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Eugene H Tinner

Veteran receives congratulations from President and First Lady

BY SHIRLEY TARPLEY
NDG RELIGIOUS EDITOR

Eugene H. Tinner, who completed his duties in the Army CC Camp in 1941, went into the United States Army in 1943 and received his honorable discharge in 1948. Recently Tinner felt grateful and blessed of God

when he recently received an official autographed picture and a congratulations card from President Barack and Mrs. Michelle Obama for his years of service in the Army and his birthday.

Tinner served in the Philippines and in Tokyo, the capital city of Japan, lo-

cated on Tokyo Bay on the eastern coast of Honshu Island. He was in Tokyo, Japan the same time as Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, who was fired by President Harry S. Truman in 1951 because of the

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Making friends without Facebook

Children's book teaches kids about friendships outside of cyberspace

(NDG Wire) Back when Marilyn Randall was a kid, she didn't have to send a friend request in order to become someone's friend.

"When I see kids with their heads buried in laptops, or texting on cell phones, it disturbs me to think of how technology has changed the

way our kids socialize," said Randall, who has authored a series of children's books on friendships including *For Faithful Friends*, *The Best of Best Friends* and *Share From the Heart* (www.marilynrandall.com). "Our social networks are actually raising our kids to be extremely

unsocial, and I think it's changing society for the worse."

Randall's point is that the way kids make friends, and learn how to value those friendships, becomes the way they look at friendship as they grow to adulthood. If the only socialization that our kids learn is from cyber-

space, friendships will become less valuable in their lives, and as disposable as email.

"If we allow our kids to learn that all you need to do to make and keep friends is to click 'accept friend re-

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\$32 million in weatherization funding for Dallas announced

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides energy efficient homes to low-income Texas families

(NDG Wire) Dallas and Dallas County will receive \$32,446,583 over two years to weatherize 3,748 low-income family

homes. Texas' efforts are contributing to the success of the Weatherization Assistance Program that has al-

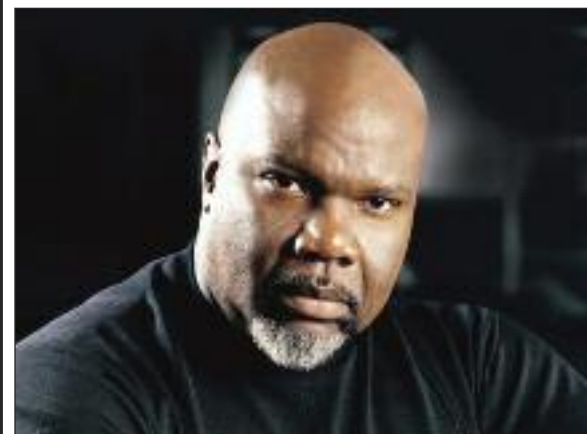
ready weatherized 80,000 homes across the country. The weatherization program is also creating thousands of jobs locally - put-

ting carpenters, electricians, and factory workers back to work installing in-

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Black clergy seek economic freedom for their flocks



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Comedy at the Muse featuring Tony Sculfield coming Nov. 12 & 13

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The Promise of Global Trade and Black America

BY DR. BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS, JR.

(NNPA) Now that the mid-term elections are over and the politics of exaggeration appear to be catching less national attention, it is past time to focus on the economic condition and plight of 50 million African Americans. The devastating economic disaster of the Bush years has a lingering negative economic effect on everyone in the United States, especially for Black Americans.

President Barack Obama writing in an editorial in the November 6, 2010 edi-

tion of *The New York Times*, stated, "As the United States recovers from this recession, the biggest mistake we could make would be to rebuild our economy on the same pile of debt or the paper profits of financial speculation. We need to rebuild on a new, stronger foundation for economic growth. And part of that foundation involves doing what Americans have always done best: discovering, creating and building products that are sold all

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Tamara Tunie

The *New Pittsburgh Courier* announced plans to celebrate its Centennial on November 20, 2010 at the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh Carnegie Hall with a star-studded awards gala and concert.

Once the nation's most widely circulated Black newspaper, the legacy and influence of the *New Pittsburgh Courier* is unparalleled. A pillar of today's Black Press, it rose alongside the civil rights move-

ment and was among its most forceful voices. 100 years later, the publication continues that legacy and is building the foundation for future generations.

The *Courier* will also use this momentous occasion to celebrate several of its distinguished former *Courier* executives. During the gala, awards will be presented posthumously to children of former executive editor P.L. Prattis, former general manager, Earl

Hord, and former owner, editor, and publisher John H. Sengstacke — all of whom were instrumental in helping the *Courier* grow to prominence.

The once-in-a-lifetime occasion will be hosted by actress, director and Tony Award-winning producer, Tamara Tunie and will feature a live concert by R&B singer, Carrie Lucas. Tunie is best known for her portrayal of attorney Jessica Griffin on the CBS soap opera *As the World Turns*, and medical examiner Melinda Warner on the NBC

police drama *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*.

Tunie was born in McKeesport and grew up in Homestead, the daughter of Evelyn (née Hawkins) and James W. Tunie. She graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in 1981. Tunie completed her directorial debut with the 2010 romantic comedy *See You In September*.

The head diva of LA's Solar records, Carrie Lucas, is making her long awaited return to the music scene. The sensuous soul and disco stylist started as a



backing singer with the Whispers. She also wrote songs recorded by R&B acts the Whispers, the Soul Train Gang and South Shore Commission before joining the Soul Train label

in 1976. Her first chart record and biggest hit was the disco smash *I Gotta Keep Dancin'*, released simply under the name Carrie in 1977.

Lucas will be performing with Shalamar's band from Memphis Tennessee and her daughter, Carolyn Lucas Griffey, from Shalamar, will be doing background vocals for her mother during this historic comeback concert.

Chef Rahman "Rock" Harper



As unhealthy convenience food continues to win over busy parents, and childhood obesity rates inch higher, many have called for widespread change in the eating habits of our nation's children.

With all this talk for change, but little advice on to how to implement it, Chef Rahman "Rock" Harper answers the call with *44 Things Par-*

ents Should Know About Healthy Cooking For Kids — the ultimate, approachable guide to teach kids and their parents how to develop a lifelong habit of healthy, conscious eating.

From simple tips like cooking healthy breakfasts and being active, to more unique tips like developing fun activities that promote interactive eating, the book is full of ideas and approaches well suited to address everyone's unique situation. Whether the issue is

picky eaters, lack of time or budget constraints, Chef Rock has a solution.

Through his humorous tone and numerous pop culture references, Chef Rock covers a great deal of ground without overwhelming readers beyond action. *44 Things* is just what parents need to start teaching children how to eat right today and embrace real food for a lifetime.

Chef Rock is the season 3 winner of FOX's *Hell's Kitchen* and the National Celebrity Chef for the March of Dimes. An award-winning, honors culinary

graduate of Johnson & Wales University,

Harper has held several positions at notable restaurants including Ben's Next Door, B. Smith's Restaurant in Washington, D.C., and the Green Valley Ranch Resort, Spa and Casino outside Las Vegas. Most recently he joined the culinary staff at Stratford University and has been featured on NBC's *TODAY* show and Martha Stewart Radio. For more information, visit ChefRockInc.com.

44 Things Parents Should Know About Healthy

Cooking For Kids is part of the Good Things to Know™ series released under Turner Publishing's new imprint, Trade Paper Press.

The series focuses on simple, pragmatic actions that can have a strong and lasting impact in the lives of readers. Turner Publishing is an award-winning, independent publisher based in Nashville, Tennessee. Imprints include Turner, Trade Paper Press, and Iroquois Press.

For more information, visit www.turnerpublishing.com.

Dr. Mark Lawrence McPhail

Author, dean and mentor are just a few hats this highly gifted photographic artist/educator wears on a daily basis. Two decades ago, Dr. Mark Lawrence McPhail became fascinated with studying African culture, and in 2008 he had an experience that inspired him to create *Omowale*, a poignant photographic exhibit which explores the land, life and people of Uganda and Tanzania. The African American Museum featured a reception and presentation by Dr. McPhail on Friday, November 5.

