEWELL, SR., NNPA CHAIRMAN

The Republican Party has spent most of the past two years as the "Party of No," opposing nearly every policy proposed by President Obama and Democrats in Congress --a strategy that has worked politically, according to polls that say this November's election could sweep Republicans back into the majority in the House and

possibly the Senate. But until last week, the Republican Party had offered no agenda of its own--so party leaders finally produced one: the lofty-sounding "Pledge to America."

Sadly but predictably, this Pledge is nothing more than a promise to return to the failed policies that created the worst eco-

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Lyfe Jennings

(NDG Wire) On September 22, 2010, just a few weeks after releasing what he has called his "final" stu-



dio album, *I Still Believe*, platinum-R&B-soul-crooner Lyfe Jennings was sentenced by Cobb County Superior Court Judge, Lark Ingram, in Marietta, Georgia to serve 3½ years in jail for his role in a 2008 domestic dispute.

In court, Lyfe spoke to the judge, accepting full responsibility for his actions and apologized for what he had done. After serving a 10 year prison sentence for arson from 1992-2002, Lyfe

has not had any trouble with the law except on this one occasion. Lyfe is eligible for parole and according to his attorney, Don Samuel, will most likely serve about one-third of his 3½ year sentence. Mr. Samuel also stated that "Although it had been reported otherwise, there were no allegations of physical abuse or violence whatsoever against my client in this case". He also added, "Lyfe wants his family, friends and fans to know that he is a changed man, but all it takes is one mistake and one bad day to lose

your freedom."

He is currently in the Cobb County jail, where he will remain for approximately 30 days. Then will be moved to what is known as the Diagnostic Center where he will serve about two months, and then he will be designated to a minimum security prison for the remainder of his sentence.

After being handed down his sentence, Lyfe sent this message via Twitter:

"This will be my last post. To everyone who gave

me a chance I am forever in your debt. I have had a fabulous career because of you. All I can say in parting is that I have been honest with [y'all]. I didn't sugar-coat a word didn't hold back a single [syllable] of my life from [y'all]. I've lived a hundred lives in these 6 [years] so I not only won't, [I] don't have the right to complain. I would like to think that I've changed lives by changing my own, [though] I can't be sure. But one thing I am sure of is God gives and takes away in measure. He is fair, just

and forever. Amen from [a man]... Smile, its [contagious:]")

As a result of this news, all remaining shows left on Lyfe's current National tour have all been canceled. On his latest LP, Lyfe touches on the incident that has now sent him to jail in the song *If Tomorrow Never Comes*. Lyfe addresses his mother, his aunt, his ex-girlfriend and his kids singing, "If tomorrow never comes/ And you never see me again/ I don't want your last memories of me/ To be filled with negativity."

John Dabiri

John Dabiri is a biophysicist whose work draws on a wide range of fields—including theoretical fluid dynamics, evolutionary biology, and biomechanics—to unravel the secrets of one of the earliest means of animal locomotion.

On Tuesday September 28 he was named by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation a winner of the 2010 MacArthur Fellowship, more commonly known as the

MacArthur *Genius Award*.

Dabiri studies some of the simplest multicellular organisms, jellyfish, which propel themselves by contracting cells in their bell-shaped outer skin and generating jet forces in the tail end, with tentacles trailing behind. From a theoretical engineering perspective, he has shown that elucidating the mechanisms of locomotion depends on detailed mathematical analysis of the fluid vortex rings that jellyfish form in the sur-

rounding water by contracting their bell; his results significantly increase our knowledge of the impact of size and speed on the formation of optimal vortex rings. Because the relative impact of viscosity on propulsion decreases with greater size, fluid dynamics theory implies that rowing becomes a more efficient means of locomotion as animals grow larger.

Dabiri and colleagues confirmed this experimentally by examining propulsion during maturation and in adult specimens of varying size across hundreds of

species, and they also found that a hybrid jet-paddling motion brings the advantage of drawing nearby prey into the bell, where the tentacles can capture them. Dabiri has invented a method that allows divers to use tiny reflective particles to visualize, with high speed and fine spatial resolution, the fluid dynamics of propulsion by jellyfish in their native habitats; this technique provides a wealth of new data that can be used to test and refine models of vortex behavior.

Dabiri's research has profound implications not

only for understanding the evolution and biophysics of locomotion in jellyfish and other aquatic animals, but also for a host of distantly related questions and applications in fluid dynamics, from blood flow in the human heart to the design of wind power generators.

John Dabiri received a B.S.E. (2001) from Princeton University and an M.S. (2003) and Ph.D. (2005) from the California Institute of Technology, where he is currently an associate professor of aeronautics and bioengineering. His scientific articles have appeared



in such journals as *Nature*, the *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, the *Journal of Experimental Biology*, and *PNAS*.

Annette Gordon-Reed

(NDG Wire) The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation announced Tuesday that Annette Gordon-Reed, an award-winning historian, is one of 23 recipients of the 2010 MacArthur Fellowship, more commonly known as the MacArthur "Genius Award." Gordon-Reed—the recipient of the National Humanities Medal, the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award—was recognized for dramatically changing the course of Jeffersonian scholarship.

Gordon-Reed joined the Harvard faculty in July 2010 as a professor of law at Harvard Law School, a professor of history in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and the Carol K. Pforzheimer Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

"I'm enormously grateful

and humbled to be given this award," said Gordon-Reed. "Of course I've known about MacArthur fellowships for many years and wondered what it would be like to have someone call out of the blue and tell you you've won something like that. Now I know, and I have to say it's a very good feeling."

Said Harvard Law School Dean Martha Minow: "Professor Gordon-Reed's remarkable work will be read for generations because of its originality, scrupulousness, rigor, and imagination. We are thrilled that she has joined the Harvard faculty, where she has already brought the Law School, history department, and Radcliffe Institute into happy collaboration."

According to the MacArthur Foundation, the MacArthur fellows program is in-



tended "to encourage people of outstanding talent to pursue their own creative, intellectual, and professional inclinations." The foundation awards fellowships directly to individuals rather than through institutions. Gordon-Reed will receive a five-year grant worth \$500,000.

In 2009, Gordon-Reed was awarded the National Humanities Medal and the Pulitzer Prize in history for her book, *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family*, which examines four

generations of a slave family owned by Thomas Jefferson. She also won the National Book Award in nonfiction for the same work in 2008.

She is the author of several books, including another about Thomas Jefferson entitled, *Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy*, which examines the scholarly writing on the relationships between Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings. With the publication of that book in 1997, Gordon-Reed sparked new debate on the Jefferson-Hemings relationship by examining how the issue had been presented by Jefferson's many biographers. In particular, she took on denials that such a relationship may have existed.

Two more books: *Jefferson: A Reader on Race* and *Andrew Johnson*, are forthcoming. In addition to her extensive writing on slavery

and Thomas Jefferson, Gordon-Reed is also the co-author of *Vernon Can Read!: A Memoir* (2001), which was

written with Vernon Jordan, Jr. and received the Anisfield-Wolf book award.

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2009 HMDA shows setbacks for Blacks, Latinos

BY CHARLENE CROWELL (NDG Wire) In the 1930s movie classic, It's a Wonderful Life, a family-run savings and loan was the only opportunity in a town for working families

to secure a mortgage and know the pride of homeownership.

Fast forward to 2009, and the available financial tools to home ownership are still elusive – especially for

people of color. According to the recently-released Home Mortgage Data Act (HMDA) report, last year African-Americans and Latinos experienced "notably higher" application denial

rates than those experienced by white applicants.

Moreover, this disparity existed even when taking risk factors into account

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conomic crisis since the Great Depression and threw millions of Americans out of work--with most of the pain doled out to those at the bottom of the ladder.

