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The voters choose Tea, Beer and Wine

BY RUTH FERGUSON
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Voters across the country were clear about one thing: the Tea Party is not a fluke or a joke. The passionate support of Tea Party backed candidates resulted in a tidal wave in the

U.S. House of Representatives and the Republican Party regaining control. The Democrats managed to tenuously hold on to power in the U.S. Senate by a slim margin.

The voters in Dallas County apparently want to

drown their sorrows regarding the economy with more access to beer and wine. They approved Proposition 1 to eliminate dry areas for retail beer and wine sales. Once the votes



Eddie Bernice Johnson

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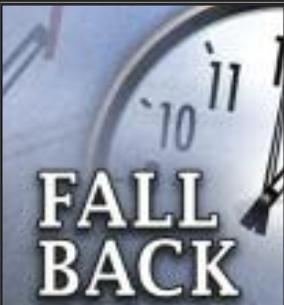
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Growth Opportunities: TI Joins City in Tree Venture



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(NDG Wire) Volunteers from UT Dallas, Texas Instruments (TI) and the city of Richardson joined forces last month to make the University's eastern boundary a little greener with the planting of 100 trees along Floyd Road.

The project was part of Richardson's Tree the Town initiative, a citywide, public-private program organized with the goal of planting 50,000 trees.

TI, a longtime corporate partner of the University, made a gift that provided

the trees. Under the program, the city identifies planting opportunities, and private sponsors fund the trees. The Texas Trees Foundation manages and coordinates

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Quentin Moore gets to the 'soul' of music genre

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Smoother trips on DART Rail start with new level boarding

(NDG Wire) It's easier than ever to step right on board a light rail train starting Saturday, November 6 when Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) marks the debut of level boarding at all light rail stations.

This transition follows two-and-a-half years of construction and station closures.

Special use platforms or "high blocks," which have served persons with disabilities and mobility challenges since the rail

system opened in 1996, also will be removed from service, as these passengers begin utilizing the low-floor center doors in each train's center section.

Each low-floor center

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COMMENTARY

What About Economic Justice?

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX (NNPA) The election of President Barack Obama in 2008 seems to have uncorked a virulent racism among folks who are hatefully resentful of the fact that an African American man now leads our nation. The steady drumbeat of negative commentary is so overwhelming that many African Americans are cowed and cautioned into not even asserting our issues, so artfully poised to drown out dissent that some liberals

have decided to hold their powder until after the election for fear of hurting our president.

A Saturday *Washington Post* article penned by bitter blasts from the past ([washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/29/AR2010102905966.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/29/AR2010102905966.html)) shamefully compared President Obama to Richard Nixon because of his "partisanship" describing him in a manner devoid of context, as "devilishly poised to drown out dissent that some liberals

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Dr. Johnetta Cole

On Saturday October 16, 2010, Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, Eric Hanks, brother of Camille Cosby; Carolyn Wright-Lewis and Ed Lewis hosted a fundraising event at the M Hanks Gallery in Santa Monica on behalf of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art. The reception was organized by the Sanaa Circle, a recently formed group that consists primarily of African-American lawyers, who aim to raise money and awareness for the mu-

seum.

Guests heard from Dr. Johnetta Cole, who became Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art last year after a career as president of two historically black women's colleges, Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., and Spelman College in Atlanta. Guests included CCH Pounder of *Law and Order* fame, Lorraine Toussaint, star of *Any Day Now*, *Essence* magazine founder Ed Lewis, and acclaimed artist Phoebe

Beasley.

Dr. Cole said of the night, "There was a magical air about our friends and fund raising reception at the M Hanks Gallery. All of us at the National Museum of African Art remain deeply grateful to our friends who sponsored this wonderfully successful event: Paul Hastings, Janofsky and Walker, Carolyn Wright Lewis and Ed Lewis, Eric Hanks, and the Sanaa Circle, a support group for our museum."

The evening's host Barbara Johnson and Sanaa Circle member thought the evening was especially inspi-

ration. "Not only did we have an opportunity to hear about Dr. Cole's vision for the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, we had the added treat of meeting Phoebe Beasley, a world renowned African American artist, whose works are on display at the Hanks Gallery. This event was a major success for the Sanaa Circle, the organization that was recently formed to support the National Museum of African Art. The Sanaa Circle is very appreciative of the support received from the Los Angeles business and arts communities."

Actress CCH Pounder said, "I thought the evening had a great home spun feeling to it. The reception held at M Hanks gallery included the encouraging words of Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole, who looks to include the west coast as part of the family of art lovers and art supporters that could take the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art into the 21st century with an amazing and expanding collection of traditional and contemporary art from Africa."

The National Museum of African Art is America's premier museum dedicated to

the collection, conservation, study and exhibition of traditional and contemporary African art. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., except Dec. 25. Admission is free. The museum is located in Washington, DC. <http://africa.si.edu/>



Dr. Hannah Valantine

(NDG Wire) A federal grant awarded to a researcher at the Stanford University School of Medicine will be used to explore new ways of helping female faculty members overcome a phenomenon known as "stereotype threat" that may limit their career paths.

"There are cultural and institutional barriers that contribute to women's slower advancement in, and their greater likelihood of leaving, academic medicine," said grant recipient

Hannah Valantine, MD, the school's senior associate dean for diversity and leadership. "We want to find ways of overcoming those barriers."

Valantine is receiving a \$2 million, three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health for the project. It is one of six Pathfinder Award grants recently announced by the NIH to support innovative approaches to increasing diversity in the nation's scientific workforce.



Valantine, who is also a professor of cardiovascular medicine, will use the funding for a study aimed at combating "stereotype threat" — situations in which

individuals find themselves being evaluated on the basis of a negative stereotype. The concept was pioneered by former Stanford psychology professor Claude Steele, PhD, who is now provost for Columbia University.

A prominent example is the stereotype that women are worse at math than men. Studies have shown that if women are required to indicate their gender on a math test, they score lower than on tests that don't require such a disclosure.

Although stereotype threats have been studied in

students and young adults, this is the first time it will be examined among women who have already embarked on careers in academic medicine, Valantine said.

With the funding, Valantine and her multidisciplinary team plan to first establish the cues and situations that elicit stereotype threat among women who are junior faculty. Co-investigator Allan Reiss, MD, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and of radiology, will use fMRI technology to monitor the brain activity of participants in this first phase of the re-

search to see how the various situations affect them, and which elicit the largest responses.

Armed with this knowledge, Valantine and her colleagues will move to the second phase in which they will devise and test interventions to counteract the cues. For instance, co-investigator Greg Walton, PhD, assistant professor of psychology, previously devised an intervention to address the stereotype threat of poor school performance among black college stu-

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Monica Powell

(NDG Wire) A University of Texas Dallas researcher surveying the expectations of professional (part-time) MBA students sees in the results an important generational shift, a message that students today view the degree as an employment guarantee and count on it leading to huge pay raises, big promotions and better jobs.

This message has broad implications for business-school educators and college career-service staffs, said School of Management Associate Dean Monica Powell. "It suggests that business schools may need to carefully rethink many aspects of how they reach and teach this group of students."

Powell designed the Professional MBA Student Expectations Survey, which was conducted among 1,116 students at four public and four private universities from coast to coast between April and September. She heard from 632 of those surveyed, a 56.6 percent response rate. Students answered 47 questions that sought opinions on faculty, program design, networking, career outlook and more.

Respondents gave more

reasons for pursuing a graduate degree than they typically have in the past, said Powell, who is presenting her preliminary results to fellow educators at the 17th Annual PMBA Conference at DePaul University on Oct. 21. Part-time degree seekers "want promotions, industry and job changes, more money, more marketability," she said. But underlying many of those motivations is a core belief "that getting an MBA still has job security and advancement potential," she said.

That belief and those answers represent a generational shift in attitude among part-time students, according to Powell. "In the 1990s, students earned a degree to move up within their organizations, to take on more responsibility, to have more skills sets," she says. "These days, in this survey, they didn't discuss that. They're

keeping themselves competitive, seeking job security, looking for connections, aiming for more resilience. It's almost as if they are pursuing the degree as an insurance policy."