Working with the United Nations in 2008, Dr. McPhail traveled through the continent in which he had become enamored by while working on his doctorate in communication and race relations at the

University of Massachusetts.

At the time, Dr. McPhail published an essay in a campus newspaper entitled, *Why Study about Africa*. When the article was published, he had actually never visited Africa but had become intrigued by research regarding African art, communication and culture.

Two decades later, Dr. McPhail encountered firsthand what had piqued his interest for so many years when he traveled to Africa. In 2008, Dr. McPhail journeyed to Arusha, Tanzania where he served as an expert witness for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The subsequent year, he traveled to Kampala, Uganda as a board member for



the Uganda American Partnership Organization; a non-governmental entity created to enable Ugandans and Americans to work together toward economic empowerment and spiritual growth.

Through Dr. McPhail's captivation of African culture he seized the opportunity to communicate his creative brilliance and cultural appreciation. Dr. McPhail dictates these images

in the Omowale Exhibit to portray his experiences with the people, the life and the land of his ancestors.

Dr. McPhail expressed the meaning behind the name Omowale and how it resonates with him today.

"The name comes from the Yoruba language: 'Omowale' means 'a son who has returned home.'" The inspiration comes from my encounter with one of the security personnel with the UN. Driving me to the airport after my time in Tanzania, he asked me if I had been to Africa before.

"This is my first time," I replied.

"Well, then," he responded, "it has taken you a long time to come home."

Lawrence is currently Dean of the College of Arts and Communication at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He has served on the faculties of Southern

Methodist University, Miami University of Ohio, University of Utah, Wayne State University, University

of Michigan and Emerson College. He has also been

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Open letter to President Barack Obama

BY STEPHEN LOVE
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Dear Mr. President:

While you are flying over to India to consult with the largest democracy in the world, I want you to rethink what you are doing back home. We hired you two years ago to take the country in a different direction than what the Bush administration had been taking us. You did that, in spite of the opposition of 96% of the Republican members of Congress, a major part of the media and the whole of the conservative lobbying corp. You have done more in these last two years that some presidents did in their whole term.

While you have improved life for millions of Americans – many benefits yet to be manifest – you have been a miserable failure at two things. One, you have not explained to the country, in ways average people can understand, how our economy and the government works and why, what you have done, is in their best interest. The Tea

Party faction is the monument to this failure. Instead of having these people on your side, you have allowed Dick Arney, Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck to turn them against you.

Secondly, you are a miserable fortune-teller. All the while you have been telling the American people that the GOP will be a partner in reshaping America's future for the better, they have been doing everything they can to frustrate your goals, make you a one-term president and parlaying this last election into undoing what you have done! We did not hire you to do PR for the Congressional Republicans. We hired you to do what was right for the American people. Bipartisanship is so much hooey if, at the end of the day, it beggars the people.

If the Republican leadership wants to help you, let them say so and make them spell out how! Don't put words in their mouth they promptly spit out at the next photo-op! Characterizing them as what they are not,

only makes you look timid. The American people will forgive a President of many flaws [witness Bill Clinton] but timidity is not one of them. Timid leadership is the ultimate political oxymoron!

Force them to have to earn your respect by truly being partners in progress. You are spending the political capital we gave you to make them look good and we are getting nothing in return except opposition and demagoguery. It's irrelevant that you respect them; make them earn our respect!

How do you do that? Simple. Just tell the American people how their life is better and will be better in the future with your policies in place and force the Republicans to make their case for repeal. Do not legitimize them when their goal is to undo what you have done. This is not about you - smores over a campfire and kum-ba-ya on the White House lawn. We could care less whether you and Boehner are bosom

buddies! What you have done and what they will try to undo holds our future in the balance!

People, who appreciate that family members with pre-existing conditions, can now buy healthcare insurance; are not comforted by your sweet-talking about the people who would take that away from us if they had their way! If you do not know that these people are your political enemies; we, out here beyond the beltway, darn sure know they are not our friends!

I know that you want to be the President of all the people, but the leadership of the Republican members of Congress is not all Republicans. The reality is that some people are just not going to let you be their President...and you need to suck it up and make that a badge of honor, not a mark of failure as a community organizer. You are in Washington, not the south side of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,
Stephen (Steve) L. Love
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over the world." I believe that African Americans should not just be on the sidelines and watch as the economy throughout the U.S. is rebuilt. We should and must participate not just as trillion-dollar consumers, but also as billion-dollar producers of goods and services that are marketed and sold all over the world.

President Obama's trip to Asia is a timely and propitious example that we should be following with intense interests. One of the reasons why I have worked with Russell Simmons for so many years through the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN) and the Diamond Empowerment Fund (DEF) is because I have seen firsthand how Russell, Diddy, Jay Z, and many others have inspired as whole new and upcoming generation of urban and suburban entrepreneurs

from the recording industry to the apparel and financial services industries. The best attainment of the highest quality education, plus new business and economic development are all key to the economic recovery of Black America. Sometimes to our detriment too many of us get so caught up in the arguments of forces and personalities outside our core communities that we get lost in the maze of political and social contradictions.

"Empowerment Zones" in our communities should be business development and trade zones with an emphasis of global commerce and trade. President Obama concluded, "The great challenge of our time is to make sure that America is ready to compete for the jobs and industries of the future. Our government, together with American businesses and workers,

must take steps to promote and sell our goods and services abroad- particularly in Asia. That's how we'll create jobs, prosperity and an economy that's built on a stronger foundation." I would add Africa to this equation for future stability and sustainability for Black America's economic recovery.

Yes, we need jobs. But we also need businesses. We need global African American owned businesses. That's what time it is. Timing is important here. It is not about doing or advocating what may appear to be popular at any given moment. It is about being strategic and proactive. Our schools, our colleges, our businesses, and our communities all have to work together to foster greater and expanded opportunities for our children's future in America and throughout the

world.

But in the 1970's and in the 1980's into the early 1990's, I followed closely, as a brother in the struggle, the business career of Reginald F. Lewis, who became the first African American billionaire. Mr. Lewis was a global visionary and business leader. TLC Beatrice set a new global standard of success and profits in the international business arena. But Reginald Lewis never forgot where he came from in Baltimore. He gave back to the community constantly. We need today more Reginald Lewis-type brothers and sisters who take action and make a positive difference in the global marketplace.

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

Mammogramathon is huge success for Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale

(NDG Wire) It started as a one-day event Oct. 20, aimed at reminding women to take care of themselves and receive their annual mammograms. But, when word spread that Texas Regional Medical Center at

Sunnyvale's Mammogramathon offered the exams at discounted prices, the hospital was swamped with calls and emails from women wanting appointments.

So, hospital officials launched the event two days



early to meet the demand. And then, when women continued to call and

email so much that a waiting list had to be used, more days were added.

The final Mammogramathon mammogram was performed Oct. 31, bringing the total to 150 patients seen during the event.

"The number is actually triple what we would normally see in that timeframe," said Julie Martin, TRMC-Sunnyvale's director of business development. "The hospital performed more mammograms in Oc-

tober than it performed in all of June through September."

Plans are to make Mammogramathon, which also offered patients chair massages, hors d'oeuvres and prize giveaways, an annual event.

Program turns couch potatoes into marathoners

Starting with Walking One Mile, participants gradually get fit enough to finish a marathon

(NDG Wire) Marathon Makeover is launching a 40-week, wellness program in North Dallas on January 15, 2011 and will train couch potatoes to become marathoners. This program is designed for the person who has always wanted to complete a marathon or those who have been sedentary and are looking to ex-

perience a more active, healthy and well-balanced lifestyle.