Those who yearn for a return to George W. Bush's philosophy will cheer the Pledge's promises of tax cuts for the rich and lax regulation of Wall Street. They will applaud the Republican call to repeal universal health insurance and to hand the Social Security Trust Fund over to Wall Street.

But for African-Americans, this retrograde Pledge is a recipe for disaster.

Our communities were hit hard by the Great Recession, and the economic crisis continues. African-American unemployment now stands at 16.3%. Working families are struggling to pay the rent and keep food on the table. And the situation is critical for our youngest generation: among African-Americans ages 16 to 19, the unemployment rate is 26.2% -- and that doesn't include those with low-paying part-time jobs or those who have given up looking. For these youth, the American Dream is turning into a nightmare.

President Obama and this Democratic Congress led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Whip James Clyburn (the highest-ranking African American in Congress) inherited this dire recession from Bush and the Republicans, and they've directed help toward those who need it most -- despite stiff opposition from Republicans in Congress. If the "Party of No" had gotten its way, the Great Re-

cession could have been worse than the Great Depression -- an economic hurricane instead of a bad storm. They opposed the Recovery Act. They opposed healthcare reform. They opposed ending tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. They even opposed 7 of the 8 tax cuts Congress has passed to help small business owners.



Congressman
John Boehner

We don't need to imagine what would have happened if Republicans ran Congress. We know their record -- and now we can read their Pledge: to restore the immoral policies of Presidents Reagan, Bush and Bush II: tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires and benefit cuts for everyone else and of course, nothing special for Blacks.

It is unconscionable that at a time of our nation's highest unemployment in more than 60 years, the Republicans propose a \$4 trillion tax cut for the rich. They're trotting out the same tired argument they've recycled for 30 years: cut taxes for billionaires, and some of their wealth will trickle down to the rest of us. Meanwhile, the Republicans promise to repeal President Obama's Recovery Act, which cut taxes for

110 million families who don't happen to be rich.

We already know the harmful impact of trickle-down economics -- nothing ever trickles down for Blacks, minorities and the poor. Under Presidents Reagan and Bush, the economic divide widened to historic proportions due to huge tax cuts for millionaires while workers' wages stagnated. President Clinton made a dent in pervasive inequality by raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans and investing in education, healthcare, jobs and tax breaks for working families.

While turning the budget deficit into a surplus those policies were good for all America. But President George W. Bush pulled a 180 degree turnaround, cutting taxes for the richest of the rich, letting Wall Street run wild, and slashing federal aid to working families. The result: rising inequality, the largest budget deficits in U.S. history, a cataclysmic financial crisis and net loss of eight million jobs.

That's what the Republicans pledge to repeat.

One of the starkest contrasts between the Democrats and Republicans can be seen when it comes to healthcare. Today, one in five African-Americans is without health insurance. They can't afford doctor's bills if they get sick, and an emergency room visit or hospital stay can wipe out their life's savings. But we have reason to hope that this shameful situation will be eliminated in a few short years. Thanks to the landmark Healthcare Reform Law passed by Congress and signed by President

Obama this year -- unless the Republicans regain control of Congress. That is why we Blacks have to vote and get our neighbors, friends and community to vote. NNPA and our 200 Black publishers are asking our leaders to help us in rallying our base: churches, sororities, fraternities, Black students, community clubs, Black radio, community organizers, Black social media experts and all progressive people of goodwill.

That's right: with the U.S. finally on the brink of joining other developed nations that guarantee healthcare to all their citizens, the Republicans want to repeal universal health insurance, snatching healthcare away from tens of millions of people.

The Republicans' Pledge makes it crystal clear what's at stake in November. We can't sit home on Election Day and let the Republican Party turn back the clock on our country and on Black people definitely. I pledge, on behalf of 200 Black newspapers in this country, to do what we can to stop them!

You can mark my words: If they take back the House (of Representatives), they will launch an investigation on President Obama that will make the investigation on President Clinton look like child's play. They will make his next two years untenable and miserable, leading up to 2012.

We will also lose two of our most visionary leaders of the 21st century in Speaker Pelosi and Majority Whip Clyburn. We can't let that happen!

ConAgra Foods' Healthy Choice brand reduces sodium in top-selling soups

Consumers cite sodium as most important health-related factor when selecting soup

(NDG Wire) ConAgra Foods has announced a 15 percent sodium reduction, from 460 milligrams to 390 milligrams per one-cup serving, for its top two varieties of Healthy Choice[®] soup - Chicken Noodle and Chicken with Rice. Additionally, Healthy Choice is introducing three varieties of All Natural soups with 390 milligrams of sodium per one-cup serving, including Cheese Tortellini, Red Beans & Rice, and a reformulated Tomato Basil.

"The entire line of Heal-

thy Choice soup has always met the government guideline for 'healthy' sodium levels, which is a maximum of 480 milligrams per serving, and the five new soups contain about 20 percent less than this amount," said Jane Anders, vice president, Research, Quality & Innovation, ConAgra Foods.

In a recent independent study from market research firm Mintel, nearly 70 percent of consumers rated sodium as the most important health-related factor when selecting soup and 42



percent indicated that all natural ingredients are important. The market for natural and organic food and beverages remains strong with the category growing 11 percent in 2008 to \$34

billion.

"Healthy Choice is all about making great food with healthy ingredients. Now, we're making our soup line even more healthful by reducing sodium in two varieties and introducing three new All Natural soups that are also lower in sodium," said Laura Flanagan, president, Consumer Foods, ConAgra Foods. "This reflects ConAgra Foods' ongoing commitment to sodium reduction and builds upon the tremendous success of the Healthy Choice All Nat-

ural Entrées line introduced last year."

The suggested retail price for a 15-ounce can of Healthy Choice soup is \$2.19 and a 14-ounce microwaveable bowl is \$2.49. Both contain two servings.

In October 2009, ConAgra Foods pledged to reduce sodium across its portfolio of food products by 20 percent by 2015. In total, as many as 20 brands and 160 product varieties will be impacted by the sodium reduction initiative. The company will ultimately eliminate ap-

proximately 10 million pounds of salt each year from the American diet.

The company's commitment builds on its legacy as a leader in helping consumers reduce and control sodium intake. More than 20 years ago, ConAgra Foods introduced Healthy Choice meals to the marketplace--the first, and still the only, line of meals in the grocery store to earn the "healthy" label, in part, for meeting the U.S. government's recommendations for healthy sodium levels.

Texas receives more than \$3.3 million from the Affordable Care Act to help people navigate health and long-term care options

Across US, \$68 million in grants to support community living for seniors and individuals with disabilities

(NDG Wire) HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced Monday \$68 million in grants to help seniors, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers better understand and navigate their health and long-term care options. A total of more than \$3.3 million in grants has been awarded in Texas.

"We know how difficult it can be for individuals and caregivers to deal with a sudden illness or chronic disease while at the same time trying to navigate through a complex health care system to figure out where to go to get appropriate help. The Affordable Care Act seeks to give people more control over their own care, while lowering health care costs and improving quality," said Secretary Sebelius.

These grants, made possible by the Affordable Care Act, are going to states, territories, tribal and community-based organizations. The funds will be used to help seniors and individuals with disabilities and their caregivers make more informed decisions about their health and long-term care. Specifically, the funds will be used

to help families: understand their Medicare and Medicaid benefits, including coverage for preventive services; navigate options for long term care including community-based services that can help individuals remain in their homes; and assist those transitioning from nursing or re-

habilitation facilities back home to put the supports in place to make that transition successful.

These grants are being administered collaboratively by HHS' Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). AoA and CMS have provided grants to states for several years to develop person-centered, integrated systems of information and counseling to help

individuals learn about and access their health and long-term services and support options.