School of Management Dean Hasan Pirkul said the findings are valuable.

"Dean Powell's survey is very useful for us, and for any business school with a professional MBA program," Pirkul said. "The results tune us in to student perceptions and tell us what they are relying on us to deliver. Data will help us plan courses and programs, hire faculty and staff, set recruiting goals and more."

Powell was surprised by respondents' high expectations about pay and promotion. About 51 percent expected their salaries to increase 16 percent or more after graduation, and 68 percent anticipated a promotion

within six to 12 months. "How are we educators going to support or moderate these expectations?" Powell

asked. "What does this mean for our career-management

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Black American Reality and the American Dream

BY DR. BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS, JR.

(NNPA) During the last several weeks there have been many published opinion articles about the state of the American dream in 2010 for people who live in the United States. Most notably was journalist Fareed Zakaria cover story, *Restoring the American Dream*, in the November 1, 2010 edition of *TIME*. He asserted, "the grim reality is that technology and globalization are shattering the middle class.

With the midterms around the corner, the good news is that a bipartisan policy agenda can return the country to prosperity." What is the state of Black America today? What is our share of the economy? Are our children receiving a

quality education? With the nation polarized once again with partisan politics, who is going to assert and protect the interests of African Americans?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his historic "I Have a Dream" speech in August of 1963 clearly articulated the aspirations, hopes, and dreams of millions of Black Americans that one day we would all have the opportunity to share in the reality of the American Dream.

That was 47 years ago. We have made real progress since that time in some areas, but today we must remind ourselves of the formidable challenges that still exist.

When we used to sing, "We Shall Overcome," back in the 1960s, it was

against a societal backdrop of harsh racial, economic, and political realities. But, we kept our faith and marched on in spite of the gloomy forecasts, threats, and acts of violent domestic terrorism against the Civil Rights Movement.

Similarly today, we must keep our faith and keep marching on. We must keep our struggle for freedom, justice, and equality alive with a renewal vigor, spirit, and self-determination. We have more reasons today to demand equal justice and fairness.

There are some who think we should keep quiet and not make too much protest noise about our social condition as a people in America because we have a brother in the White House.

I am very proud that we have President Barack Obama in the White House.

Thus far, he has been a great President. However, we should not be less vocal today. We should not be less concerned about our realities in the United States. We should be more outspoken.

Our children deserve a much better quality education. We should be not less willing to speak out for the sake of our children and communities. We have always known that education is a major key to our liberation from poverty and racial injustice.

That is why I am a strong advocate for our Historically Black Colleges

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sive", while it to a Canadian <http://www.seniorliving-mag.com/articles/american-hes-your-president-for-goodness-sake>) to remind us that President Obama is, indeed, the President of the United States, not "dude", or a "hottie", or a "Marxist" or a "socialist" as so many have described him.

The fact is that if Barack Obama walked on water somebody would say he couldn't swim (remember the Jackson campaign in 1984), and Republicans repeatedly rebuffed the olive branch he offered in the early days of his administration when he thought more of human nature than it was capable of in offering the possibility of bipartisan-ship.

Oh, well. I'm writing before Tuesday's election, uncertain about the outcome. All the polls and the pundits say it will be a Republican rout.

But polls and pundits have been wrong before and for all the negative nattering of nihilistic nabobs, there is the possibility that the least and the left out, though wanting more than they've gotten from the Obama administration, understand

that turning the clock back is not an acceptable option.

Nobody should count their chickens until the last vote clears, and even when there is a clearing, there is much work to be done as our nation embraces an uncertain economic recovery, and looks for ways to bounce back.

So far our recovery has been a jobless recovery, which is shameful. Those who would simply cut taxes to balance budgets are tone deaf about the material conditions in which many Americans live.

I am especially concerned about the economic inequality faced by African Americans and the fact that our nation seems tone deaf to it.

Because President Obama happens to be African American, the mention of racial economic inequality seems to be a forbidden subject. Indeed, the invocation of race is so likely to provoke unremitting hostility that many have looked for "race neutral" remedies to solve a set of issues that clearly have race at their base. In other words, a rising tide won't lift every boat.

Some boats need holes repaired, new oars, or a new motor. Some communities are woefully lagging in the midst of our so-called economic recovery.

Consider these facts:

1. According to the September 18 report on income and poverty, the poverty rate for African Americans was 25.8 percent, compared to 9.4 percent for whites, 12.5 percent for Asian Americans, 25.3 percent for Hispanics, and a 14.3 percent combined rate for all of us. That rate is up by more than 1 percent in a year, and more than 43 million of us are poor.

2. The median African American income level in 2009 was \$32,000, compared to \$54,000 for whites, \$65,000 for Asians and \$38,000 for Hispanics.

While income levels dropped for every racial and ethnic group, they dropped most for African Americans.

3. Last month's unemployment rate (new rates will be released on November 5) were 9.6 percent, 8.7 percent for whites, 16.1 percent for African Americans, and 12.4 percent for His-

panics. When discouraged and part time workers are included, the overall rate is 17.1 percent, and the rate for African Americans is 28.7 percent

4. The Survey of Consumer Finance, a report that the Federal Reserve Bank issues every three years, indicates that the median level of wealth for whites was \$170,400, compared to \$27,800 for African Americans in 2007. That's a ratio of more than 6:1, an inequality more severe than income inequality. The gap may have widened since the start of the Great Recession.

These facts suggest why it is so necessary to continue to speak of racial economic justice and racial economic gaps. These stark facts are not the result of one recession, or a decade's worth of challenges, but the accumulation of generational and contemporary racial economic inequality.

These facts won't go away because of this mid-term election, and indeed they may be exacerbated. These issues will be dealt with now or later. They cannot be indefinitely postponed.

Pregnant women urged to avoid alcohol temptation during the holidays

Texas pregnancy riskline experts call new study suggesting alcohol is safe during pregnancy 'misleading'

(NDG Wire) The Texas Teratogen Information Specialists (TTIS) Pregnancy Riskline, a non-profit housed at the University of North Texas, Denton, that aims to educate women about medications, chemicals and other exposures during pregnancy and breastfeeding, urges women to avoid alcohol consumption during pregnancy despite recent reports suggesting light drinking is acceptable.

The report, based on a study conducted by researchers at the University College London and published in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, suggests babies born to women who drank

one to two alcoholic beverages one to two times per week during pregnancy were not at an increased risk of adverse cognitive or behavioral developmental outcomes up to the age of five years.

In the study, the cognitive and behavioral performance of children born to women who recalled being "light drinkers" in pregnancy was compared to children of women who usually drink, but who stated they did not drink in pregnancy.

"This study can be misleading and is simply not accurate," said Lori Wolfe, certified Genetic Counselor and program director of TTIS Pregnancy Riskline.

"It is hard for any of us to remember things months after they happened. The authors of this study asked the women who participated in the study questions about how much alcohol they had to drink long after their babies were born. This makes this study more susceptible to error due to that long time span between when the mothers were pregnant and when they were asked about their alcohol consumption during pregnancy," she added.

Furthermore, it is common for women to report that they did not drink in pregnancy, according to Brenda Debus, senior teratogen counselor for TTIS. "In our experience, women

often state that they did not drink during pregnancy, but what they really mean is that they did not drink after they found out they were pregnant. This is usually already in the second month of their pregnancy. As a result, some of these women did drink for the first four to six weeks of their pregnancies. This is a weakness of the study, as some of the 'non-drinkers' could really be drinkers," Debus explained.

Wolfe and Debus are also quick to point out the overwhelming evidence of over 30 years of research continues to support the conclusion that alcohol can be harmful to the developing baby throughout the en-

tire pregnancy. A "safe" amount of alcohol that any individual woman can drink while pregnant is unknown, they said. Thus, the best advice continues to be that women should avoid alcohol entirely during the nine months that she is carrying the baby.