The Marathon Makeover program includes 10 weeks of educational classes teaching participants everything they need to know to train for a marathon. Additionally, organized weekly training run/walks are provided and

online support is available to help people through the entire process. "It's exciting to see the transformation in people's lives," says Mark Simpson, creator of Marathon Makeover. "People get in tip-top shape, make incredible life-changing friendships, and lose their self-limiting beliefs. It's a major life makeover!"

The program was started in 2004 in Jackson, MS, with twenty-two participants and is now operating programs across the country.

In 2011 Marathon Makeover will introduce teams to North Dallas, and also The Woodlands, TX, Portland, OR, Cookeville, TN, McCombs, MS. In ad-



dition to these new teams there will be 4 returning teams to Mississippi. Walkers and runners can partici-

pate and Marathon Makeover has successfully trained people from sixteen to seventy to finish a marathon.

An informative, kick-off meeting will be held January 15, 2011, in Coppell to discuss the details of participating in the Marathon Makeover program.

Family caregivers need relief to avoid burnout from their duties

(NDG Wire) Caring for disabled, ill or aging family members is considered one of the toughest responsibilities that American adults face. Stress accumulates from worrying about a loved one and because of the amount of time and work that caregiving requires, Dallas' Cooper Wellness experts say.

"People caring for relatives often undergo physical and psychological changes called caregiver-stress syndrome," says Dr. Riva Rahl, medical director at Cooper Wellness.

If you're one of the 44 million Americans giving care to a relative, you can probably use some tips on how to manage your own health. Rahl says, "When you can't drop everything, five to ten minutes of meditation brings relief. It can be done almost anywhere. And short, yoga exercises improve breathing and quickly reduce stress and anxiety." Meditation and yoga calm the mind for tasks ahead.

"If you can get away for 15 minutes, take a walk outside in fresh air to get your

blood circulating and oxygenated," says Susie Kania, Cooper Wellness exercise physiologist. "A stroll is rejuvenating, especially if it's on a quiet street or in a natural setting like a park or a field."

Taking a virtual walk on your computer is another option. Virtual walks with a video don't offer the exercise and fresh air of a real walk, but do relax and clear the mind by providing a mental visit to a forest, garden or beach.

Short breaks for caregivers -- like naps, showers and baths -- are rejuvenating, and longer breaks, like seeing a movie or attending a religious service, are even better, Wellness experts say. Caregivers should plan things they can look forward to, including activities for the end of a stressful day, such as a half hour with a good book.

Contact with friends and relatives and sharing feelings and venting frustrations alleviates stress. Brain scans show that physical contact, like a hug or holding a family member's hand, provides immediate relief from anxi-

ety. One option for contact with others is to join a support group of people coping with similar, care duties.

Music can reduce the feeling of being overwhelmed. Studies have found that people who listen to slow music have lower heart rates and blood pressure than those who tune in to faster songs. Of course, some people relax by cranking up the volume on rock songs, so decide what you want to hear but do include music in your caregiving day.

"If you really feel burnt out from your caregiving duties, consider hiring a home companion or a private-duty nurse for a few days," says Todd Whitthorne, executive director at Cooper Wellness. "Another option is for your relative to spend a short time in a nursing home or an assisted-living facility so that you can catch up on needed rest and fulfill personal obligations. It is vital that caregivers take care of themselves first in order to take care of their loved one."

More Americans find themselves taking care of a

relative or friend who's disabled, ill or aging. According to the American Academy of Geriatric Psychiatrists, one out of every four families in the U.S. cares for someone over the age of 50. If you aren't already caring for a family member, chances are you will at some point. As the baby-boom generation ages, the number of seniors is projected to escalate. In the 2000 federal census, less than 35 million Americans were 65 or over, and that figure is forecast to more than double to over 71 million by 2030.

At Cooper Wellness' 6-day Wellness and 2-day Taste of Wellness programs, instructors help clients achieve total well-being by teaching them how to make lasting behavioral changes. Through a variety of lectures and workshops by our team of experts, clients learn how to set goals, the importance of preventing illness through lifestyle choices, and healthy ways to change your life. From losing weight to coping with stress, topics include: goal setting, maintaining behavior changes, motivation tech-

niques, the role of preventive medicine, knowing what your medical results mean, relaxation techniques, and managing stress are just a

few of the healthy behaviors that all caregivers must learn.

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The Farmers Market is not only for buying seasonal fruit and vegetables

Fall Fun Day – Saturday, November 13 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dallas Farmers Market Event Plaza located by Shed #2

- Join the chefs of the Dallas Farmers Market for Fun Holiday Cooking demonstrations.

- Demonstration beginning at 9 a.m. featuring, Justin Fourton with Pecan Lodge, Al Capua with Old World Sausage, Jesse Moreno with La Popular and Jacquie McConnell with Homemade Gourmet.

- Kids will receive a Fun Holiday recipe card

they can color at the Market and cook at home.

- Attendees can purchase fall decorations, enjoy the cornucopia of fall crops and the Fun tastes of the Holidays.

Holidays at the Market – Saturdays, December 4, 11, 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with all activities located inside Shed #2

- Visit with Santa Claus inside shed #2

- Take your own picture with Santa or purchase one from the DFM for only \$5.00

Complimentary salon services for donations to campus canned food drive

(NDG Wire) Remington College-Dallas Campus is offering complimentary salon services – either a hair cut, manicure or pedicure - to people who bring in a can of food during the month of November.

The food collected will be given to a local food bank.

“There are so many families struggling to make ends meet in our community,” said Skip Walls, Remington College-Dallas Campus President.

“We want to help as many families as we can during the holidays and are offering some of our salon



services in return for any canned food donation.”

Students in the Remington College cosmetology school will provide the salon services with supervision from their instructors.

For the Dallas campus, appointments can be made by calling The Salon at Remington at 972-698-3890. Walk-ins are also welcome. The salon hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Remington College Cosmetology Program teaches students the art of hair, skin and nail care through traditional classroom instruction and hands-on training.

Students have the opportunity to work with real clients in a salon-like setting.

The Salon at Remington is located at 1640 Eastgate Dr. in Garland.

Carrollton Public Library in line to possibly win \$10,000

(NDG Wire) The Carrollton Public Library announced they are among the top 10 finalists in the nationwide Playaway Picture This Contest, for a chance to win \$10,000 for the library.

Out of hundreds of entries, the Carrollton Public Library was selected as a finalist based on their outstanding participation in Playaway’s patron awareness campaign. Playaways are one of the most popular new audiobook formats in the library; providing patrons the portability of a digital audiobook with the grab-and-go convenience of a physical format – creating the only all-in-one format that makes audiobooks accessible for everyone, regardless of age or ability.

Now it’s up to patrons, friends and fans of the library to vote and help them win the \$10,000 prize.

“Our library is one of the top libraries in the country in terms of Playaway usage,” states City Manager, Leonard Martin.

“We are encouraging all of our citizens to please take a few seconds of their time to cast a vote and help us win some money for our library, and for this technology that our customers love.”

Playaway is the simplest way to listen to digital content on the go. It comes with the audio content already pre-loaded on it and a battery to make it play. The user simply has to plug in earbuds to enjoy. Each Playaway weighs only two ounces and has a universal accessory jack.

“We have been thrilled with the excitement for

Playaways that has been shared by patrons and librarians alike” stated Caroline Barni, Marketing Director of Findaway World. “Giving back to libraries is a way for us to show our appreciation and contribute to all the wonderful things they are providing to their communities every day.”

The success behind this contest lies in the hands of

any one libraries’ fan base. It all comes down to votes when online voting closes on December 17, 2010, so creating buzz throughout the community is highly encouraged. Contest voting takes place at <http://vote.playaway.com/carrollton>.

For more information, contact your Carrollton Library at 972-466-4800.

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Renowned Iranian Scholar Soroush to speak at TWU

(NDG Wire) Dr. Abdulkarim Soroush – one of the world's most prominent Islamic scholars – will be the guest speaker at a Texas Woman's University (TWU) public affairs forum Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Led by Dr. Soroush, "Reforming Islamic Societies: Problems and Prospects" will

take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in room 204 of the Classroom Faculty Office Building (CF0) located on TWU's Denton campus.