These grants complement President Obama's Community Living Initiative, which focuses on better serving those individuals with disabilities who need ongoing

iors, individuals with disabilities and family caregivers:

- Medicare Outreach and Assistance in Low Income Programs and Prevention Grants: 50 states and territories and 125 tribal organizations have been funded to provide outreach and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries on their benefits, including coverage for preventive services. Additionally, \$5 million goes to the National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment for technical assistance. (<http://www.centerforbenefits.org/>)
- ADRC Options Counseling Grants: 20 states funded to strengthen Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) Options Counseling and Assistance Programs for community-based health and long-term care services. Options counseling programs help people understand, evaluate, and manage the full range of services and supports available in their community.
- ADRC Nursing Home Transition through Money Follows the Person Grants: 24 states funded to strengthen the ADRCs role in the CMS Money Follows the Person

program and support state Medicaid agencies as they transition individuals from nursing homes to community-based care.

- Evidence Based Care

Transition Grants: 16 states funded to coordinate and continue to encourage evidence-based care transition

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GRANTS AWARDED TO TEXAS	AMOUNT
Medicare Outreach and Assistance in Low Income Programs and Prevention Grants	\$2,717,268
ADRC Nursing Home Transition through Money Follows the Person Grants	\$400,000
Evidence Based Care Transition Grants	\$197,541

services and support programs in the community such as those provided by AoA, CMS and other HHS agencies.

Funds were available for states, area agencies on aging, State Health Insurance Assistance Programs; Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and tribal organizations through a competitive as well as formula process. Grantees will focus on four areas to support sen-

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TXU Energy to Install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

(NDG Wire) TXU Energy is jump-starting electric vehicle programs in the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth with its gift of key electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The TXU Energy Accelerator program will invest in at least a dozen charging stations spread across the two cities at various locations.

The locations and type of charging station equipment will be selected by each city. TXU Energy will fund the cost of the charging station equipment and installation.

Filling up an electric ve-

hicle should be cheaper than gasoline - comparable to paying about 75 cents per gallon of gasoline.

To emphasize this point, TXU Energy has also offered to reimburse the cities for the cost of the electricity at the charging stations for city vehicles for three years, and for the public's vehicles for the first year.

"This is an important step in developing the kind of infrastructure needed to provide cleaner transportation options for North Texans," said Dallas Mayor Tom Lept.

"Almost three-fourths of air pollution can be attributed to mobile sources, and electric vehicles have an important role to play in helping us reduce it."

"The auto manufacturers are providing consumers with a cleaner and affordable transportation solution, but electric vehicles are no use without the charging stations to support them" said Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief.

"It's vital that companies, like TXU Energy, step forward to provide the tools necessary to help realize the

full potential of zero-emission vehicles. A cleaner environment means a more prosperous future; and the nation that leads on energy will be the nation that leads the world in the 21st Century. I believe America can be that leader, and I believe that can start with us right here in North Texas."

"We want to play a leading role in jump-starting adoption of electric vehicles," said Jim Burke, chief executive officer, TXU Energy.

"We're seeing great interest from customers, including

several cities throughout North Texas, who want to incorporate electric vehicles and other energy saving solutions into their daily opera-

tions. We're proud to be a part of the electric vehicle community and look forward to seeing it flourish."

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such reported incidents as robbery, assault, burglary and theft.

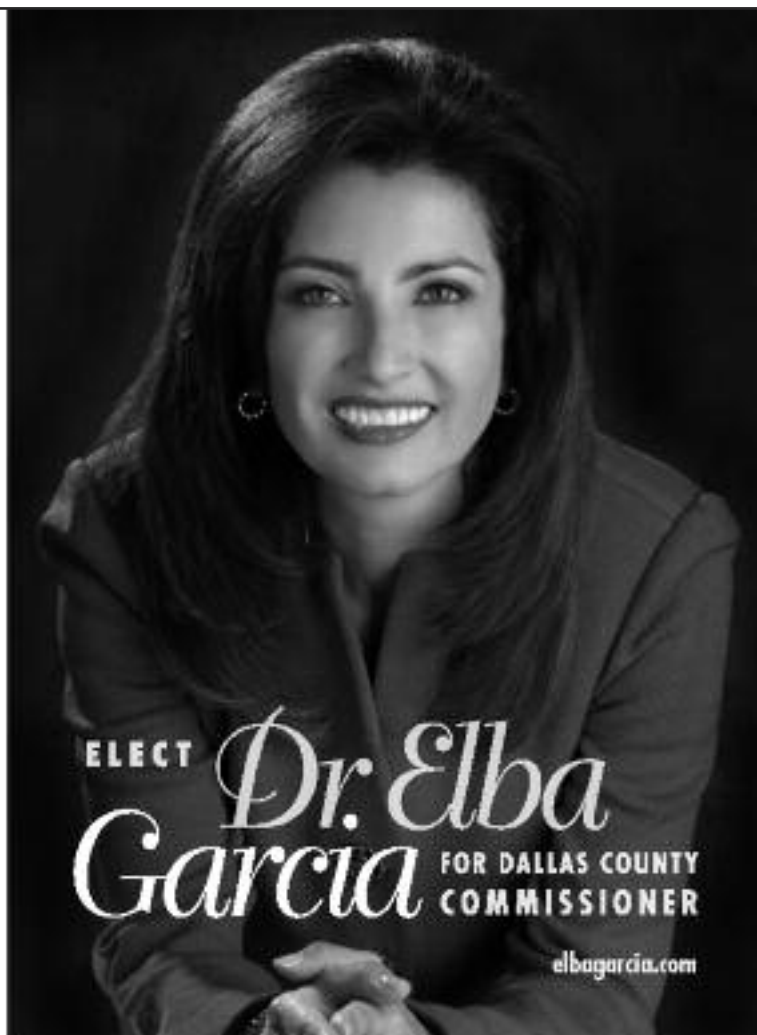
Citizens can turn crime types on and off depending on what they are interested in learning about and activity can also be queried by date as there is a rolling

ninety days of information available at CrimeMapping.com. Simple reports and charts which help depict current trends can be instantly accessed based on a buffer distance or the visible map area.

Community Oriented

Policing is a trend that is here to stay and the Dallas Police Department has set an example for the rest of the nation in terms of transparency. This level of data sharing is not common for all police departments and should be commended as

keeping the public well informed has been proven effective in reducing crime. Transparency helps build trust and the Dallas Police Department has taken the steps necessary in helping neighbors to look out for each other.



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These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on December 1, 2010. You have until May 30, 2011, to redeem any tickets for these games:

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UNCF golf tournament slated for October 25

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization and they are hosting their 18th annual golf tournament – the Jethro Pugh Scholarship Invitational on Monday, October 25, 2010 at the TPC Las Colinas at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas.

This first class event features breakfast, 18 holes of exciting championship golf at a course that is home to the Byron Nelson Championship, great player gift items and an awards luncheon with prizes and silent & live auctions.

Former Dallas Cowboys players expected to participate include Jethro Pugh, Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Rayfield Wright and Everson Walls.

This year's Tournament leadership team includes Chairs Jethro Pugh and Fred Conwright (Owner of Two Podners restaurant company). The Honorary Chair is Jeff Fegan – CEO Airport.

The event is open to the public. Individual golfer package is \$550. Luncheon tickets are \$200. For more information contact Christine Thomas at (404) 494-3459.

For registration or sponsorship opportunities, contact Diane Stephenson at 972-234-1007.



Jethro Pugh

Since its inception the Jethro Pugh Scholarship Invitational has raised nearly \$600,000 for UNCF's Texas universities and students.

Proceeds from the gala will support scholarships for students attending UNCF schools in Texas: Paul Quinn College in Dallas; Texas College in Tyler; Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins; Wiley College in Marshall and Huston-Tillotson University in Austin.