"It's thought that Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is the most common recognizable cause of mental retardation," said Wolfe. "This is why the U.S. Surgeon General recommends avoiding alcohol during pregnancy."

Lori Wolfe founded the Texas Teratogen Information Service in 1991. The non-profit service provides free counseling and education to women during preg-

nancy and lactation through a toll-free hotline, participates in observational research studies with other teratogen services, and conducts educational activities throughout Texas.

If a woman is planning on becoming pregnant or is currently pregnant, she is encouraged to talk to her doctor about her alcohol consumption habits.

Questions or concerns from women in Texas can also be directed to the TTIS Pregnancy Riskline at 800-733-4727.

Outside of Texas, please call the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS) at (866) 626-OTIS (6847).

Kraft and YMCA team up to help fight obesity in Latino community

(NDG Wire) Small changes can bring big success. And small changes start at home with the family. That's the inspiration for the Kraft Foods Foundation three-year, \$1.5 million partnership with the National Latino Children's Institute (NLCI) and YMCA of the USA to expand the successful Salsa, Sabor y Salud (Food, Fun and Fitness) healthy lifestyles program.

Kraft Foods has invested more than \$6 million in the program over the past eight years in collaboration with NLCI, helping reach more than 32,000 Latinos across the United States. Now, Kraft Foods Founda-



tion is stepping up its efforts to make a delicious difference in communities through the collaboration with NLCI and the Y. Through the expanded program, the three partners hope to reach up to 13,000 Latinos in 130 communities over the next three years.

Through the work with NLCI and the Y, the Kraft Foods Foundation is bringing a unique solution to help address the growing obesity rates and levels of inactivity in Latino children. NLCI is the only na-

tional organization that concentrates exclusively on young Latinos and is committed to working within the community to find solutions to the challenges they face. The Y is committed to helping more kids reach their potential, helping more families and individuals achieve better health outcomes, and encouraging everyone to get involved and make the community a better place. The Y is an ideal partner for the program because they have the presence and expertise to

mobilize communities for positive change.

The program kicks off in January 2011 at Ys in Belleville, Ill.; Irving; Denver; Elgin, Ill.; Houston; Long Beach, Calif.; Longmont, Colo.; New York; Tampa, Fla; and Worcester, Mass. The program will expand to 130 Ys nationwide by 2012.

According to Doug Fox, Executive Director of the Irving Family YMCA the Irving YMCA is has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from KRAFT to implement the Salsa, Sabor y Salud program. The Irving Y was one of 40 YMCA's across the country pre-selected to apply for 10 grants.

"Salsa, Sabor y Salud is just one of the ways Kraft Foods and its Foundation are delivering on our commitment to health and wellness. Promoting healthy lifestyles is critical to that commitment," said Rhonda Jordan, President of Global Health & Wellness at Kraft

Foods. "Latino children are at greater risk for childhood obesity. Through our partnership with NLCI and the Y, we'll be able to get even more Latino families involved in this award-winning program and, importantly, help them lead healthier lives."

Tips for packing a nutritious lunch

(NDG Wire) The new school year is well underway, and it is good time for parents to send their children off with healthier, more nutritious school lunches.

Nancy Cunningham, RD, LD, director of food and nutrition at Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale, offers these tips for packing healthy lunches.

Go natural - Try packing natural peanut butter and all-fruit or reduced-sugar jelly sandwiches on whole wheat



or rye bread.

"Also, give your child an individual fruit cup in juice or with no sugar added," Cunningham said. "Beware of the fruit cups with corn

syrup or sugar."

Add a little crunch - Pretzels, baked chips, apple slices, celery sticks and carrots are healthy choices children love.

And to mix things up, Cunningham suggested parents offer their children whole wheat pitas, almonds and pears.

No need to skip dessert - Instead of store-bought, pre-packaged cakes and cookies, let children finish off their lunches with goji berry, blue-

berry or cherry rice pudding, or cupcakes made with whole wheat flour, soy milk and cocoa powder.

Buckwheat banana bread and blueberry banana bread also are tasty and healthy food options, Cunningham said.

"There are many healthy and tasty recipes out there," she said.

"Preparing them may take a little extra effort, but they will help children be healthier in the end."

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Computer classes Offered at the Carrollton Library

(NDG Wire) Interested in learning more about the computer? The Carrollton Public Library is offering classes in November and December that feature the Internet and training in Microsoft Office.



For a list of class times and dates, check out the calendar at cityofcarrollton.com or visit the Library

page at cityofcarrollton.com/library.

The Library is also offering job search classes at both the Hebron and Josey and Josey Ranch Lake locations Nov. 8 and 15 from 1-3pm. The first class will

address Resume Writing That Gets Results, the second class will be Job Hunting with the Internet and the third class will be Online Networking for Professionals. All classes require a

current Carrollton Library card and a USB flash drive or floppy disk for saving work.

To register or for more information, call 972-466-4800.

Surveys mailed to Richardson residents

(NDG Wire) Survey forms were mailed last week to 12,000 randomly selected addresses in Richardson. They ask respondents to rate the Richardson Public Library on a variety of present and future services.

The survey is part of the Library's long-range planning effort, which will help map out a course for devel-

oping and improving services over the next 5 to 10 years. The demands on the library have changed and increased over time. In addition to books, audio visual and electronic materials are now available along with more adult and children's programs. New technology and the many different ways people communicate are

likely to bring even more changes to Library operations.

The questions included in the survey were developed from focus group discussions that were held at the Library last month. Nine focus groups reflecting a broad range of patrons were interviewed, including

- Parents with small children (preschool, first and second graders);
- Parents of children in fourth-seventh grade;
- Teenagers;
- Young adults;
- Empty nesters;
- Library staff;

Library Board members;

Richardson City Council members; and

Community stakeholders.

Residents who receive a survey will be able to mail it back or follow the instructions for submitting feedback online. There is also a separate survey included for teenagers.

Once the analysis is complete, the Long-Range Plan will be drafted with input from staff and the Library Board. It should go the City Council for final approval early next year.



Envision Garland Open House Events

(NDG Wire) The City of Garland will host a series of Open House events in November to showcase the Envision Garland plan's content and how the community's vision for the future can become reality. Envision Garland is the City's new comprehensive plan which will serve as a guide for the physical and economic development of the community for the next twenty years.

Participants will have an opportunity to learn

about the Envision Garland plan's goals and content, see displays illustrating the vital neighborhoods and activity centers of the future, and share their thoughts and impressions of Garland's future.

The open house events will also present strategies on how the entire community can take action to turn its future vision into reality over the coming decades.

All three open house events will provide the same information. The



open house dates are:

Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m. to Noon at Lyles Middle School, 4655 South Country Club Road.

Wednesday, November 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street.

Wednesday, November

17 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Naaman Forest High School, 4843 Naaman Forest Boulevard.

For more information about Envision Garland and the open house events, visit www.EnvisionGarland.org or call the information line at 972-205-2865.

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train operator when a person in one of these spaces

requests a stop.

Trains at Green Line stations, the new Lake Highlands Blue Line station and those in downtown Dallas will stop with the low-floor doors near the ticket vending machines to help customers who are blind or have other vision problems.

At outlying Red and

Blue line stations, the accessible entrances will align with the 8-inch high mini-platforms or "humps" that have been constructed.

More information on DART's switch to level boarding can be found at www.DART.org/LB, or by calling DART Customer Service at 214-979-1111.

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Students will be selected to travel with original Freedom Riders to retrace historic bus route

(NDG Wire) PBS's *American Experience* have announced the launch of the *2011 Student Freedom Ride*, a journey retracing the historic civil rights bus rides that changed America.

Accompanied by original Freedom Riders, forty college students will be chosen to participate in the bus ride which will take place from May 6 - 16, 2011 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the original rides.