For a map of the Denton campus, visit www.twu.edu/maps.asp. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, email JWilliams2@twu.edu or call 940-898-2052.

Named by *Time* magazine as one of the world's 100 most influential people in 2005, Dr. Soroush is the director of the Institute for Epistemological Research in Tehran and a former senior

fellow of Iran's Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Soroush pursued his graduate studies in England before returning to his native Iran in 1979 at the onset of the Islamic revolution. He

became an advocate of Islamic ideology and was part of Iran's cultural revolution of the 1980s, a project that imposed Islamic curricula on Iranian universities. Eventually Dr. Soroush became

highly critical of the political role played by the Iranian clergy, which led to his exile to Europe and the U.S., where he is a frequent national speaker on Islamic re-

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Spring 2011 registration opens at TSTC

(NDG Wire) Registration for the spring semester at Texas State Technical College Waco opens for new students from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays on Monday, Nov. 22, and continues through Wednesday, Nov. 24, when the campus will be closed for the Thanksgiving break. It resumes weekdays after the holiday and continues until Wednesday, Dec. 22, when the college prepares to close for its winter break. Registration resumes for a short period after the holiday

break.

Spring classes are set to begin Monday, Jan. 10.

TSTC offers more than 100 programs in everything ranging from High Performance Computing, Golf Course & Landscape Management and Culinary Arts, to Telecommunications, Aircraft Pilot Training and much more. Students can also choose online training or brush up on their skills with a Technical Skills Mastery Certificate to shorten the time they enter the workforce, while high

school students can enroll in dual credit classes and get a jump on their college degree.

Students seeking financial aid for the spring semester should contact the TSTC Financial Aid Office immediately at 254-867-4814, as processing can take several weeks. The TSTC Web site — www.tstc.edu — provides additional details and an online application.

To register or find out more, call toll-free at 800-792-8784 or 254-867-2360.

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quest,' then we're devaluing the power of friendship," she added.

"Conversely, if all they have to do to end a friendship is click on 'block user,' then friendships become fleeting and easy to discard without a second thought. It also causes this 'all about me' mentality, prompting many children to grow up without consideration for others because they haven't learned to properly interact with others."

Randall wants children to learn about friendship outside of cyberspace, more like the last generation of kids who grew up without PDAs and ready access to Internet social networks.

"When I was a kid, we didn't have cyberspace," Randall said. "The only space we knew was where the astronauts went and the space in our backyards. We didn't meet in chat rooms. We met at the park or the playground. And we didn't just talk -- we played and we

interacted and we learned about the world around us through experiences together. I'm afraid the next generation of kids will miss out on that socialization because of their dependence on technology to manage their friendships."

Randall's tips for parents who want to help their kids better value their friendships include:

- Balance Cyberspace with Real Life -- If your kids use social networks, make sure they actually get together with their online friends once a week to do something. Take the time to make your home available, even if their friends simply come over to share a pizza.

- Limit Internet Use -- A generation ago, parents would limit the amount of television they would allow their kids to watch, and monitor what they watched. Place time limits on the time your

kids spend online in the same way, and monitor which sites they use to chat with their friends.

- Set An Example -- Show your kids how you interact with your friends, and show them the value those long term friendships have in your life. If your kids see that you have long-term, close and fulfilling friendships with others, they'll emulate those kinds of relationships in their lives.

"It's ironic to me how the existence of all these different communication technologies has actually managed to make us feel more distant from each other," Randall added.

"We all have multiple email addresses, online profiles and cell phones, but somehow we feel more far apart than ever before. Maybe what we need to do is teach our kids to put the computer down, and go outside and play with their friends."

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Slant 45 celebration event January 12

(NDG Wire) More than 33,800 North Texas kids responded to the call for action, and the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee, together with SLANT 45 program partner Big Thought, will celebrate their community service achievements at the SLANT 45 Kids Bowl Bash presented by Texas Health Resources on Wednesday, January 12 from 6 – 8 p.m. Held at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, the free event is open only to SLANT 45 program participants.

“Who would have guessed? We launched this project with a lot of hope and faith that kids would embrace the spirit of giving ... and did they ever,” said Daryl Johnston, Chair of the SLANT 45 Action Team. “To have 33,000-plus kids identify ideas and find so many creative ways to help their community is probably one of the most memorable things that will come

out of this Super Bowl experience.”

SLANT 45 program registration closes Friday (November 12). Projects must be completed and final stats must be submitted by December 31 in order for teams to be eligible to attend the SLANT 45 Kids Bowl Bash.

The Kids Bowl Bash will feature a headlining performance by Mitchel Musso who is currently starring in Disney Channel’s *Pair of Kings* and whose sophomore album, *Brainstorm*, will release on November 22. Jordan Sparks, Grammy-nominated American Idol winner and Broadway star will also perform at the event.

Johnston and Roger Staubach, North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee Chairman and Dallas Cowboys Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback, will be on hand to encourage and thank the young people and their coaches.

Dallas Bar Association Lawyers Help North Texas Food Bank

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Bar Association’s Community Involvement Committee has committed at least 20 volunteers to help sort and box donated items at the North Texas Food Bank.

The DBA’s Community Involvement Committee, led this year by Co-Chairs Katie Anand, an attorney at Taber Estes Thorne & Carr PLLC, and Meyling Ly, an attorney at William L. Wolf, P.C., provides volunteers for community projects and activities such as Habitat for Humanity, annual food and clothing drives, blood drive; reading program at Mi Escuelita,

Trinity River Mission and other community organizations. This event is led by Kim Ratcliff, an attorney at DeHay & Elliston, L.L.P.

The North Texas Food Bank seeks to eliminate hunger by distributing food and grocery products through a network of non-profit organizations while providing education and increasing community awareness on issues of hunger.

The DBA attorneys will be on hand to sort and box donated items on Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to Noon at the North Texas Food Bank (4500 S. Cockrell Hill Rd, Dallas, TX 75236).

Ride, tow or haul your bike

(NDG Wire) Celebrate Texas Recycles Day by recycling your bicycle and learning more about bicycle riding in the Metroplex. The Bicycle Round-up and Rodeo will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 13 at the Environmental Education Center located at 4116 W. Plano Pkwy. (at Commerce.)

The Bicycle Round-up and Rodeo includes the fol-

lowing fun, FREE activities:

Bike for Tykes will collect bicycles for donation to benefit kids of all ages through local charitable organizations. Bikes in all conditions are accepted and will be repaired, refurbished or used for parts.

Bike DFW will host a Bicycle Safety Rodeo for children from 9 to 11:30 a.m. - helmets are required.

Plano Bicycle Association will host a novice adult bike ride from Noon to 1:30 p.m. - helmets are required.

Plano Cycle and Fitness, along with Richardson Bike Mart, will offer workshops on minor bike repair and bicycle safety.

Plano Parks & Recreation will provide helmet fittings and commuting assistance.

Texas Recycles Day, held

on Nov. 15 of each year, is a statewide public awareness campaign educating Texans about the environmental and economic benefits of waste reduction and recycling. It served as the model for the development of America Recycles Day.

For information, visit livegreeninplano.com, or contact Kim Soto at 972-769-4343 or kims@plano.gov.

Special ladies event this Saturday

(NDG Wire) Veteran Radio Personality Lynne Haze, Ft. Worth Businessman Jim Austin, and iMedia Network Group Present the next edition of the highly anticipated *Meet Me In the Ladies Room*, Saturday, November 13th, 1 PM to 4 PM (Doors open at 12 noon) at the Ft. Worth Event Center, 2100 Evans Ave. in Ft. Worth, 76104.

Meet Me In the Ladies Room is an Empowerment Gathering for women that features motivational speakers, entertainers, panel discussions, opportunities to showcase your

goods and/or services, giving ladies a chance to get away from the responsibilities of work, children, stress by uplifting their spirits through love, laughter, music and good food, while discussing subjects of interest.