The Breakfast & Registration starts at 7 a.m. with the tournament teeing off at 8 a.m.

Following the players fun, the event will continue with an Awards Luncheon and Auction from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The TPC Las Colinas is located at 4150 North MacArthur Boulevard in Irving.



Youth interested in public service are encouraged to apply for the White House 2011 Spring Internship Program

(NDG Wire) Congresswoman Johnson wants Dallas youth, who are interested in public service and policy, to apply for the 2011 White House Spring Internship Program.

A White House Internship provides opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. This hands-on

program is designed to mentor and cultivate today's young leaders, strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office of the President and prepare them for public service involvement.

"Participating in the White House Internship Program offers unparalleled experience for young people interested in learning more

about the operations of our Executive Branch of government," said Congresswoman Johnson. "Whether or not one wishes to pursue a career in politics or in another field, this opportunity provides invaluable skills for future professional development.

The deadline for the 2011 spring session is October 3, 2010:

- Visit the White House Internship website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/>

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(NDG Wire) Dover Elementary (RISD), Lake Highlands Junior High (RISD), Armstrong Middle School (PISD) and Plano East Senior High School (PISD) were recently named National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S.

Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either high-performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially

among disadvantaged students.

The program is part of a larger U. S. Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices.

Each year since 1982,

the Department of Education has sought out schools where students achieve and maintain high academic goals, including those that have beaten the odds.

RISD and PISD both have 23 Blue Ribbon schools.



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Methodist Health system police department to host National Night Out

(NDG Wire) Methodist Dallas Medical Center will invite neighbors in on Tuesday, Oct. 5, for the annual National Night Out event at the hospital. The annual national event encourages partnerships between the community and local police to tackle issues concerning crime and drug prevention. Though traditionally held in summer nationwide, many communities in Texas moved to a fall celebration last year for cooler temperatures. The Methodist Health System Po-

lice Department will host the free event at the hospital, 1441 N. Beckley, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Hitt Auditorium, also moving this year to a lunch time mid-day event as a change of pace from previous evening festivities.

Community members are invited to come out and enjoy activities for the entire family, including: free food and refreshments, giveaway prizes, safety and crime prevention information, and lively music by an area DJ.

Methodist made history in 2003 when it became the first medical campus police department in the nation to host a National Night Out event and subsequently received the "Rookie of the Year" award from the National Association of Town Watch. Methodist continues to be the only medical campus police department to host a National Night Out event and has since received several National Night Out "All Star" awards for outstanding participation and has been featured on the National Night Out State Committee's video highlighting the best National Night Out events across the state with high community involvement.

The Hitt auditorium is located in the Service Building at the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Bishop Avenue. Free parking is available in the Service Building surface parking lot. For additional information concerning the event, contact Officer Teresa Vela at 214-947-8822.



Crime prevention information will be part of the offerings at the National Night Out community crime fighting event. The event will also feature free refreshments, prostate cancer screenings, and giveaways from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Community Calendar

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Every Saturday

Pure Saturdays 2026 Commerce Street 23 & up preferred DJ Steve Nice in The Mixx. Doors open @ 10 p.m. Info text or call 214-810-5483.

Every Tuesday

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

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 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

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

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

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

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

LimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

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

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

Target Second Saturdays at Latino Cultural Center On the second Saturday of every month family-friendly activities celebrating Latino arts and culture. Come in for one hour, or stay the 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 November 7

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

October 1 thru 3
Oktoberfest Southlake is

celebrating the 9th annual Oktoberfest celebration hosted by Southlake's Chamber of Commerce! Attendance is completely free: no admission or parking fees. Booths sell a range of food & beverages, and artisans present unique, handcrafted shopping opportunities while you explore the arts and crafts booths. In addition to live entertainment events during the festival and the excitement-packed children's area, Oktoberfest also includes our popular wiener dog race, held on Saturday, October 2. Info: www.southlakechamber.com

October 2 thru January 2

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

October 2 thru 3

Cottonwood Art Festival will feature 240 artists from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 2-3, 2010 at Richardson's Cottonwood Park. The park is just east of the intersection of Beltline Road and Coit Road. Info: www.cottonwoodartfestival.com

October 2

The Sister to Sister Fitness Festival is a day of breast cancer education activities, specifically targeting African American women starts at 8:30 a.m. The event will be held at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 East Parkerville Road, Cedar Hill. Register and info: www.celebratinglife.org or 214-947-0026.

6th Annual Plano International Festival to take place in Haggard Park in Downtown Plano from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy ethnic food, multicultural music and dance performances, cultural displays, children's activities and much more! The Festival is underwritten by the Plano City Council and is designed to showcase the many cul-

tures that make up Plano, Collin County, and their surroundings. Info: www.planointernationalfestival.org

October 7

"Creating Paparazzi - Your Business and Video Marketing" featuring Chad Joyce, Director of Marketing and Sales at KND Productions Inc. This workshop which will teach you how to effectively use social video marketing and why you should embrace social video marketing. Pre-registration required. Registration will close at 5:00 p.m. on October 6. Info: richardsonchamber.com/Events/Social-Media.aspx

October 5

Red Mango, the fastest-growing retailer of all-natural nonfat frozen yogurt and fresh fruit smoothies, is expanding. The company will host a special **Local Market Franchise Event** at its corporate headquarters. People interested in meeting with Red Mango executives from 12:30 - 3 p.m. can visit redmangofranchising.com/event to RSVP.

October 8 thru 31

They're kooky and they're spooky! They're wacky and they're weird! No, not that other family! It's the Mongrews! Rosewood Center's Young Adult Rated Drama presents **The Curse of Castle Mongrew**, a gothic-horror comedy at the Dallas Children's Theater's Rosewood Center for Family Arts.

October 9

South Dallas Cultural Center Diaspora Percussion Program in cooperation with Bamboula de Puerto Rico present a **master class by Bomba percussion master Omar "Pico" Sanchez** at 12:30 p.m.

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 or e-mail JSmalling@dallasbar.org.

October 13

March of Dimes Signature Chefs of Dallas auction 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Frontiers of Flight Museum located at 6911 Lemmon Avenue in Dallas. Tickets are \$300. Info: Katie Sperry at 972-669-3463 or ksperry@marchofdimes.com.

October 14

The annual **Eastfield College Fall Job Fair** is scheduled for 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Room C135. Info: contact Career Services at 972-860-8310 or <http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/ssi/EFCjobfair.asp>. Eastfield College is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite.

October 16

The Plano Community Forum's **29th Annual Awards Banquet** with this year's theme, "Bridging the Gap In The 21st Century: Parent, Child, and Teacher Connection." This year's awards banquet will be held at the Southfork Hotel, in Plano from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For individual or group ticket purchases and reservations, contact Fran Richardson, 469-675-0002, franrich3@yahoo.com for a gala night of entertainment. Single tickets are \$60.00 and Tables of 8 are \$480.00.

Mountain View College will welcome Donna Brazile as part of **Mountain View College's 40th Anniversary Brunch** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: Patricia Webb at 214-860-8789 or email pwebb@dcccd.edu.

October 20

TRMC-Sunnyvale will host **Now is the Time Mammogramathon** from 7 a.m. to

10 p.m. They will file any necessary paperwork with each patient's insurance provider, or offer mammograms at the reduced price of \$99 for those without insurance. The hospital also will offer chair massages, giveaways, hors d'oeuvres and gourmet coffee. Call 972-892-4785 between the 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. to schedule an appointment. To request an appointment via email, send a message to Darrin.casola@trmcsunnyvale.com.