The ride is also a catalyst for a national conversation about the role of civic engagement today. The *2011 Student Freedom Ride*, is the centerpiece of a major outreach campaign leading up to the May 2011 PBS broadcast of Stanley Nelson's acclaimed film *Freedom Riders*, the powerful and inspirational story of the more than 400 black and white men and women who, using non-violent tactics, risked their lives to challenge segregated facilities in the South in 1961.

Kicking off in Washington, DC that will gather many who were involved in the original Rides, the *2011 Student Freedom Ride* will roll through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Ten-

nessee and Mississippi, stopping along the way at historically significant locations. The students will spend time with original Freedom Riders who will share their memories of this bold and dangerous experiment in the fight for equal rights. Students will also meet with today's leaders in civic engagement.

Says director Stanley Nelson, "We hope that the film and the ride will inspire young people to see that the past was made up of courageous, ordinary people who were able to make great changes. One of the things that the film shows is that success was not inevitable and only came from perseverance. And sometimes to do any great thing, it's important "*Freedom Riders* tells the story of an overlooked piece of not only civil rights history but American history," says Mark Samels, Executive Producer of *American Experience*.

"It's a story that we knew had to be told. The film touches and inspires everyone who sees it and it's an honor to be presenting it."

American Experience is seeking college students from a broad range of back-

grounds who will lend diverse voices to the journey. Students will be encouraged to share their experiences and must be eager to learn from their peers, from pioneers in the civil rights movement, and from today's civic leaders. Students should have strong written communication skills and a commitment to civic engagement.

The 2011 Student Freedom Ride will provide these students with an opportunity to take part in an intergenerational conversation about the very idea of civic engagement. What form does civic engagement take today? What has changed since 1961? What would inspire today's students to a moving digital media platform, the 2011 Student Freedom Ride will facilitate the students' use of both social and traditional media to share their experiences, bringing others along on their journey, and encouraging their friends and classmates to think more seriously about civic activism and the role that it plays.

Applications for college student participation are being accepted through January 17, 2011 and can be accessed at pbs.org/freedomriders.

\$25,000 grant for Tarrant County scholarships announced

(NDG Wire) BNSF Railway and UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—the nation's largest and most effective education organization—today announced the 2010 BNSF Railway Scholarship fund. The scholarships are to reduce financial barriers and help increase access to higher education for low-income college students from the North Texas region attending any UNCF member institution or other four-year accredited college or university. Scholarships valued up to

\$2,000 will be awarded to qualifying students beginning with the 2010 - 2011 academic year—spring semester.

"BNSF Railway has been a long-time partner in UNCF's education mission. We are grateful for their continued support in helping deserving young people from North Texas attend college and gain the education and skills necessary to achieve success in their chosen profession," said UNCF's Area Development Director Diane

Stephenson. "During these difficult and uncertain economic times and with the cost of college skyrocketing, BNSF Foundation's investment towards the advancement of education will play a critical role in the future economic well-being of our local communities. We commend BNSF for their continued generosity."

"The BNSF Foundation is proud to support the United Negro College Fund's efforts

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dents.

In that study, one group of black students was asked to read remarks ostensibly authored by older students of both

whites who said they struggled with feeling they didn't belong in college but that the feelings eventually lessened. The following quarter, the black students

who read the materials had higher grade point averages than black students who had not read the materials or participated in the study.

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5th annual DFW Brain Tumor Walk scheduled for this weekend

(NDG Wire) Personal stories of Senator Kennedy and American Idol winner David Cook's brother have been heard around the nation. It's time to give a voice to the people in your community who have lost a loved one and need help today. Dallas-Ft. Worth unites to fight brain tumors on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Over 2000 participants will gather for a 5K walk through Trinity Park to raise awareness and essential funds at the National Brain Tumor Society's Dallas-Ft. Worth Brain Tumor Walk (DFWWalk.org).

In 1995, a motivated brain tumor survivor named Chris Kuchera Hemker organized a small fundraising event on Angel Island. The event was simply called The Angel Island Adventure. Al-



People enjoying the 2009 Brain Tumor Walk. This year's event will take place on November 6 at Trinity Park in Fort Worth. (Photo by: Erin Kenly).

though Chris succumbed to complications from her tumor in 1996, her vision and passion to help find a cure for brain tumors live on. Now called Brain Tumor Walk, the event has grown into a far-reaching national program taking place in eight cities

around the country.

This year marks the 5th anniversary of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Brain Tumor Walk. Last year, participants helped raise more than \$290,000 to fund innovative research for brain tumor treatments and support services for brain

tumor patients and their families. Each year, more than 210,000 adults and children in the United States are diagnosed with a brain tumor. Brain tumors are the leading cause of solid tumor cancer death in children under age 20 and the second leading

cause of cancer death in young adults age 20 to 39.

"The Dallas-Ft. Worth Brain Tumor Walk is a chance for the entire community to come together and support the fight against brain tumors," said N. Paul TonThat, Executive Director of National Brain Tumor Society. "Donations from the Brain Tumor Walk enable us to fund innovative research and support for those already coping with a brain tumor diagnosis. The Walk also raises awareness that brain tumors can strike anyone, and there is still no cure."

Activities include an opening program, followed by a 5K walk through Trinity Park. Families, friends, and co-workers will rally together to participate in this fundraising walk and community day

including food, music, prizes, and more. Proceeds support research and patient services at the National Brain Tumor Society.

National Brain Tumor Society is a nonprofit organization inspiring hope and providing leadership within the brain tumor community. We exist to find a cure and improve the quality of life for those affected by brain tumors. We fund strategic research, deliver support services, and promote collaboration. In 2009, NBTS funded more than \$3.5 million to brain tumor research across North America.

Learn about latest advocacy efforts, comprehensive online community, targeted adult and pediatric brain tumor research programs, and more at braintumor.org.

KHVN's Program Director nominated for Gospel Announcer of the Year at the 2011 Stellar Awards

(NDG Wire) KHVN's Program Director, Carmina Barnett, was nominated in the 2011 Stellar Awards in the category of Gospel Announcer of the Year.

Fans are invited to vote by visiting thestellarawards.com, click on Fan's Favorite, register your email and cast your vote for Carmina.

KHVN also received a nomination for Radio Station of the Year in Major Market Category. (The winner of this

category will be determined by the Stellar Award Board).

The Stellar Awards is the first and only Gospel Music Awards show in the country, honoring Gospel Music Artists, writers, and industry professionals for their contributions to the Gospel Music Industry. The 26th Annual Stellar Awards will return to Nashville, TN on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Grand Ole Opry House.

The Stellar Awards has



Carmina Barnett

opened voting to the general public in selected categories

beginning October 27, 2010. Fans will have the opportunity to cast their votes in the categories of Fan Favorite Artist of the Year, Fan Favorite Song of the Year, Gospel Announcer of the Year, and Internet Radio Station of the Year. All voting takes place at the Stellar Awards website. Voting concludes on November 22, 2010 with the winners to be announced at the 2011 Stellar Awards.

North Texans have the opportunity to purchase official NFL Super Bowl signage and décor

(NDG Wire) The North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee has launched the Super Bowl XLV Presence Program to allow the general public access to purchase official NFL signage for North Texas' first Super Bowl. The various décor options are available in several different shapes and sizes with different designs to accommodate businesses, organizations,

communities, or residents.

"The goal of the Presence Program is to create a Super Bowl atmosphere throughout North Texas," said Susan Lane, Special Assistant to Host Committee President and CEO Bill Lively.

There are nearly 40 different options to choose from with affordable prices to give all of North Texas the chance to show off their Super Bowl

support. Items include signs, posters, banners, flags, and much more. Some signs will display the Super Bowl mark while others have the AFC or NFC logo and colors.

All orders for Super Bowl XLV Presence Program merchandise are done online at northtexassuperbowl.com and click on the Presence Program icon located above Frequently Asked Questions.

Orders can be placed on the site's secure store. For those that have special circumstances regarding ordering they can call 214-252-5179 or e-mail presenceprogram@northtexassuperbowl.com.