The Hot Topic at this gathering is entitled *All About Men* featuring an all-male panel and one female discussing topics like “Why Men Cheat”, “Why One Night Stands Do or Don’t Work”, “Baby Mama Drama” and a list of questions that will amuse and amaze both men and



Lynn Hayes

women.

The *All About Men* panelists are:

Victor McGlothlin - National Best Selling Author
John Parrish - Assistant Professor of Speech at Tar-

rant County College

DeWayne Washington - Musician and CEO of The Gentlemen’s Society

Dr. Stan Allen, Psychologist

Dr. Lawana Gladney - Emotional Wellness Expert and Author

Entertainment will be provided by American Idol Finalist George Huff and hosted by Lynne Haze.

Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Booth Space is \$100.00.

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Every Tuesday

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Ongoing

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

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

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

Group Business Seminars at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, 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.

Through Nov. 20

Rover Dramawerks in Plano presents *Morphic Resonance* by Katherine Burger 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 ad-

mission 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>

Thru January 2

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

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

Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents *Voices of Poetry #1* at Muse Café in the Dallas Convention Center Complex, located on the corner of Canton and Akard streets in Dallas. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call 214-743-2400 for tickets.

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. 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.

Homeless Walk on the Plaza at Dallas City Hall.

November 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 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 19

Thru December 23

Dallas Children's Theatre presents *Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells* at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St. in Dallas. Performances times

are Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 20 at 1:30 p.m.; remaining Saturdays at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.; Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 21 and 22 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; and Thursday, Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. Tickets start at \$14. www.dct.org.

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 25

Turkey Trot at Dallas City Hall, registration begins at 7 a.m. with the race starting at 9 a.m.

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 1

Victory Outreach Church of Dallas presents *Held By His Promise*, a play written by Dona Gassaway Mitchell at 7 p.m. at St. Luke Community Life Center, 6211 E. Grande Ave. in Dallas. Slated spokesperson is CBS 11 /TXA 21 personality Rance Adams with entertainment by Yarbrough and Peoples. Pre-show begins at 6:30 p.m. with the David W. Carter Band, Drill Team and Twirlers. Admission is free to the event, and free HIV tests will be available.

December 7

20th Annual Candlelight Vigil of Hope and Remembrance hosted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving-North Texas (MADD) is from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 1241 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas.

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, 2011

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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Black clergy seek economic freedom for their flocks

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

(NNPA) *Almighty Debt*, the most recent CNN documentary in the network's series on African-Americans, related how severely debt imposes complex, real-life financial challenges whether the issue is foreclosure, long-term unemployment, or financing higher education. Central to the documentary was Rev. DeForest Soaries, Jr. of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey whose congregation members were also featured.

The stories of debt were heart-wrenchingly true; but it also connected the pivotal role and considerable influence that African-American clergy have when it comes to matters of debt. Rev. Soaries is not alone. In other states and locales, there are more pastors, congregations and alliances that have made a serious commitment to both economic justice and financial literacy.

In fact, these clergy view economic empowerment and justice as an essential part of their clerical duties. Theirs is not a choice between serving the church or its community; but rather the divine power that has dominion over both.

For example, Bishop T. D. Jakes, an author and senior pastor of the Dallas-based Potter's House, has a nonprofit organization, the Metroplex Economic Development Corporation that teaches the basics of credit and debt management. This wing of Bishop Jakes' numerous endeavors also meets with banks and negotiates better terms for his

flock and community.

In a recent guest opinion for CNN, Bishop Jakes wrote, "What we must realize is that it is not wrong for people to want a new home or car. But it was wrong for financial institutions to prey on those desires with unbalanced financial solutions."

That financial imbalance experienced by many African-Americans is also the focus of the Collective Banking Group, Inc. (CBG). Formed in 1993, CBG recently shared the impetus for its formation and subsequent actions.

Following the call to serve as a pastor in a Maryland church in 1988, Rev. Jonathan Weaver led his church out of debt with early retirement of a \$200,000 mortgage in-

with this bank for 25 years was of no value or relevance.

Rev. Weaver then sent the president of the bank a letter advising he would soon advise his 750-member congregation of the bank's decision and ask them to consider whether they should retain their own individual accounts with the lender. Following its receipt, the same bank official who iterated the numerous conditions promptly contacted Rev. Weaver and assured him that the \$50,000 loan was approved without the additional conditions.

More importantly, Rev. Weaver soon discovered that other pastors and church members in Prince Georges County, MD and the metropolitan Washing-

representing 175,000 congregants through chapters in Austin, TX; Baltimore, MD; Charlotte, NC; and Miami, FL.

It is relevant to note that research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) has shown consumer lending concerns in many of these same locales, particularly as they relate to African-American foreclosures. CRL determined Florida has seen more African-American home foreclosures than any other state in the country.

CBG's Miami chapter is now strengthening and revising its 10-point agreement with its major bank partners and is in discussions with another major lender. The Miami CBG chapter is also excited about recent accomplishments in the Sunshine State.

According to Rev. Dr. Joaquin Willis, who serves dual roles as vice-president of the national CBG and president of CBG-Miami-Dade & Vicinity, "CBG of Miami's front-end solution to the housing crisis was provided through a partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services, a subsidiary of Neighborhood Works. Through this partnership, church members and interested community members received homebuyer education and loan packaging programs that successfully placed hundreds of families in homes during these crisis years -- without any problems at all. In 2010, we began to implement a back-end solution with the National Association of Consumer Activists (NACA) who contacted us."

"CBG Miami and



Dr. Soaries

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Bishop T. D. Jakes



occurred before his service. As the church grew and sought a \$50,000 loan for expansion, the same lender advised Rev. Weaver that the bank would 'consider' the smaller loan only if a number of conditions were met: collateralize the mortgage; secure an appraisal and three church trustees who would personally guarantee the loan. The fact that the church held accounts

ton, DC area had similar experiences with lenders. Long-term faithful and regular deposits seemed never enough to secure financing from area lenders.

Their collective concerns led to the founding of CBG with 20 churches in the DC metro area. Today, Rev. Weaver serves as CBG's national president and the faithful alliance has grown to 150 congregations

NACA together developed a series of preliminary workshops held in February and March in CBG churches to prepare people for pre-packaging home loan modifications before NACA returned to Florida later in the year" continued Dr. Willis. "When we moved to multiple larger sites at Florida convention centers later during the spring, approximately 40,000 troubled homeowners received loan modifications in two, three-day periods. "I am proud that CBG member churches served the community and we opened our church doors to all troubled homeowners regardless of whether they were a church member or not."

But with a recessionary economy that imposes multiple challenges, CBG is looking at what yet remains to be accomplished.

"We're encouraged by the success we see", said Pastor Willis. "But we are anxious to expand the number of people served and drill deeper into the problem of debt. In Miami we are looking to also do col-

lective buying and collective building in addition to continuing our efforts on collective banking."

CBG's stated vision is "to stimulate and actualize economic empowerment in the African-American community and other underserved communities; and to leave a legacy for future generations."

In a phone interview for this column, Rev. Weaver said, "We've got to learn to manage very, very carefully the money that has been entrusted to our care. Just as we should attempt to take greater care of our physical and emotional well-being, we need to take care of our financial well-being -- and be intentional about it. The days of treating money frivolously need to be long gone."

I think the Reverends and all of CBG deserve an 'amen'.

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For Colored Girls needed Madea's touch

BY TONYA WHITAKER
NDG STAFF WRITER

The messages of Tyler Perry's *Madea* movies have drawn audiences to theatres. But will moviegoers flock in the same fashion for Perry's adaptation of a "choreopoem?"