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

October 25

The United Negro College Fund is hosting their **18th annual golf tournament - the Jethro Pugh Scholarship Invitational** at the TPC Las Colinas at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas. Info: 404-494-3459 or Diane Stephenson at 972-234-1007.

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

January 25

Seeking Common Good in the Midst of Growing Diversity featuring T.D. Jakes, Chief Pastor, The Potter's House; at the SMU Tate Series Tickets to individual lectures may be ordered online at smu.edu/tate or by calling 214-SMU-TATE 214-768-8283).

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Bishop Eddie Long: "I Am Not Perfect"

BY DAVID STOKES

(NNPA) More young Black men are expected to step forward this week to follow in the footsteps of four former members of the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church who claim to have been "coerced" into sexual relationships with Bishop Eddie L. Long, the megachurch's well-known 55-year-old pastor. Vowing to "vigorously fight the charges" against him, Long stood in the pulpit as nearly 10,000 members of the church applauded, promising to support him.

In September 21, 2010 court filings, in DeKalb County State Court, two of the plaintiffs alleged sexual harassment against Bishop Long, New Birth, Inc., and the church's male youth ministry - Longfellows Youth Academy, Inc. Maurice Robinson and Anthony Flagg, both students in the youth academy at the time of the alleged incident, stated in civil litigation documents that Bishop Long exerted his influence as pastor and spiritual advisor over the 14-year-olds, to engage in sexual relationships for (Long's) own personal sexual gratification. It was also alleged that Bishop Long furnished the plaintiffs with cars, cash, jewelry and other gifts, allegedly purchased with church funds. In addition, the plaintiffs were allegedly put on the church's payroll. The other gifts were described as -- airplane trips within the U.S. and abroad, luxury hotel stays, and access to numerous celebrities, including entertainment stars and politicians.

In separate 23-page filings by Robinson and Flagg, the Longfellows Youth Academy, Inc. "purported to train young men, from 13 to 18, to love, live and lead as they proceed on their masculine journey." Bishop Long was the Academy's "pastor / counselor / confidant" to the teens in the program. The plaintiffs allege the academy is Bishop Long's method to influence and exploit vulner-

able teenage males who, in the case of Flagg, have no father, or father-figure.

Court documents state that after the then-teenagers were pronounced as Long's "spiritual sons" within the program and church congregation, "defendant Long has a pattern and practice of singling out a select group of young male church members, and (uses) his authority as Bishop over them to ultimately bring them to a point of engaging in a sexual relationship."

Shortly after Robinson and Flagg, now both 21, joint lawsuit became public, a third plaintiff, 23-year-old Colorado resident Jamal Parris filed a sexual harassment lawsuit, alleging similar charges. However, in his lawsuit, Parris is claiming that while he was occupying

nouncing the accusations. "I am going to fight this thing. I am not a perfect man, but I am not the man being portrayed" as a "sexual predator." Although Long did not definitively deny the allegations to his congregation, he spoke to all people having to "face painful situations". "This is the worse time of my life," the pastor proclaimed at the morning service, dressed in beige-tan garments with New Birth insignia.

Following the service, Long addressed local and national news media at a press conference in New Birth's chapel. Bishop Long cancelled all media interviews prior to the church press conference and taking no questions from reporters, he said the civil lawsuits "would not be fought in the media, but within a court of law." After

of Georgia told The Atlanta Inquirer, "the courage of these young men to stand up is testimony to (obliterate) Bishop Long's great influence, as well as they trying to get to the truth of the betrayal...for a productive life." She also warned, "There are kids right now at risk (at New Birth)." Bernstein refused a request by a reporter to speak with the plaintiffs last week, indicating, "They've relocated for the moment... To (initiate litigation) was very emotional for them," stating that e-mails, text messages, and pictures provided to the young men "will speak for the cases against the Bishop." Bernstein stated she had no comment after Bishop Long's sermon.

Bishop Long, a native North Carolinian, arrived in Atlanta in the mid-1980s, prepared to brandish his small-town reputation for the big city and suburbs of Atlanta. From 1987, after being appointed New Birth's pastor, membership grew from hundreds to nearly 30,000. Primarily teaching God's promise of prosperity, Long's popularity has made him a sought-after counselor among the rich and powerful, including former Georgia governors, U.S. presidents, and local county leaders.

Particularly during the out-of-town trips, the plaintiffs allege Long shared a bedroom to "engage in sexual touching, and other sex acts" with Robinson. "Defendant Long would use Holy Scripture to discuss and justify the intimate relationship between himself and friend," thereby, "causing Robinson great anger and anguish." With both plaintiffs Flagg and Robinson, character could become a key issue, if the lawsuit goes to court. In 2007, Flagg was arrested for simple assault, and later, his mother agreed for him to live in New Birth's "Golod House," a residence for troubled teens, as suggested by Long.

The living arrangement was "to provide stability and an opportunity to learn and



grow with an important spiritual mentor." Flagg also alleges Bishop Long was "situated to exercise a controlling influence over the will, conduct, and interest" of Flagg, and shared the same bed "to engage in sexual massages, where increased sexual contact included oral sodomy, kissing, masturbation, and oral sexual contact."

As a result of Robinson and an accomplice, being arrested last June for breaking into Long's personal office on the New Birth campus the plaintiffs are seeking multiple damages. Specifically, the plaintiffs are seeking punitive and compensatory damages for; "breach of fiduciary," various counts of fraud and negligence, "intentional infliction of emotional distress," "negligent failure to protect," "negligent failure to warn" and "negligent failure to intervene supervise" against youth academy officials, all under the auspices of New Birth, Inc., and its registered agents.

While attorneys debate Bishop Long's intent to allegedly "coerce" the teens into sex, New Birth members, past and present, are "shocked" and "in disbelief" of the salacious accusations. "It's nothing but a setup," said a former member. "Big money, power, and success attract devilish acts." Nevertheless, the irony of a popular Pentecostal/Baptist-

style preacher leading an anti-gay ministry... has rocked New Birth, along with the local and national black clergy.

Sources indicated to The Atlanta Inquirer that several church administrators recently resigned from New Birth, stating "their pay and benefits were good, but they didn't want to go out like that."

The Rev. Bernice King, youngest offspring of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a New Birth elder, helped lead the anti-gay march. According to the church's website, counseling services for members "struggling with homosexuality" are offered by Long, "a man of vision, revered locally, nationally and internationally as a dynamic man of leadership, integrity and compassion." Repeated requests for comment from Rev. King went unanswered.

Also, local ministers gathered at a local restaurant to organize a "lock-in" -- an initiative where pastors will sit and pray with Bishop Long for seven days to respond to the church and "to show and provide open arms," as rendered in scripture, according to coordinator Rev. Jasper W. Williams, Sr., senior pastor of Salem Bible Church of Atlanta and Lithonia. "We are all sinners..."

*"It is easier to
build strong children
than to repair broken men."*

Frederick Douglass

Bishop Long's guest house in DeKalb County, the pastor would regularly request Parris be nude for pastoral visits. All three men are being represented by Brenda Joy (B.J.) Bernstein a lawyer in Atlanta, Georgia.

At press time, a fourth male, Spencer LeGrande filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against Long, alleging similar charges occurred when he was a member of New Birth-Charlotte, a satellite church based in North Carolina. The then-17-year-old LeGrande, in the lawsuit, claims to have engaged in sex with Long in 2005, after being given a sleeping pill and continued the relationship until 2009, according to Associated Press reports. Attorney Bernstein was unavailable for comment.