The deadline for orders is Dec. 15, 2010. All items will be shipped in January 2011 so that items are fresh for Super Bowl XLV.

Environmental Health Director receives FDA Recognition Award

(NDG Wire) Environmental Health Director Brian Collins received the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Group Recognition Award as a key member of the national Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) development and implementation team.

He was selected for "...extraordinary leadership and dedication to collaborating with public health and regulatory partners to implement a national integrated food safety team."

The award was presented during a recent FDA ceremony by Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg.

During the last two and a half years serving on various committees, Collins chaired the

team's Training and Certification Workgroup. Mr. Collins now serves on the Oversight and Coordinating Committees for the IFSS. The national Integrated Food Safety System initiative evolved from a 2009 Food Safety Workgroup plan endorsed by the Obama Administration.

"It is an honor to work with nationally renowned public health professionals to develop and implement a science-based, national system for food safety, the focus of which is prevention of foodborne illness," says Collins.

Brian Collins was hired by the City of Plano in 1988, and has led the Environmental Health Department since 1998.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Thru January 2

American Modern: Ab-

bott, Evans, Bourke-White at the AMon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

November 4

Veterans Homeless Stand Down & Resource Fair hosted by the Homeless Veterans Services of Dallas from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Fair Park (Gate 3,

November 5

The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Quality & Excellent Entrepreneur Awards at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel Regency Ballroom Info: www.gdhcc.com or 214-523-3403.

Free legal advice clinic for area veterans from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the VA North Texas Health Care System (4500 South Lancaster Road, Dallas). Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled by calling 214-857-0388.

November 6-7

Grand opening celebration and FREE one-on-one decorating advice with Karen Bradford from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Kirkland's at The Village at Allen at 190 E. Stacy Road, Suite 2214 in Allen.

November 6

Mayor's Passport to Health Family FunFest from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m at Fair Park

Candles in the Devil's Wind at the Granville Arts Center main auditorium begins at 7 p.m.

The annual **Holiday Bazaar**, hosted by McKinney ISD Partners In Education will be held at Evans Middle School (6998 W. Eldorado Pkwy.) in McKinney. Info: Nancy Cowlshaw, Partners In Education Specialist, at 469-742-4043 or ncowlshaw@mckinneyisd.net.

5th Annual Dallas-Ft.

Worth Brain Tumor Walk at Trinity Park, 2100 River Drive in Ft. Worth. Registration is from 8-9 a.m.; with program and activities 9 a.m. - Noon. Cost is \$50 for adults; \$25 for ages 6-17; free for ages 5 & under. Fee includes food, beverages, and full access to event activities. Pre-register to receive an event t-shirt, www.DFWWalk.org.

November 8 & 15

The Carrollton Library is also offering **job search classes** at both the Hebron and Josey and Josey Ranch Lake locations from 1 -3 p.m. Info: 972-466-4800.

November 11 - 13

2010 U.S. Small Business Conference at 1633 Imagine Xhibits Showroom at 1633 Firman Dr., Ste. 100, Richardson. Info: www.us-smallbusinessconference.com or 636-387-3000

November 11

The City of Garland Fair Housing Office is a **Tenet Information Workshop** to provide information about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. The workshop is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. at the City of Garland Unified Learning Center, 232 Carver Street in Garland. To register call 972-205-3300.

Richardson Chamber of Commerce's Business & Industry Awards Luncheon 11:00 a.m. Check in/Networking ,11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Program at the Doubletree Hotel Dallas - Richardson located at 1981 North Central Expwy, Richardson. Info

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 November 12-13 at Pathway of Life Church in Dallas. www.richadomiller.com

November 13 - 14

Premier performances of the **King Sisters** will be held on November 13, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and again on November 14, 3:30 p.m., at Cedar Valley College Performance Hall located at 3030 N. Dallas Ave. in Lancaster, Texas. These performances are free to the public.

November 13

Business Basics Training teaches the ins and outs of entrepreneurship using practical strategies that help you become a successful business owner from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Dallas. Call PLAN Fund 214-942-6698.

November 18

The Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of The National Association of Health Services Executives is hosting a forum to explore the impact of health care reform on North Texans. **Health Care Reform: What it means for you** will be held at Methodist Charlton Hospital which is located at 3500 W. Wheatland Road in Dallas, TX 75237. The forum will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and run until 8:00 p.m.

November 20

The 4th Annual Hometown Holidays at Firewheel Town Center will kick off the season with the lighting of its 41-foot tree. This event features music, Santa Claus' arrival, facepainting and more! Create a tradition this year and bring the whole family to Firewheel Town Center to kick off the holidays at 7 p.m. Firewheel Town Center is located at 245 Cedar Sage Dr., Suite 200 in Garland.

One-on-one college essay writing sessions for high school seniors during the

Minute Writing Clinic at the Gideon Foundation Math & Reading Center in Frisco between 1:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the center which is located at 279 W. Main St., Ste. 108 in Frisco (at Rte 423 next to Albertson's).

Fine Arts Chamber Players presents a **FREE Bancroft Family Concert** at the Dallas Museum of Art on at 3 p.m. featuring the Clavier Trio. The museum is located at 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas, TX 75201. No reservations or tickets are required. Info: 214-520-2219 or finearts0chamberplayers.org

November 29

Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce 2010 Annual Meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ballroom at the Four Seasons Resort Las Colinas located at 4150 North MacArthur Blvd. in Irving.

December 9

23rd Annual Leadership Garland Prayer Breakfast Pastor Bryan Jarrett, northplacechurch.com will speak on "The Power of Personal Worth" at The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St., Garland from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. \$25 per person/\$250 table of 10; Info: garlandchamber.com or jami.manners@garlandchamber.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).

January 27 2011

Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber's State of the City Address at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, info: irvingchamber.com or 214-217-8484.

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Don't give directions, inspire others, Dallas Urban League president says at UNT Dallas

(NDG Wire) Rather than managing others and giving directions, leaders must inspire others to fulfill their own capabilities, said Dallas Urban League President and CEO Beverly Mitchell-Brooks at the University of North Texas at Dallas Oct. 26.

As part of the university's Student Life Leadership Seminars, Brooks spoke to about 75 students and staff on "The Principles and Practices of Servant Leaders." Leadership is not so much about leading, she told them; it is about a journey of being ready to serve.

If you choose to lead, you will be forced out of your comfort zone because you cannot lead or serve only those you like, and you cannot expect to connect to those you lead and serve if you remain disconnected from the real environment and its challenges, Brooks explained.

"If you accept this challenge of being a servant leader, you are going to feel like the willing led by the unknowing to do the impossible for the ungrateful. And yet if the spirit of the servant leader is right, then against all of the odds, you will rise again and again to do positive things in your community," she said.

Brooks described the "unusual route" she took that led to her becoming the CEO of the Urban League beginning as a child. The daughter of a blind man, she watched him cook, organize and even put up Christmas lights every year. One Christmas he fell off their roof but was uninjured and joked about falling. The lesson she learned was not to make excuses.

According to Brooks, watching her father as a child set her path in life. Ini-

tially she went into medical research in the field of glaucoma because he was blinded by glaucoma.

Brooks said that she could have been very bitter because as a child she had to walk her father to the

trying to change the course of events in your community."

Servant leaders are in positions of power, but unlike those who lead by managing others, they accept the challenge of empower-

the art of giving it away. And that is the true mark of a servant leader," Brooks said.

She offered a word of caution that servant leaders should not be naïve on this journey. Even if they do

dents to embrace self-mastery to realize their true purpose in life. She called getting a college education an extremely important factor but said education alone is not enough. Servant leaders must combine book learning with knowledge from experiences and the ability to reason and analyze the facts.

"That intelligence is going to require a little common sense, and that's not common anymore either. So, all rolled into one you have a servant leader with a new intelligent factor who's willing to be a change agent," she summarized.

Brooks said that servant leaders should keep in mind the example of an airplane losing cabin pressure when oxygen masks drop down. They say to put your own mask on first and then help somebody else.