For Colored Girls is part of *Madea* line without gray-haired comedienne setting everybody straight. The movie is based on the award-winning feminist play written by Ntozake Shange. *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf* is a tale of seven African American women (Perry added two more for his movie) and their way of



Janet Jackson

dealing with personal crisis. Women, regardless of their race, can find empathy in at least one of the protagonist women. We all have stayed in a relationship we knew was no good for us. Or, we have been deceived by a significant other.

Regardless of whether

you liked the move, Perry must receive credit for allowing an outstanding group of black actresses to converse at one place. Despite a cast of high-profile entertainers such as Janet Jackson, Loretta Devine, Phylicia Rashad and Whoopi Goldberg, the lesser-known actress such as Thandie Newton and Kimberly Elise were impressive.

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Crystal (Elise) was a tragic character. She faced abuse by her alcoholic hus-

band (Michael Ealy) and does all she can to protect her two children. Newton's character, Tangie looked for love in all the wrong places. Tangie's promiscuity helped her deal with the void she experienced. She also has to deal with her Bible-thumping mother, Alice (played by Goldberg).

Then, there is Jo (Jackson). She is a high-powered magazine executive who seems to have it all, until she learns that her husband decided to partake in a homosexual rendezvous.

I was not surprised to see critics dismiss *For Colored Girls*. One critic said he did not understand the rapid changes in the movie.

Maybe it was Perry's confusing use of soliloquies. Another said the group who viewed the movie with him "didn't seem to know whether to clap when it was over or start taking Lipitor." The most interesting part of the movie was the development of the characters as they journey through their struggles with incest, abortion,

spousal abuse, rape and infidelity.

One thing is for certain, Perry did once again place a negative light on the men in his movies. Maybe Madea should have stepped in to save the day for the heroines.

For Colored Girls is rated R for violence, sexual content and language.

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distinguished as the Van Zelst Lecturer in communication at Northwestern University.

Dr. McPhail received a Bachelor of Science in Speech Secondary Education at Emerson College, a MFA in Performance Studies from Northwestern University and the Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric and Public Address from the University of Massachusetts.

He has presented numerous papers at National and Regional Conferences, and published scholarly essays in state, regional, national and international books and journals. His photography has been exhibited at the

Mac Worthington Gallery in Columbus, Ohio, and the Cerulean Gallery and Café Izmir in Dallas, Texas.

He is included in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He has also received a number of awards including: Albert J. Colton Memorial Research Fellowship, University of Utah's Tanner Humanities Fellowship, the National Communication Association's Karl Wallace Memorial Award and Southern Methodist University's Honoring our Professor's Excellence Award.

Have You Heard?

BY TONYA WHITAKER
NDG STAFF WRITER

I apologize

Kanye West can really make an impression. Just ask former President George W. Bush. In Bush's latest book, *Decision Points*, the 43rd president wrote West's post-Katrina comment that he "didn't care about black people" was one of the worst moments in the Bush presidency.

Five years later, it seems West regrets the comment. He told the *Los Angeles Times*, "... you know, I think we're all quick to pull a race card in America." Better late than never, right?



Kanye West

Stop, Hammertime

The King (MC) Hammer /Jay-Z "feud" is a little comical. Hammer creating music videos again and declaring himself the "winner" of the "feud" on Twitter. What did Jay-Z do: laugh about the whole thing on BBC.

Hammer needs to hush because it ain't exactly a secret that he lost \$30 million because of bad investments. Remember the MC Hammer biopic on VHI years ago and *Behind the Music*? If Hammer does not want his dirty laundry out in the open, do not allow cameras into the house to do a reality show. Note to Jay, every dog has his day.

That ain't acting!

Bossip.com recently listed 11 female celebrities who are easy on the eyes but fall off the wagon when it comes to acting. The list includes Beyonce, Lisa Raye, Ashanti, Gabrielle Union, Jessica Alba and Jennifer Lopez. Speaking of acting, Forbes recently ranked Eddie Murphy and Will Ferrell as the most overpaid actors in Hollywood.

'Round About in DFW

November 22 thru 24

Dallas Black Theatre Studios, 2700 Flora St. in Dallas, sponsor a behind-the-scenes event to allow the community to get acquainted with ensembles of the theatre. The free event begins at noon and seating is limited. Call 214-871-2390 for reservations.



November 12 & 13
Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents *Comedy at the Muse* featuring Tony Sculfied in the Muse Café in the Dallas Convention Center Complex, located on the corner of Canton and Akard streets in Dallas. Show begins at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call (214) 743-2400 for tickets.

November 18
Frankie Beverly and Maze will perform at the

WinStar World Casino, Thackerville, Okla., at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 to \$60. www.winstarworldcasino.com

November 20
The Plano Symphony Orchestra presents *Quartet San Francisco* and *Dancing with the Stars* performers Sandor and Parissa at the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson. Show begins at 8:15 p.m. Reserve tickets begin at \$9,

add \$2 per ticket at the door. Info: 972-473-7262 or www.planosymphony.org

November 24
As a pre-Thanksgiving treat, Usher will make a tour stop at the American Airlines Center in Dallas as part of his *OMG Tour*. Joining him are Trey Songz and Miguel. The show begins 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$39.98 to \$114.88. www.americanairlines.com

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MetroPCS launches Metro USA Nationwide Coverage

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(NDG Wire) MetroPCS Communications, Inc. announced last week that its subscribers will be able to use their MetroPCS service in areas covering more than 90% of the U.S. population with the introduction of its Metro USASM nationwide service. MetroPCS customers can enjoy unlimited

talk, text and Web services wherever they go in the nation on their existing MetroPCS service plan.

"Metro USA is yet another key milestone for our company as we have expanded nearly everywhere where our customers may use their service in the majority of the United States,"

said Roger Linquist, chairman, president and CEO of MetroPCS.

"Our customers already benefit from the affordability, flexibility and predictability of our Wireless for AllSM service, and now they can use their wireless services nearly anywhere they go in the nation. Con-

sumers demand a better experience with more value without being tethered to an annual contract, which is why we expect the addition of Metro USA, at no additional cost, to make our wireless services more attractive."

MetroPCS' Wireless for All unlimited plans range

from \$40 to \$60 per month, including applicable taxes and regulatory fees, and the company has a full portfolio of handsets ranging from smartphones, messaging devices and feature handsets for every budget and lifestyle.

Additionally, MetroPCS enables consumers to do

more with 4G services with new service plans launched in Dallas/Fort Worth, Detroit, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

For more information about Metro USA, the 4G network, Wireless for All plans and devices, visit www.metropcs.com.

'Open for Business' Vendor Forum to be held in Collin County

Outreach efforts aimed at increasing contracting opportunities for businesses

(NDG Wire) The North Texas Tollway Authority will hold an "Open for Business" Vendor Outreach Symposium at its headquarters in Collin County on Thursday, Nov. 11, in an ongoing effort to increase outreach efforts and engage disadvantaged, minority,

women and small businesses on the process of doing business with the NTTA.

The symposium will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the NTTA Boardroom, located at 5900 W. Plano Parkway in Plano.

"Including these busi-

ness enterprises in the procurement of goods and services with the NTTA is a top priority," said Business Diversity Director Anthony Coleman.

"This symposium will help ensure vendors and businesses across the North Texas area are aware of how

to maximize opportunities with the NTTA."

This will be the ninth symposium conducted by the NTTA and will provide an update on contracting opportunities for various NTTA projects.

Additionally, the symposium will provide infor-

mation on how to become M/WBE- and DBE-certified. Participants also will have the opportunity to meet the NTTA's project delivery staff, purchasing, maintenance, and diversity personnel.

A question-and-answer session also will be con-

ducted. In addition, the symposium provides an opportunity for peer-to-peer networking.

Vendors wishing to register for the symposium can do so online at www.ntta.org/AboutUs/Who/VendorOutreachSymposium.html.

Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program announces pro bono awards recipients

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP), a joint program of the Dallas Bar Association and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, hosted the Pro Bono Awards Reception on October 28 at the Belo Mansion, which honored judges, attorneys, court reporters and legal staff who provide free legal services to indigent residents of Dallas County.