Bishop Long is denying the allegations. The first Sunday after the allegations came to light, Long stood before his congregation, de-

the brief press conference, Bishop Long left with his wife, Vanessa, and his attorneys; Craig Gillen and Dwight Thomas, of Atlanta. In statements to the radio media, attorney Gillen said, "It is unfortunate these young men have chosen to take this course of action." Gillen added, "Bishop Long adamantly denies these allegations. We're reviewing the complaints... and will respond in the proper venue." Gillen announced Bishop Long, the father of four, wanted to "be clear. The charges against me and New Birth are false. I have been through storms, and my faith has always sustained me. I have devoted my life to helping others and these false allegations hurt me deeply."

The plaintiffs' attorney who is remembered for successfully defending Genarlow Wilson in a sexual sodomy case brought by Douglas County and the state

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Celebrities attend Congressional Black Caucus annual event



Actor Hosea Chanchez (right) with film director Bill Duke attend an event at the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference held September 15-18, 2010 in Washington, DC. (Photo credit: BlackGivesBack.com, Shon Smith)

Television host Niecy Nash, actress Wendy Raquel Robinson, Hosea, and actress/comedienne Kym Whitley attend an event during the 2010 CBC Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. (Photo credit: BlackGivesBack.com, Shon Smith)



"Family Symphony Sundays" in Plano A Fun, Interactive 5 Concert Series For Families

(NDG Wire) The Family Symphony Sundays is a fun, interactive series of five concerts that should be an enjoyable and memorable afternoon for children and adults alike. The Season Opener, Spooky Symphony, kicks off the 2010 season on Sunday, October 31 and features the entire Plano Symphony. A fun-filled afternoon with "Halloween-themed music" awaits families and costumes are encouraged. Special pre-concert lobby activities unique to this concert begin at 2:15 pm.

Following the Spooky Symphony, four ensemble concerts will be held at the Courtyard Theatre located on Avenue H in Plano. Each ensemble concert will be an interactive experience that will introduce the audience to the Strings, Percussion, Woodwinds and Brass. Come early before each concert and enjoy the Plano Symphony Instru-

ment Petting Zoo, a hands-on musical learning experience, and more. You and your child will have a great time learning and being exposed to great music all for one low price, less than the cost of a movie.

Spooky Symphony:
Sunday, October 31, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Silly Strings:
Sunday, November 14, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Percussion Junction:
Sunday, January 9, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Gone with the Winds:
Sunday, January 30, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Brass-a-Palooza:
Sunday, February 20, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Lobby activities at each event will include: Instrument Petting Zoo, Conductor's Station, Coloring and Craft Stations. The lobby activities are appropriate for children 3-10, begin at 2:15 prior to each concert.

Concerts are held at the

Charles W. Eisemann Center at 2351 Performance Dr. in Richardson. To order, purchase online at www.planosymphony.org or call the Plano Symphony Orchestra Ticket Office at

972-473-7262.

Subscription tickets are available for \$27-\$47 for all five concerts or single tickets for Spooky Symphony are \$8-\$18, feature concerts \$7-\$11.



NewsRadio 1080 KRLD-AM announces new lineup

(NDG Wire) Effective Monday, September 27, 2010 NewsRadio 1080 KRLD announced a renewed commitment to being the one and only full-time news, traffic, weather and information station in Dallas/Fort Worth. The team of news gathering professionals and authoritative personalities will focus on giving 1080 KRLD and KRLD.com listeners the news and information they expect all day, every day with an all new lineup:

Ernie Brown and Mike Rogers, 5 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Mitch Carr and Scott Braddock, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

David Rancken and Bonnie Petrie, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Will Sterrett and Alice Rios, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

These radio voices will provide traffic and weather together on the 8's, sports at :15 and :45 and business news at :25 and :55 past every hour from 5am-8pm Monday through Friday on-air and online at www.krld.com. The station's programming can also be heard on a variety

of mobile devices including the iPhone, iPad and select Blackberry units.

"It's no secret that our listeners count on KRLD to keep them informed," said Bruce Gilbert, Vice President of News/Talk/Sports Programming, and CBS RADIO Dallas. "We believe this new lineup gives us the depth to deliver on those expectations in a personable and professional manner, because when news affects North Texas we take our commitment to inform the community very seriously."

50,000-watt KRLD is the source for local news, talk and information in Dallas/Fort Worth and is the flagship of the Texas Rangers Radio Network and the Texas State Networks. TSN, the Texas State Networks, serves over 130 radio affiliates in two time zones with news, talk and sports programs. KRLD and TSN are owned and operated by CBS RADIO, one of the largest major-market radio operators in the United States.

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Sunday, Oct. 3 is Deadline to Qualify for 2010 Tax Deduction for Vehicle Business Use

(NDG Wire) Taxpayers who use their personal vehicles for business purposes in 2010, may claim 50-cents per business-mile tax deduction, but only if they keep proper records, according to Home Business Tax Savings, Inc. (HBTS), specialists in home-business tax law.

"If a home-based business owner drives 8,000 miles in 2010 for business purposes, that's a \$4,000 tax deduction," says HBTS president Dr. Ronald R. Mueller. "If that taxpayer is in the 25 percent tax bracket, the deduction will add \$1,000 to their Tax Refund."

To document the deduc-



tion, the Tax Code says the taxpayer must maintain proper records for "a typical 90 consecutive day period." [IRS Regulation 1.274-5T(c)(3)(ii)]

After Sunday, Oct. 3, there no longer will be 90 days remaining in 2010. Therefore, any taxpayer who has not begun a vehicle-use log by Oct. 3, will not qualify to use the IRS "90 day

rule," which can cost them \$4,000 or more in lost tax deductions.

What constitutes 'proper records' for tax purposes? "Each time the driver starts the ignition - even if the trip will be for a non-business purpose - he or she must record four pieces of data -- date, destination, primary purpose, and number of miles traveled," Dr. Mueller says.

"Then what? First, you add up all business-miles for your 90 day period, and the IRS will accept that number as an accurate sampling of your business-use for the entire year. Since 90 days is 25

percent of a full year, the taxpayer may then multiply that number times four, and the IRS will let you to deduct that number of business miles for 2010," according to Dr. Mueller.

The above example applies only to taxpayers who operated an active home-based business for the entire year of 2010. If the business was established during the year, the numbers would be prorated.

A free Vehicle Mileage Log and further details about this deduction, are available as free downloads at Home-BusinessTaxSavings.com

Red-Mango hosting franchise event

(NDG Wire) Red Mango, the fastest-growing retailer of all-natural nonfat frozen yogurt and fresh fruit smoothies, is expanding in its own backyard. The company, which is headquartered in Dallas, will host a special Local Market Franchise Event at its corporate headquarters on Oct. 5.

Red Mango has six locations in the area, including Dallas, Plano and Allen, that opened in the last year. Now the company is targeting additional cities in D-FW, including

Fort Worth, Frisco, Denton, McKinney, Highland Park, Coppell, Arlington, Southlake, Keller, Rockwall and Grapevine.

"With our headquarters in Dallas, and the way the city has embraced our stores, product and atmosphere, the time is right to continue expansion in D-FW," said James Franks, vice president of franchising for Red Mango.

Red Mango is seeking qualified prospects to open

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DART inducted into Hispanic Chamber's Million Dollar Club

(NDG Wire) The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) inducted Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) into their "Million Dollar Club" at the 31st Annual National Convention & Business Expo in Dallas.

Chamber officials said DART was included in the inaugural class of club members because of the transit agency's "success in leveling the playing field for Hispanic-owned business enterprises competing for corporate contracts." The organization also recognized DART doing an outstanding job of integrating Hispanic-owned business enterprises into its strategic sourcing and procurement processes. The inaugural class of the Million Dollar Club has 20 top-level corporations from across the country. The annual meeting of the USHCC



is the largest gathering of Hispanic business leaders in America.

The Million Dollar Club was created by the USHCC to honor and celebrate the commitment of corporations and their procurement executives who recognize the value of Hispanic Business Enterprises. The honorees range from \$25 million to more than \$500 million in spending with Hispanic suppliers in 2009. During that period DART awarded more than \$112 million to Hispanic-owned firms.