"That's your challenge

in life as a servant leader. Sometimes you need to put your mask on first before you step out on this journey to help someone else."

One way to put your own mask on and take care of yourself is to get a hobby, because a hobby gets you friends, she said.

"People think that having a lot of friends is important. No. True friendship is proven over the years. I can count my true friends, probably seven. They will help you get through those times."

The University of North Texas at Dallas is a 21st century teaching institution and a component of the University of North Texas System. The University's goal is to train citizens to be productive and lead in a global environment and to promote the values of virtue, civility, reasoning and accountability.

"You must share your knowledge, your talents. In other words, you must"

Beverly Mitchell-Brooks
Dallas Urban League
President and CEO



"colored" Light House for the Blind, "because during that time there was racial discrimination, and because he was black he was denied a guide dog.

"I could have been very bitter behind that, but I chose not to because of how he and my mother handled it."

Brooks accepted the invitation to speak on leadership at the nation's newest university, she said, "because it is your responsibility—as we pass the torch to young leaders—that you are challenged to pick up where we are leaving off. And that's a hard challenge to overcome many of the obstacles that you will face."

Servant leaders must become change agents and must accept others as they are and not as they want them to be because everyone makes mistakes Brooks believes. She said the real test of servant leaders is the ability to continue when tempted to revert to a blame-game mentality when things go wrong.

"When everything is right, everybody gets the credit, everybody gets the glory. But when it's wrong, as the leader, you take the hit, especially when you're

ing people around them by giving them responsibilities and the authority to complete the task. Leaders are tempted to think that that takes away from their authority, but it adds to the "common good of what you're doing."

"You must share your knowledge, your talents. In other words, you must learn

everything right, somebody will come out of the woodwork to put obstacles in their way. And during tough times when nothing is going right, servant leaders must believe in what they are doing. As the Apostle Paul wrote in the Bible, "sometimes 'you must walk by faith and not by sight.'"

Brooks challenged stu-



Dallas Urban League President and CEO Beverly Mitchell-Brooks speaks at the University of North Texas at Dallas as part of the university's Student Life Leadership Seminars Oct. 26.

Quentin Moore gets to the 'soul' of music genre

BY TONYA WHITAKER
NDG STAFF WRITER

Throw-back rhythm and blues mixed with jazz exemplifies Quentin Moore's work. The soul phenom's vocals are reminiscent of Marvin Gaye, and his arrangement whispers Miles Davis. This is what makes *Vintage Love* a keeper for soul music enthusiasts.

"Love therapy type music," Moore said. "I wanted to take love back to the way it was back then."

Fans will catch a glimpse of Moore and hear selections from his release during *Vintage Love: A Soul Revival* event slated for 8 p.m. Friday November 5 at 2826 Arnetic, 2826 Elm St. in Deep Ellum.

Vintage is Moore's first outing as a recording artist. It took Moore one year to complete the end product. The first part of *Vintage* was completed in spring 2009 and the second edition released in October 2009.

"For the second release, I re-engineered some of the elements of the tracks and added two new jazz instrumentals," Moore said.

The formation of Moore's style did not occur overnight. The Austin native said his previous music knowledge came from performing in church and performing in the high school band. Moore relocated to Denton to attend the University of North Texas in Denton in 2001.

"I played football for two years, and then I stopped playing," he said. "After I left the football team, the desire to play music really got intense."

Moore did not arrive at this mode overnight. He said it took collaboration, experimentation and study.

"When I first started playing in venues around DFW, I pretty much played contemporary R & B and traditional gospel," said Moore, 27, who earned a bachelor's degree from UNT.

"I started networking and playing with some guys who we already on the scene, and I started playing with them and they turned me on to their soul and

blues, found a part of myself that I didn't know. It was pretty cool."

Moore also took voice and guitar classes while studying human resources at the UNT. Through these classes, he collaborated with his cohorts.

Sharing the bill with Moore is Dallas native Gino "Lockjohnson" Iglehart featuring Ivory Jean. Iglehart has drummed with many big name artists such as Queen Latifah, Dave Chapelle and Jill Scott, and he acted as music director for fellow Dallas native Erykah Badu. Guests include Angela Blair, Kirk Thurmond, Buddy Cheeks (MC), Kraig Lloyd and DJ Jay Clipp.

Doors open Friday, No-

vember 5 at 8 p.m. and the show begins at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 before 9 p.m. For the ladies, groups

of five get in for \$5 each. To learn more about this up-and-coming soulster, and visit qmooremusic.com.

The King Sisters spotlights hope and healing

(NDG Wire) This fall, a new musical hits the stage that tackles real-life challenges and real-world hope for men and women of all ages. In the spirit of the hit musical production *Dream Girls*, *The King Sisters* takes on life at its lowest—and highest—points.

Written and produced by Vikki Wells, *The King Sisters* is an original dramatic play using local and regional talent. This inspirational play tells the story of four sisters who desire to become famous Gospel singers, but life's obstacles get in the



way. The story unfolds telling about the life and death situations of these sisters and what each of them learned going through these life-altering hardships. Thelma Wells, who plays older "Sissy," narrates the story.

"I am honored to be a part of this important production," said Kirk Kelley-Kahn,

president and CEO of the Cambridge Players and winner of the 19th Annual NAACP "Producer of the Year" Award.

The King Sisters is a story that will live on through the drama alone. The phenomenal singing is just icing on the cake. Watch *The King Sisters* take off!

The premier performances will be held on November 13, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and again on November 14, 3:30 p.m., at Cedar Valley

College Performance Hall located at 3030 N. Dallas Ave. in Lancaster, Texas. These performances are free to the public and are sponsored in part by World Vision, *Epitome Magazine*, and James Avery Craftsman.

Performances are a tribute to Thelma Wells and her 30 years of ministry. To order tickets online, visit thekingsisters.eventbrite.com. For information, visit thekingsisters.info.

These premier performances are free to the public as a service of A Woman of God Ministries.

'Round About in DFW

Through November 20

Rover Dramawerks in Plano presents *Morphic Resonance* by Katherine Burger as its first act of the 2010-2011 season. Performances will take place at the Cox Building, 1517 Avenue H in Plano. Tickets are \$17 to \$21 for general admission and \$15 for senior citizens and students. Shows begin at 8 p.m. The Nov. 6 matinee begins at 2 p.m. <http://roverdramawerks.com/>

November 5

Onyx Society First Fridays Power of 30 Event hosted by Vernon Norris will take place at the Fashion Industry Gallery (FIG), 1807 Ross Ave. in Dallas. The event is slated for 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$20, onyxsociety.com or t3epassport.com

November 11-24

The Garland Civic Theatre will present *Man of La Mancha* at the theatre, 521 W. State St. Additional



shows are scheduled for Nov. 11 and 18 at the Greenville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in downtown Garland. Tickets are \$25 for all performances and \$20 for the Nov. 11 preview performance. Discounts are available for KERA members, and special rates are available for groups of 10 or more. Call 972-205-2790 for tickets.



November 4-6

Funnyman Eddie Griffin will perform at the Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Rd. in Dallas. Various show times are scheduled. Tickets are \$30. www.improv.com

For more events, visit www.NorthDallasGazette.com.

To list an event, email assignmenteditor@northdallasgazette.com.

Have You Heard?

BY TONYA WHITAKER
NDG STAFF WRITER



Smooth criminal

Rapper T.I. is back behind bars for violating his probation after being arrested for possessing ecstasy in L.A. His wife, Tameka "Tiny" Cottle, could spend a year a prison for the same crime. Can you say birds of the same feather flock together? It is a shame to see a talented person like him continually fall through the cracks.

Man, forget the crocodile tears. Learn some responsibility. You don't have to be Dr. Charles Drew to know if you make dumb choices and violate your probation, you will see cell blocks again.

Tuck 'em, Miss Janet

Janet Jackson recently admitted the "painful" price of becoming a superstar. Jackson said during an interview with ABC News the insecurities about her body began when she played Penny on *Good Times*.