In a 12-month period, volunteers gave almost 60,000 hours of free legal aid to the less fortunate of Dallas. The Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program has consistently been recognized as one of the country's most successful pro-

grams of its kind. Each year, an awards program is held to recognize the volunteers who provide free legal aid to those who are unable to afford them.

Among the many accolades that were presented was Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year, which went to Sean M. Whyte, an associate at Jones Day, who donated more than 700 hours to the DVAP program during a 12-month period. Mr. Whyte is one of the founding members of the Jones Day Dallas Associate Pro Bono Committee, which has partnered with several of the pro bono service providers in Dallas, including DVAP, to help staff

emergency pro bono cases with Jones Day partners and associates.

Pro Bono Firm of the Year was awarded to the firm of Haynes and Boone, LLP, which donated nearly 1,500 hours of pro bono services to DVAP clients. Numerous partners and associates in the firm's Dallas office participated in the effort, and partner Jonathan Wilson said that "providing pro bono services to our community and those in need is something very important to us at Haynes and Boone." At the firm, each attorney is encouraged to aspire to at least 50 hours of pro bono legal service per year.

Additional awards presented include:

Hartman Judicial Pro Bono Service Award: Hon. Jim Jordan, 160th District Court

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Gold Award for Pro Bono Service: American Airlines, Inc.; Patton Boggs, LLP; Baker Botts, L.L.P.; and Jones Day

Silver Award for Pro Bono Service: Cozen O'Conner; Weil Gotshal & Manges, LLP; Akin

Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; and Locke Lord Bissell Liddell, LLP

Bronze Award for Pro Bono Service: DLA Piper LLP; Andrews Kurth LLP; Jackson Walker L.L.P. and Thompson & Knight LLP

General Electric Ordered to Trial in Racial Harassment Suit

(NDG Wire) Sixty African-American plaintiffs are suing G.E. for disturbing racial discrimination. Plaintiffs allege that their G.E. supervisor said things to them like "ya'll monkeys better hurry up," "N word this and that," and would not allow them to clear their respirators of caustic lime, or take a break to wash toxic carbon-

black off their faces because in his word they were "lazy blacks." An email was sent to the supervisor's manager at G.E., pointing out his "racist comments" and "views on working blacks." The email asked "Why would he continue to harass these guys...if not condoned by GE?"

In her November 2, 2010 decision ordering the

case to trial, U.S. District Judge Kristi K. DuBose noted that:

Plaintiffs present evidence that Ray Lacy accused [GE supervisor] Dyer of racism approximately eight months before GE/BHA instituted any systematic investigation, and that GE/BHA employees Lampe, Shupert, Collier, and Gooch were made

aware of those accusations before the Buzzi job commenced. Plaintiffs also present evidence that Collier "defend[ed] Dyer" in the face of Ray Lacy's accusations, and that Gooch responded to them by saying "I don't want to hear it." Although there is evidence that, following Ray Lacy's April, 2007 accusations, Lampe requested "details

about what was said, when, and who was involved from our representatives, including any documentation" and spoke of a "need to investigate," reasonable jurors may disagree about whether GE/BHA's response was adequate, particularly with respect to Ray Lacy's earlier accusations.

One of the plaintiffs

suffered hypothermia and suffered a seizure because the supervisor would not let them take a break on a below-zero job. The G.E. supervisor refused to call an ambulance and, when one was called, he said "I don't care what happens to that N-word." Those who insisted on seeking medical

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Ask Gwendolyn Baines: My Daughter has Waited Six Years for a Grant!

BY GWENDOLYN BAINES
NNPA COLUMNIST

Dear Gwendolyn:

I am sick of the unfairness being done to poor people. This is the problem: Six years ago my daughter (now age 32) applied for a small business loan. To date, she still has not been approved. She has applied each year for the loan.

I taught my children not to work for others but instead start their own. I have a 40-year-old son who also tried to get a business loan and gave up. He also applied year after year but nothing was approved. I find this practice to be unfair. Other people are getting the loans and we are being overlooked.

My son's fiance broke off with him because each year he promised her that he (they) would have their own business and become rich. My son lives with me and my daughter lives with me. They are with me because I told them not to work for others, but to get their own. Was that wrong?

Rhoda

Got a problem, write to Gwendolyn Baines at: P. O. Box 10066, Raleigh, NC 27605-0066 (to receive a reply, send a self-addressed stamped envelope.) or email her at: gwenbaines@hotmail.com or visit her website at: www.gwenbaines.com

Dear Rhoda:

I am saddened to know you misguided your children. Let me tell you this: Depending on the type of business they want (or what your son wanted) you have to sacrifice to generate start-up money. There are funds available without repayment. However, most loans require 25% as collateral. I agree with you that business loans are not being awarded equally.

Think about it. When you refer to, I assume, you are speaking of your race being ignored. When the term minority was used to change the Civil Rights Bill, money became widespread. However, it is not correct that all who apply are awarded.

Rhoda, in six years your daughter could have worked on a job and saved her pennies in a jar to become a success. All business owners do not become rich. It is hard work and determination that makes one eventually go to the bank --- to deposit.

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sulation, upgrading appliances, and improving heating and cooling systems. According to state reports, the Recovery Act Weatherization Assistance Program supported nearly 900 jobs throughout Texas.

"I continue to strongly support the Weatherization Assistance Program," said Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. "I am pleased low-income households are getting the assistance they need through

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. Weatherization improvements create jobs, decrease emissions and help hard-working families save money. For many families weatherizing costs are too high and the payoff takes too long. This funding helps eliminate these barriers by improving existing infrastructure to create jobs and reduce energy use."

Under the weatherization program, local agen-

cies provide whole-home energy efficiency upgrades, including conducting an energy audit in the home to identify the most cost-effective improvements, and implementing solutions that range from installing additional insulation and weather-stripping, sealing windows and doors, caulking cracks in the building, and replacing inefficient heating and cooling systems.

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attention he fired and called racial epithets.

Plaintiffs worked for G.E. on the front lines of the green economy, changing filters at manufacturing companies like Alcoa as mandated by the EPA under the Clean Air Act.

The racial harassment just continued. Another

G.E. manager testified that after he received an email threatening a lawsuit for the racial abuse he stopped

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Church hosting job fair this weekend

(NDG Wire) Johnson Chapel Community Church is hosting their 3rd Annual 2010 Business and Career Expo on November 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This event is for entrepreneurs, job seekers, business owners and anyone who would like to start their own business or enhance their career. The expo will in-

clude: career resources, networking opportunities, a "Clothes Closet" with business attire, a business showcase, business and career workshops. There is no charge for this event and it is open to the public.

Participants will experience a vibrant setting while networking and enjoying a day of Information, educa-

tion and motivation. The expo will consist of educational and practical seminars that include topics such as: entrepreneurship, small business plans, grant writing, creating an E-presence for small business and career professionals will be on-site to provide assistance for resume writing. Attendees will walk away

with strategies, tips and the resources they need to be successful in business and in their career.

Johnson Chapel Community Church is located at 1400 N. Hampton Road in Desoto.

As unemployment coffers go empty, Texas refuses to investigate employers who break the law

Dishonest Employers cheat Texans out of \$35 million in taxes

(NDG Wire) On Monday, in a 2 to 1 vote, the Texas Workforce Commission declined to support a recommendation for the co-ming legislative session that would strengthen state penalties for employers who misclassify their workers as independent contractors, thus encouraging businesses to abide by the law, and leveling the playing field for honest employers. In Texas, misclassification results in a loss of at least \$35 million dollars to the starved unemployment insurance fund each year.

Employers misclassify their workers when they fail to withhold taxes, pay in cash, or provide their employees with a 1099 instead of the W-2 form required for employees. Misclassification results in billions of lost tax dollars to the federal and state government.