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whether the application was for a home purchase or a refinancing loan.

An analysis by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) termed the new HMDA report as one indicator of a "national tragedy" for its "far-reaching and highly disturbing mortgage trends".

Beyond the higher rate of mortgage loan denials, African-American and Latino borrowers who do get mortgages are also likely to pay more for them once approved. They also face a higher share of foreclosures.

According to CRL, "A superficial look at the mortgage situation today might make it tempting to conclude that low and moderate-income borrowers and borrowers of color simply had too much access to credit before the housing bubble burst.

However, research indicates that the problem went deeper, extending to systemic risks that originated in the mortgage market itself."

"If there had been high access to sustainable mortgages, the subprime market would have behaved quite differently", continued CRL. "In fact, empirical research shows that high foreclosures have largely been driven by defective mortgage products and push-marketing families into bad loans."

The HMDA report covers mortgage lending transactions at 8,124 financial institutions across the country and includes information from banks, savings associations, credit unions and mortgage companies. The specific data available through the report covers applications, originations, purchases of loans, denials,

and other actions such as incomplete or withdrawn applications. Most importantly, the report includes information on applicant race, ethnicity, sex, household income and census tract composition.

HMDA, which was enacted by Congress in 1975, requires most mortgage lenders located in metropolitan areas to collect data about their housing-related lending activity, report the data annually to the government, and make the data publicly available. In 1989, Congress expanded HMDA data to include information about denied home loan applications and the race, sex, and income of applicants and borrowers. In 2002, the Federal Reserve Board amended the HMDA regulations to require lenders to report price data for certain higher-priced home mortgage loans, and other new

data.

For 2009, about 15 million applications resulted in nearly nine million loan originations and 4.3 million loan purchases. Additionally, 210,000 requests for pre-approvals did not result in a loan.

The report also revealed a growing reliance on loans backed by government insurance such as the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and/or Veterans Administration (VA). For home purchases, FHA's share of first-lien loans grew from only seven percent in 2007 to 26 percent in 2008 and 37 percent in 2009. Although VA lending represented a smaller market percentage, increases were also evident, growing from 2.7 percent in 2007, to 4.9 percent in 2008 and 6.7 percent in 2009.

With more than 2.5 million foreclosures in recent

years and several million more projected in the continuing crisis, CRL is focused on what can be done to avoid another subprime fiasco. For example, CRL has testified before Congress on the effects of credit scoring and its relation to loan decisions, and in turn, HMDA results. Currently, lenders do not report credit scoring data.

While the implementation of the new Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act is an important first step towards systematic change. The new Consumer Finance Protection Agency, also authorized by Dodd-Frank is expected to become operational and of service to the public by next year.

Even so, CRL believes much more remains to be accomplished:

- GSE reforms that tie government guarantees

on mortgage securities to responsible and sustainable loans;

- Vigilance in ensuring that FHA continues to focus on its key mission of supporting homeownership opportunities for under-served communities

- Safeguards to ensure that all banks - but especially those that receive access to low-lending rates through the Federal Reserve - have a commitment to fair lending practices.

To review the complete CRL issue brief, visit: responsiblelending.org/mortgage-lending/research-analysis/national-tragedy-hmda-data.html

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he said.

In an effort to increase interest in the vote, and to allow for maximum dialogue and discussion of the proposed amendments as well as what they could mean to the city, the local government has scheduled two Town Hall Meetings; one on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 14, before the early voting period begins, and the other on Sunday, Oct. 24, closer to the general election. Both meetings will be held in the city's municipal chambers, 206 North Murphy Road.

Presentations on the proposed revisions will be made by the city manager and staff, and while the staff cannot advocate for or against any proposed amendment, they can answer questions and clarify issues as needed. Changes to the language on the ballots, adding to or deleting from the number of proposed amendments, or pressing for reconsideration of the Council's decisions relating to any of the proposed amendments cannot be made. The meetings are designed for informational purposes only.

Over the last nine months, a Charter Review Commission, made up of cit-

izens appointed by the City Council, has been at work reviewing the charter, testing the relevance of its contents and making recommendations, where appropriate, for improvements, changes, updates and clarifications. The Council acknowledged the commission's report and has accepted most of the commission's recommendations while making further adjustments to some sections, and is now sending the proposed amendments to the voters for final adoption.

"Our home rule system of municipal government calls for the citizens of the city to decide through the election process any and all changes to the charter, and so the Council has called for the election to ratify or reject 37 distinct changes to the charter," added Fisher.

The 37 amendments on the Nov. 2 ballot must be considered separately, but a look at the changes reveals that some of the amendments are relatively minor and address specific changes that make the charter line up with state and federal statutes.

Other sections deal with administrative matters and procedures that have become

necessary as the city has grown both in population and in organizational responsibility.

"As we mature as a city, we must ensure that our government keeps pace with that maturation process. Murphy is entering a new era of growth and development that the original charter commission may not have foreseen even as recently as seven years ago. Keeping pace with the advancements in managerial, executive, organizational, fiduciary and administrative changes is a necessary aspect of municipal government, and the Council is determined to do so," he concluded.

Early voting on the proposed charter amendments begins on Monday, Oct. 18 and ends on Friday, Oct. 29. During early voting, registered Collin County voters can vote at the City of Murphy Municipal Building and at any Collin County early voting location. For a complete list of early voting locations, please visit the Collin County web site at co.collin.tx.us.

The deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 2 election is 5 p.m., Oct. 4, 2010.

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and we are all the body of Christ, including Bishop Eddie Long," said Williams.

Declaring he has "no opinion, either way" of Long's innocence or guilt, Rev. Williams, said he has known Long "since he's been in Atlanta." He expressed "mixed emotions" upon viewing the cell phone pictures, allegedly transmitted by Long to Robinson and Flagg, in one photo Long was dressed in a red skin-tight muscle shirt, and in another, Long was posing in a black form-fitting gym suit. As Williams calls on the nation's pastors to come to Atlanta "to pray with and for Bishop Long", saying a rush to judgment is premature, and to remember Long's admirable community service in Atlanta. "He's done tremendous works here. This

negativity has had a tremendous affect on him and on New Birth, but the church will sustain itself."

"I feel like David against Goliath, but I have 5 rocks, and I haven't thrown one yet," Long concluded. Although Concerned Black Clergy of Metro Atlanta president Rev. William Cobble chose "to reserve comments until later", former president Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley said he felt, "It was mostly shock and disappointment" when he learned of the allegations against his friend of 20 years. Nevertheless, "we should be extremely prayerful for him, his family, and New Birth. This is a precarious time." Durley also commended Long's "tremendous amount of work" within Atlanta and beyond. "We must look at the good he's done, too," as well

as comment on the allegations.

Regional Council of Churches co-chair Durley added that "whether they (allegations) are true or false, they will have an impact. As clergy (members), we need to continue lifting up the flock, as well as move forward toward healing and redemption. Overall, the black churches will not be negatively impacted. We'll come out of this stronger."

Although Bishop Long is not speaking to media about the allegations, his children are defending their father on the social network Twitter. "We are doing great; keep my pops lifted up in prayer!" exclaimed Edward Long. Daughter Taylor Long declared, "Man, my dad does NOT deserve this!"

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THE UN-COMFORT ZONE: The Main Ingredient

BY ROBERT WILSON
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

In 1907, during a major league baseball game, second base was stolen 13 times by the winning team. The catcher for the losing team, Branch Rickey, was unable to pick off even a single runner. That record stands to this day. It also spelled the end of Rickey's career as a baseball player after just two short seasons. With nothing else to do, he went to college and law school.