Lee's honor

Congratulations to Debra Lee, chairwoman and chief executive officer of BET Networks; she was recently inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame.

To read the full story about Janet Jackson and Debra Lee along with other entertainment news visit www.northdallasgazette.com.

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Companies recognized for utilizing minority vendors

(NDG Wire) The Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council unveiled its strategic overview of "Buy Those That Buy Us™" initiative at a regional meeting of the National Minority Supplier Development Council in Chicago recently. The initiative, published in a brochure format, provides an overall view, statistics and other pertinent information while also recognizing those companies for their continuous commitment to 'walking the talk.'

The Council initiated the program in 2008 as a way to honor corporate members and agencies that emphasize minority owned businesses inclusion in their daily business operations. The initiative developed a scorecard listing those companies from World Class and/or Best in Class to

Emerging.

"Our emphasis is to recognize all companies that understand the importance of minority business inclusion and assist them in benchmarking their performance year over year," said Cheryl Stevens, Vice President Supplier Diversity of Energy Future Holdings and co-chair of the initiative.

The scorecard looks at total spend with Minority Businesses and the numbers of those businesses receiving that spend, Stevens said. It also requires a formal supplier diversity program, written goals and objectives and training and feedback while also looking for innovative "best practices" used by the buying entity to insure inclusion of minority businesses in the supply chain. In the document, several areas were highlighted.

They include who had formal Supplier Diversity Programs; involvement of senior management; tracking of minority business development and growth and comments from participating companies.

Twenty one buying entities reported over \$8 billion has been spent with Tier 1 Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) while \$4 billion was spent tracking Tier 2 MBE allocation in 2009. Collectively, the 21 companies touched 5,410 minority firms nationwide.

The Council hopes the buying habits of its members will change as a result of the initiative.

"We hope that minorities and companies who believe in diversity and inclusion in the supply chain would spend their dollars with those companies who have like goals and objec-



They did not give us a cline for that photo so let's just say Companies recognized for effectively utilizing minority vendors include the American Heart Association, Frito Lay, J.C. Penney and Parkland Health and Hospital System.

tives," said Terri Quinton, committee chair, DFW Council Board Member and CEO of Alliance of Diversity Printers, LLC. "We certainly intend to encourage thinking about purchases before dollars are spent."

The list of companies being recognized in the study include Alcatel-Lucent, American Airlines, American Heart Association, AT&T, Austin Industries, BNSF, Brinker International, City of Dallas, Comerica Bank, D/FW In-

ternational Airport, Energy Future Holdings, Ericsson, Frito-Lay, J.C. Penney, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Oncor, Parkland Health and Hospital Systems, Raytheon, Super Media, Texas Instruments and Verizon.

Year-end tax tips for small business owners

(NDG Wire) If you've ever told yourself "never again" when referring to income taxes then you need to join Ron Ratliff, CPA as he leads a year-end tax planning seminar for small business owners and accountants.

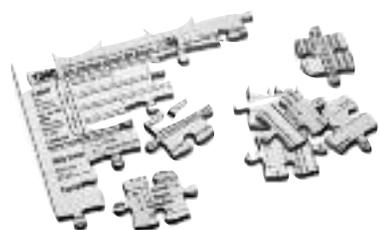
This seminar is designed to help business owners "end the year strong" with the objective of identifying specific, proactive, steps that business owners can and need to take prior to December 31st.

Subjects scheduled for discussion include: docu-

mentation requirements; charitable giving and tax benefits for small businesses; "green" tax incentives; small business tax credits in the health care reform act; the Texas franchise tax; and, retirement options for small business owners.

The seminar is hosted by The Small Business Development Center of Texas State University. Scheduled for November 5, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Higher Education Center located at 1555 University Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78665.

Early registration is recommended and is available on-line at: utsa.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID...



Wingstop Names David Vernon Vice President of Franchise Sales

Former Sonic executive appointed to support Wingstop's aggressive franchise growth

(NDG Wire) Wingstop, the fast-growing chicken wing chain, has named franchise development veteran David Vernon its vice president of franchise sales to support the concept's rapid expansion. In his role, Vernon will oversee the development team and national and international franchise growth plans.

Vernon brings more than 20 years of restaurant franchise development and sales experience to the position.



David Vernon

He previously spent 13 years as vice president of sales at Sonic Corporation where he was part of a franchise sales

team that grew the company from 1,550 drive-ins in 29 states to more than 3,500 drives-ins in 42 states.

"Wingstop has achieved more than seven years of same store sales increases, that's an impressive feat, especially in today's economy," said Vernon. "The position as vice president of franchise sales allows me to be on the ground floor of an organization that's poised for growth and will double the number of stores in its sys-

tem over the next several years. The company has unlimited potential for single and multi-unit development."

Prior to his roles at Wingstop and Sonic, Vernon held positions in franchise development for Brinker International, Pizza Inn, Inc., USA Cafes and Signature Foods.

Vernon is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in Marketing and Journalism.

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are certified local shoppers in previously dry areas can expect shelves in their local grocery store to be rearranged to accommodate the beverages.

Locally the Democrats were able to savor a few victories. Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins was re-elected with

51% of the vote, keeping challenger Danny Clancy (R) at bay.

The contentious election featured accusations of vandalism and other political games.

Despite being spotlighted in a scholarship scandal, Democrat Eddie Bernice Johnson easily

coasted to victory over Stephen Broden in her bid for a tenth term as U.S. Representative for the 30th Congressional District.

Other victories for the Dallas County Democratic Party will now allow the party to control the Dallas County Commissioner's Court for the first time in al-

most thirty years.

Former City Councilwoman Dr. Elba Garcia defeated long-time incumbent Kenneth Mayfield in District 4.

Also, Clay Jenkins was elected Dallas County Judge, defeating incumbent Republican Wade Emmert.

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and Universities (HBCUs). These historic institutions of high achievement and academic excellence are needed now more than ever before because of the consequential prerequisite for a college education into the mainstream of American life.

We, therefore, should work diligently to support the National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Too many of our young students, however, in high school and junior high school drop out before even getting a chance to complete high school and to apply to a college.

Grades K through 12 have got to be our focus as well. In New York, the failure rate percentage of the third grade reading tests statewide are used to determine how many juvenile prisons are going to be built.

Across the nation in too many instances incarceration has supplanted the education of our young men and women.

Because of the current economy and high unemployment rates, Black people in the U.S. are witnessing a severe downturn in economic status with respect to wealth attainment and empowerment.

Fifty million African Americans spend more than a trillion dollars a year now, but primarily as consumers.

We have to be more focused on developing a stronger economic development and African American-owned businesses in our communities. But again, education and apprenticeship training are key.

Zarkaria was right to call national attention to what's happening to the American Dream. For too many in our communities it

is more of the American Nightmare when it comes to poverty and self-destruction. We all must face the future with a renewed sense of struggle and commitment.

Yes, it will not be easy to turn our situation around. But, how and when our situation will change for the better is more in our own hands to determine.

The Black Press, in all of its dimensions will continue to be the most reliable source of information and action agendas for all of us to participate.

Let's work together to further change ourselves as we further change America for the better. We shall overcome!

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr is Senior Advisor to the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) and President of Education On-line Services Corporation

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functions?"

Demands on student services will continue to increase, she believes, and "programs will need larger staffs." This view is in part predicated on the expectation held by 95 percent of respondents that their schools should provide networking opportunities, and the belief among 87 percent that campus career offices should supply connections as well as resources for finding new jobs after graduation.

The study reflects consistency across all eight par-

ticipant schools: DePaul, Georgia State, Loyola Marymount and Saint Louis universities; the University of California-Irvine; the University of Minnesota; UT Dallas; and Wake Forest University.

"Students entering public schools and those entering private ones don't differ on what they want to get from their education," Powell says. In fact, the survey revealed few significant variants between public- and private-student views.