In certain industries in Texas, such as construction, it is estimated that as many as 38% of workers are misclassified. Texas employers who break the law and undercut responsible businesses save an estimated 9% on payroll taxes including workers' compensation, costing Texas taxpayers millions in unemployment insurance each year.

Commissioner Ronnie Congleton, who proposed the recommendation, explained, "we need to bring the rule of law to address the underground economy in Texas.

Misclassification hurts workers and employers. Workers are denied social security, Medicare and other benefits; honest employers face unfair competition and lost revenue to the [unemployment] trust fund, which hurts Texas employers who play by the rules. Current Texas law encourages misclassification and the penalties don't exist to create an incentive to comply with the law."

However, Chairman Pauken and Commissioner Alcantar disagreed, denying that misclassification is a significant problem for Texas businesses.

But responsible businesses say that they can't compete against companies who misclassify their workers. Brendan Doyle, of Marek Brothers Systems, a specialty contractor that has been in business for 72 years, explains, "Marek Brothers plays by the rules, we pay all of our taxes, and yet we have to compete against dishonest companies who routinely underbid us. This decision is a vote against upstanding businesses and middle class families who are illegally and wrongfully classified." Doyle, who attended the hearing, was disappointed with the commission's vote.

In fact, honest employers end up paying twice under the current system, explains Emily Timm of Workers Defense Project, a community-based organization that advo-

cates for fair working conditions and policies that reward responsible employers.

"Honest businesses first have to compete with companies that refuse to abide by the law, and then they pay again when the tax rate increases to replenish the fund when it gets low."

If the Texas Workforce Commission increases the tax rate in the coming year to alleviate the fund, responsible businesses will bear the brunt of the higher costs. Meanwhile, Texas taxpayers are left to pay back millions in federal loans Texas has received to make up for the unemployment trust fund shortfall in 2009 and 2010.



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November 14, 10:30 a.m.

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In The Valley Christians Grow

“And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Because the Syrians have said, The Lord is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the Lord. And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousands footmen in one day.” **1 Kings 20:28 and 29 (KJV)**

Standing on a mountain, people are able to see clearly. It is the best vantage point to see what lies ahead. Some people think that it would be great to live on the mountain all the time in order to anticipate what is ahead. God allows Christians to experience the mountaintop at times.

Think about Joseph, his first mountaintop experience had to be as a young man. He had the favor of his father, Jacob. He was given a fine coat of many colors from his father and even had a dream about his future. Also as a young

man, Joseph had a sense of destiny about his life. God often gives Christians a picture of their future so that they will remember this picture when they are being tested so that they will trust Him when they are in the valley. But of course, this picture usually does not reveal how God intends to bring about the visions for the Christian’s life. This is where Christian’s faith and trusting in God comes in.

However, none of us really derive (receive) the character qualities that God desires for our lives while we are on the mountain. It is in the valley where the fruit is planted and harvested. It cannot grow on the mountain; it must grow in the valley. God is a God of the mountain, but He is even more a God of the valley for Christians. In the valley, it is more difficult to see ahead; the clouds often cover the valley and limit the Christian’s sight. But, it is in the valley that Christians grow. Joseph was thrust into a deep valley that left him wondering if the God of his father had forsaken him.

Even Jesus hoped that He might be able to avoid the valley that caused Him to sweat blood.

There is a valley that

each Christian must enter, usually unwillingly, in order to experience the God of the valley, and to experience His faithfulness in the valley. Once Christians have spent time in this valley, they come out with something that they would have never gained if they had not entered the valley. The valley brings much fruit into Christian’s lives so that they might plant seeds into the lives of others.

God does not waste valley experiences. He does everything for a purpose. If Christians are faithful in the valley they will enter a new dimension with God that

they never thought possible. There is a harvest of wisdom and virtue that can only be grown in the valley. And it is good to remember, that it takes two mountaintops to make a valley; therefore, the Christian must be on top twice before he or she goes into the valley to grow.

Is it time for you to go into a valley? Be confident that the valley is a place of fruitfulness; it is a place of testing. It is a place where God brings what Christians know in their head into their heart. The only value of knowledge is when it becomes part of your heart.



Mr. Monaque Carter, Sr. and Sister Tarpley; he is a United States Army veteran that served as a Communication Specialist state-wide and in Alaska before it became the 49th State in America in 1959. He was honorably discharged in 1953. We salute Mr. Carter, Sr. and all veterans on their day, September 11th, and for a lifetime.

And wisdom is the beginning of knowledge. It is in the valley where Christians will meet God and grow.

Free workshop provides tools to save money on energy costs

(NDG Wire) The City of Plano and Elliott's Hardware present a FREE Do-It-Yourself Energy Efficiency Workshop. This series of how-to seminars offers in-depth information about basic energy efficient adjustments in the home. Eligible participants attending the seminar will receive a free toolkit of materials for making energy efficient changes to their residences.

Do-It-Yourself Energy Efficiency Workshops will be held at Elliott's Hardware, 2049 Coit Rd. in

Plano on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 to 10 a.m.

The City of Plano will teach residents how to save money by making sustainable choices for running their homes. Participants will learn simple techniques to make their homes more energy efficient.

At the end of the workshop, attendees will receive an Energy Efficiency Tool Kit to get started with home energy efficient updates. Toolkits are available to first-time attendees who are Plano residents, but every-

one is welcome to attend the presentation. Participants should provide a current utility bill or Driver's License for verification of residency. Toolkits are limited to one per household.

Reservation is required and spaces are limited. Call Mysha Faithful at 972-769-4130 or email myshaf@plano.gov to confirm availability.



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Jazz in the Sanctuary host Thanksgiving concert

Jazz in the Sanctuary prepares for turkey day with a Thanksgiving fare for the entire family.

The concert featuring Charles Winslow Jr. and the Dallas Jazz Quartet is slated

for 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at New Jerusalem AME Church, 6615 Tyree St. in Dallas. Also scheduled to perform during the event are Myrna Beckett-Burnside and other special guests.

Admission into the event is \$10 adults and \$5 for children 12 and older and senior citizens. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item. Donations will be given to the church's local

food bank. You can buy tickets from New Jerusalem at 214-366-3001.

Jazz in the Sanctuary is a monthly program that celebrates America's only original art form.

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constant friction between General MacArthur and the Joints Chiefs of Staff in Washington.

Tinner said that President Truman was the president who had the sign on his desk in the Oval Office, "The Bucks Stops Here" and he also coined the phrase, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." Truman was the president who gave the orders to drop the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945.

Tinner mentioned that it is believed that the decision to drop the atomic bombs was another reason why there was a constant friction between General MacArthur and the Joints Chiefs. Presi-

dent Truman fired General MacArthur on April 4, 1951, six years later.

He said General MacArthur was a popular General in the United States who believed that dropping the atomic bomb on Japan probably would cause World War III. And General MacArthur disagreed over foreign policy in Korea, he also wanted to end communism for good by finishing off China while it was still weak.

President Truman and his advisers were hold-over's from the communist ridden Roosevelt Administration, and they would not tolerate such actions and insubordination from General MacArthur.

When Tinner was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas he was an engineer who helped build bridges and roads while at Fort Sam Houston, the Philippines and in Japan. When he was in the Philippines and Japan he and the other approximately 268 soldiers lived in tents. However, although the weather was cold in Japan, the tents kept the soldiers warm and dry, even in the rain.

Tinner is a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park "First Church" where Dr. Gregory Foster is the Senior Pastor. He shared that First Church will honor all veterans starting with breakfast

and continuing through morning worship on Sunday, November 14.

Tinner has been married to Phemia Tinner for 62 years; they live in Hamilton Park and are the parents of six children, Beverly, Ruena, Rebecca, Regina (Lawrence), Reginald (Iris) and Wilford (Peggy).

Their pride and joy are their grandchildren, Naarah, first grandchild of the Tinner's is a graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas; Joshua; Ebony, a junior student at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas; Jordan; Lee Ann; Jared; Leah; Joseph; and great grandson, Joshua, Jr.

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