Six years later, he returned to major league baseball. This time as a manager – and what a manager he turned out to be! He created the modern baseball farm system which enables major league teams to nurture and develop future stars through their minor league teams. He was the first to establish a permanent spring training facility in Florida. He changed the way statistical analysis is used in baseball by proving that on-base per-

centage is more important than batting average. Branch Rickey is best known, however, for breaking the color barrier by bringing African-American Jackie Robinson into the major leagues. It earned him a spot in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Rickey offers this as his recipe for success, "Success is where preparation meets opportunity." A simple formula that reminds me of the old joke: "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" The answer: "Practice. Practice. Practice." Obviously, you can't take advantage of an opportunity if you don't have the skills. It's a good recipe for success, but it doesn't reveal the secret main ingredient.

A funny old song from Frank Sinatra gets us little closer to the answer. Do you remember these lyrics from *High Hopes*?

Just what makes that little old ant. Think he'll move that rubber tree plant. Anyone knows an ant, can't.



Branch Rickey, Jackie Robinson and his wife Rachel

Move a rubber tree plant!

I love that song because a stanza later we learn the ant CAN: *Oops there goes another rubber tree plant.*

Is having "high hopes" the secret ingredient? No, but it gets us closer to it. You see, the ant succeeds because he doesn't know that he can fail.

Think about some of the

people you know who are successful. What is it that makes them big achievers? What traits do you associate with them?

When I ask this question of my audiences I frequently hear the following ingredients: Courage, Perseverance, Enthusiasm, Discipline, Confidence, Decisiveness, Self-reliance,

Responsibility, Focus, Ambition, and Optimism.

All of these are certainly traits of successful people, but which one is the overriding characteristic? Which one is the main ingredient?

None of the above!

That's right – none! Yes, they are all important, but there is one ingredient that makes the cake, and that is simply your *belief* that you will succeed. It's called *Self-Efficacy*. Your belief in your ability to achieve what you seek is the biggest part of actually getting there. The best part is that self-efficacy is a trait that can be acquired at any age.

We acquire a sense self-efficacy in four ways. The first way is cumulative. With each success we achieve we add a new layer of confidence in ourselves. The second way is through

observation. When we see someone similar to ourselves succeed, we realize that we can too. The third way is controlled by our attitude. A positive attitude enhances our belief in our abilities whereas a negative one destroys it. The fourth way is from the encouragement of others who believe in our ability to succeed. This is where you as an effective manager can help your people succeed. Tell them that you believe they can meet their goals and you will help them believe it too.

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"And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and He smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God." **1 Chronicles 13:10 (KJV)**

Some Christians do not like to read the Bible for themselves; they prefer to listen to a speaker read when he or she is bringing the message of the hour; they are just not that discipline. But, if the Christian will not commit to knowing what is in God's Word and then following it, they will fail to know and experience God for themselves. God's Word is life to the Christian's soul. It provides knowledge that leads to life. The prophet Hosea tells us, "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thy hast forgotten the law of God, I will also forget thy children." **Hosea 4:6 (KJV)**

God has given His Word to us and His Word has specific laws and principles that must be followed if we expect His blessing. King David forgot to follow one of those laws related to the ark. "And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of

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covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation." **Numbers 4:15 (KJV).**

When the sons of Kohath were transporting the ark, Uzza innocently reached to steady the ark but was immediately stricken dead when his hands touched the ark of God. Did David know this law or did he simply forget? Did Uzza know this law? If so, did he really believe it? David thought it was okay to carry the ark the way Uzza did. A man lost his life for his presumption and Christians will lose their spiritual life and perhaps their nature life if they fail to know and follow the Word of God.

Some Christians will take God's Word lightly. Perhaps they believe they can violate His Word without consequence. This is not true; the Lord stands by to uphold His Word. It can be life, or it can bring death. When God provides instructions, we need to follow them.

When Christians recognizes this truth about God, it brings a healthy fear of the

Lord. "And David was afraid of God that day. Saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?" **1 Chronicles 13:12 (KJV)**

As Christians we must have a fearful respect of God's Word; because it is life or death. Take God's Word seriously. Feed upon His Word daily so that you might know Him and know His precepts? If you feed upon His Word, you will be blessed of God.

Don't forget that God knows Christians have trials and tribulations that they have faced and will continue to face as long as they live on this earth but Jesus has overcome the world and if Christians read the Word of God daily He will bring scriptures to their minds whenever they are feeling down and out with trials and tribulations. Therefore, they should be happy and very thankful that they too can overcome the world and have hope for the future because of God's power, His love and the sacrifice of Jesus. God can keep you moving forward and give you joy and His peace. God will inspire and encourage you as you walk the Christian way.

Christians should be guilty of situational ethics because the truth of God never changes. It is absolute.

When we make decisions based on other actions that are taken, we move into making decisions based on the circumstances, not truth and righteousness. The Lord desires His people to have a higher standard, even at the cost of being wronged, even when others may not know all of the facts. You might be surprised what will happen when you do the right thing. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." **Psalms 15:1-2 (KJV)**



Sis. Carol & Minister Ray Jackson displaying his Associate Degree in Biblical Education from Michigan Northwestern Barbest Bible College and Seminary. Presented by Bishop Alfred D. Knight, Jr., Chancellor and Director and Dr. Gregory E. Voss, Administrator of Texas Campus.

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models which help older persons or persons with disabilities remain in their own homes after a hospital, rehabilitation or skilled nursing facility stay. These grants will help break the cycle of readmission to the hospital that occurs when an individual is discharged into the community without the social services and supports they need.

"When it comes to long-term health care, each patient has a unique mix of medical and social needs that must be considered," said Dr. Donald Berwick, CMS Administrator. "Our

health care system can offer many options to meeting those needs from traditional nursing home care to home and community-based services. Helping patients and their families understand these options will help them

make informed decisions about long-term care that are in the patient's best interests. These grants will help families make informed decisions and make sure patients have more control over their own care."



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demic.”

What’s up with that?

“Too much blame is being placed on the kids,” says Anytime Fitness club Manager Kevin Edward. “Adults need to step up and be better role models if we want our kids to be healthy. That’s what this is all about.”

The campaign will feature an organization called COAK – the Coalition of Angry Kids.

The kids are “angry” because adults aren’t doing enough to help children lead healthy

lifestyles. (For a preview of the COAK TV commercials, visit www.coak.org.)

The timing of the campaign is no accident. September was the first “National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.” Edwards predicts politicians and the media will suggest that kids need to put away their video games and cell phones and get outside and play.

They’ll also declare war on school lunches, fast food and vending machines.

“But nobody will be

offering any real solutions,” Edwards says.

“Somebody needs the courage to stand up and say, ‘The primary reason we have so many overweight kids is because they have poor role models: overweight adults.’”

Edwards points to recent research as evidence:

- “If one parent is obese, there is a 50 percent chance that the children will also be obese. However, when both parents are obese, the children have an 80 percent chance of being obese.” - American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry.

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- “The Factor that puts children at greatest risk of being overweight is having obese parents.” - Stanford University of Medicine researchers.

- More than two-thirds of states (38 out of 50) now have adult obesity rates above 25 percent. In 1991, no state had an obesity rate above 20 percent.

Edwards says Anytime Fitness wants to help adults get started on the road to healthy lifestyles.

In September, more

than 1,300 participating Anytime Fitness clubs began offering free 30-minute personal training sessions and free 30-day access to online support via AnytimeHealth.com – no strings attached.

To take advantage of the free 30-30 offer, sim-

ply stop by Anytime Fitness at, 6921 Independence Parkway in Plano, TX at Monday through Friday.

“It’s our way of saying it’s time to stop blaming the kids,” Edwards says.

“It’s time to lead by example.”

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