One message from sur-

vey respondents that Powell found surprising — particularly in light of the fact that 93 percent of respondents were age 40 or younger — was the large number who did not want their schools to use social media to communicate with them. Among all who answered, 41 percent — 259 students — did not want their schools to communicate with them this way.

"We are going to need to figure out what they prefer," she says.

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to provide educational opportunities for students in Tarrant County. It is our hope that the recipients of these undergraduate scholarships will continue in the rich tradition of UNCF graduates becoming leaders in the communities where they reside." remarked John Ambler, Vice President, Corporate Relations, BNSF Railway/President, BNSF Foundation.

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tions - visit uncf.org/forstudents/scholarship.asp. The deadline to apply for the BNSF Railway Scholarship is December 31, 2010. For additional assistance or more information call UNCF Program Services at 703-205-3400. To support UNCF scholarships or other programs, please contact UNCF at 972 234 - 1007.

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Essilor of America Inc. partners with Brookhaven College for \$280,161 Job-Training Grant



(NDG Wire) Essilor of America, Inc. has partnered with Brookhaven College to provide job training using a \$280,161 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train 1,365 new and incumbent workers through a customized curriculum, which includes product distribution, customer service and delivery management.

Those trained will include lab technicians, managers and supervisors.

Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$29.43.

TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar will present a check to Brookhaven College President Richard McCrary and other college and Essilor of America, Inc. representatives at a 1 p.m. ceremony on Thursday, November 4 at the Brookhaven College Workforce and Continuing Education Building located at 3939 Valley View Lane in Farmer's Branch.

Town of Prosper credit rating elevated

(NDG Wire) The Town of Prosper's credit rating has been reassigned to a high quality investment grade by Moody's Investors Service. The service, used by borrowers and lenders to

rate the risks associated with acquiring and eliminating debt, changed the rating from A1 to Aa3 for the Town's general obligation debt.

Blockbuster conducts national casting call: 4,000 employees to be hired to meet holiday shoppers' needs

(NDG Wire) Blockbuster announced its plans to hire approximately 4,000 seasonal employees to staff its Blockbuster stores nationwide this holiday season. In previous holiday seasons, the company has hired thousands of employees to help shoppers find the right movie, game or merchandise for renting or gift-giving.

Blockbuster is a popular destination during the holi-



days for renting and buying movies, as well as for Christmas shopping. According to Craig Mabrey, director of recruiting for Blockbuster, what differentiates Blockbuster from its retail and industry competition is the focus on hiring and training associates who

love movies and games and can give knowledgeable recommendations based on specific needs and interests.

"We know the holiday season is our busiest and we plan to hire thousands of new employees in preparation for another busy shopping season in our stores."

Historically, customer traffic increases the week leading to Thanksgiving and the momentum continues through the New Year,

peaking the week between Christmas and New Years Day. The last two weeks of the year and first week of the new year are often the busiest. Hiring additional holiday staff plays an integral part in providing an enjoyable in-store experience for Blockbuster customers during this time. During the non-holiday period, Blockbuster employs approximately 25,500 employees in the U.S.

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When you have a disagreement with someone, don't be quick to rush toward a quick fix, to thrash things out then and there, and arrive at a solution—your solution; which will probably be the wrong solution; and most likely will not be the solution that God would want. The late Elder Philip White always said that there are three sides to every disagreement, your side, the other person's side and God's side which is the right side.

Moreover, God says to be ye angry and sin not. Don't argue with the individual, but be still and quiet, then search your heart to understand your own feelings and perhaps your motive. Then, think

about the other person's feelings.

When you are faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles and conflicts, **silence is golden.** It gives God a chance to work in your heart. Silence will provide space for anger, bitterness and hard feelings to subside and melt. Most importantly, it allows you a chance to seek God's wisdom and listen to His advice for the solution.

After a period of uncritical silence, meditation and prayer, you should be ready to move toward a conflict resolution. And often, after a time of reframing from hurtful words and then acting on God's words, you will find that the walls of anger and bitterness will come down. Ask God to help you when tempers flare and arguments seem inevitable. Ask Him to help you to bring conflicts to Him and seek His wisdom to resolve them. If you take time and be silent, it will

allow you to hear God's guidance in times of conflict.

God can and will speak to you in various ways. At times, you may hear God's voice in something that you have or will read, in an idea that pops into your mind, or in the words of those around you. Ask God to help you do what you can to bring the conflict to a peaceful solution. Ask God for His help as He speaks to you in amazing ways.

As all of us journey through daily life, we can become disoriented and lose our balance if we focus on the swirling concerns of the day, then we are too quick to judge and too quick to become angry. But when we lift our eyes and focus on Christ, we can regain the stability and balance that God offers.

Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:”

Psalm 95:6-8 (KJV)

Some helpful Insights & Inspiration to Ponder:

It has been said that: 1) You never saw a fish on the wall with its mouth shut. 2) You are the only person on this earth who can use your ability. 3) Forgiveness is the sweetest revenge. 4) You can't base your life on other people's expectations. 5) Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail. 6) Shared joy is double joy, and shared sorrow is half of the sorrow. 7) An open mind collects more riches than an open purse. 8) Be kind to others because every person you meet is fighting a hard battle. 9) "Hate is like acid. It can damage the vessel in which it is stored as well as destroy the object on which it is poured." --Ann Landers. 10) You alone have the capacity to choose what you think about. If you choose to think about past hurts, you will continue to feel



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bad. While it's true you can't change the effect that past influences had on you at one time, you can change the effect they have on you now. 11) "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." --William James. "One of the most lasting pleasures you can experience is the feeling that comes over you when you genuinely forgive an enemy—whether he

knows about it or not." --A. Battista. "The only people you should ever want to get "even" with are those who have helped you." --John Honeyfeld. "An apology is the superglue of life. It can repair just about anything." --Lynn Johnston. "Pride is tasteless, colorless and sizeless. Yet it is the hardest thing to swallow." --August B. Black.

Senior Center Luncheon to honor veterans

(NDG Wire) The Carrollton Senior Center (1720 Keller Springs Rd) will host a Veteran's Day Celebration at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 11.

The New Horizons band will perform patriotic music

after lunch. The event is free, but registration is required.

Veterans, their guest and widows of veterans who plan to attend are asked to register in person at the Senior Center front desk or

by phone at 972-466-4850.

All veterans are also encouraged to be recognized by sharing their story with the City's Military Recognition Program. With this program, veteran and active duty military personnel sto-

ries are being shared on the City website.

Check out some of Carrollton's hometown heroes or contribute by visiting cityofcarrollton.com/veterans.



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(NDG Wire) The City of Plano has partnered with PetData, the nation's only full-service animal registration provider to residents register their dog, cat or ferret. Plano's partnership with PetData makes complying with this requirement for owning a pet in Plano easier. Three different options are now available for registering pets in the City of Plano: online, by mail, or in person.



To register online, go to www.PetData.com and select 'Plano' from the customer service drop-down menu and then click 'Online Licensing.' You can register multiple pets at the

same time, and easily upload required documents. All major credit cards accepted, and a small convenience fee will apply per transaction.

To register by mail, simply send a copy of your dog's current rabies certificate and any other applicable documentation, along with a check payable to City of Plano, c/o PetData, P.O. Box 141929, Irving, Texas 75014.

To register in person,

bring a copy of the current rabies certificate and any applicable documentation, to any of the following locations – a small convenience fee may apply per transaction:

- Animal Medical Center of Plano
- Arbor Hills Veterinary Centre
- Coit Hedcoxe Animal Hospital
- North Plano Animal Hospital
- Plano Animal Shelter

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the plantings and will maintain and water the trees for the first year, after which the city is responsible.

Upon maturity, the trees will provide additional shade for the Floyd sidewalk, which is used by many in the area as a hike and bike trail. Varieties planted include bald cypress, burr oak, cedar elm, live oak and red oak.

"The Tree the Town event is a great example of

investment in a community," said Tom Weichel, manager of TI's Richardson fabrication plant (RFAB).

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