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Two retired teachers sue Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District *Want to teach trustees a lesson in open government*

(NDG Wire) Ms. Shirley Demus Tarpley and Ms. Rachel Rhodes Lewis, two retired schoolteachers from the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District (C-FB

ISD), filed an injunction in the 298th District Judicial Court of Dallas County (case# 09-15617) to prevent the diverting of school district funds from the education of students to the

coffers of trial lawyers.

In 1969, Tarpley was the first African American to hold a high school teaching job at R.L. Turner in Carrollton. She is also a former Carrollton City

Council member and first African-American Mayor Pro Tem. Lewis, a resident of Carrollton since 1971, taught in C-FB ISD for 11 years and retired as a read-

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NSF Grant targets shortage of math-science grads *\$2.5 Million Awarded to Ramp Up Numbers at UT Dallas and Nearby Colleges*

(NDG Wire) Responding to a national shortage, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded UT Dallas, Collin College and Richland College nearly \$2.5 million to graduate more students with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) degrees.

The grant, named the STEM Talent Expansion Program (STEP), attempts to reverse the trend of decreases in science and math degrees awarded in the U.S. in recent decades.

According to the National Academy of Sciences report Rising Above the

Gathering Storm (2007), "the proportion of bachelor's degrees in physics to total degrees awarded was twice as high the year before Sputnik [1957], deemed a time of dangerous educational neglect, as in 2004." The report emphasized the importance of increasing the number of

students with STEM bachelor's degrees for the U.S. economy and global competitiveness.

Through a mix of course alignments, scholarships and coordinated academic advising, the academic institutions will create a pipeline

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Tyler Perry donates a million dollars to the NAACP



Tyler Perry

(NNPA) The NAACP, the country's oldest and largest civil rights organization, has announced that acclaimed film director Tyler Perry has donated one million dollars, marking the largest gift ever given by an individual artist. In addition, Perry purchased sev-

eral NAACP commissioned Jacob Lawrence lithographs and additional lithographs by celebrated artists Jonathan Green, Elizabeth Catlett and Sam Gilliam. The gift was made to commemorate the organization's Centennial anniversary, according to a release.

"Tyler Perry exemplifies an unyielding commitment to uplifting and bringing hope to the disenfranchised and those less fortunate," said Benjamin Todd Jealous, president and CEO of the NAACP, "Both in his films and in his life, he reflects an

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African-American buying power to increase in near future



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COMMENTARY

Evolution of Black American Entrepreneurship

BY HARRY ALFORD

(NNPA) After the Civil War, Black business ownership was minimal at best. Many places in the nation forbade Blacks from business licenses.

Construction and farming were the major income providers until the turn of the century. The Industrial Revolution created a big demand for entrepreneurship and employment. What became known as the First Migration caused millions of

Blacks to leave the South and populate northern urban centers with the prospect of working in plants.

The National Urban League was formed by well meaning Whites to encourage Blacks to leave the South and provided assistance in assimilating them in these northern urban centers.

A counter to this was a movement created by

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Jonathan Allen

(NDG Wire) It is not every day that people have the opportunity to follow their own dreams. It is a reality for Jonathan Allen. Being able to express himself through the arts became a part of Allen as a teen wanting to own his own music studio and produce hit records. While researching schools to pursue higher education in music engineering, he was introduced to the Art Institute of Dallas where he enrolled in Video Engineering. This opportunity not only allowed him to learn and ex-

press his creativity through music, he was able to share his art from his visual perspective. Even as a teen, Allen expressed himself through the arts and wanted to own a music studio and produce hit records. And at AID, he enrolled in Video Engineering, which allowed him to learn and express his creativity through music and share his art from a visual perspective.

Allen graduated AID in 2006 with a degree in Digital Film Production, and immediately put his business savvy and creativity

into FILMja, a video production company specializing in corporate, event, and music videos and commercials. Capturing business opportunities from the University of North Texas, The Urban Alternative, Euphoria, Hot on Homes and other independent projects, Allen has begun a great path to favored longevity.

Though film was not Allen's first career choice, he was greatly inspired by how they were pieced together. "I really liked the movie *Brown Sugar* in a multiplicity of ways. The grass roots of going after a dream and doing it, having overcome setbacks, and



how Hip Hop (music) has grown up. That's me. I went through all of those stages. The producers and editors used jump-cuts throughout the movie and made the

story line work to an advantage of a double meaning," said Allen.

He is working on his first independent project producing a short film called *GREEDY*. He is the writer, producer and director of a story about a couple that has found an expensive item at two separate individual times. But their greed and unwillingness to share with each other, betrayal, distrust and even death get the best of their relationship and with

others around them.

"This film was inspired by basic problems that I have seen in relationships. I decided that I wanted to write a script that captured how people get caught up in a crazy cycle when they do not get their way," Allen said.

Allen is headed full force in the right direction to putting his stamp on the film industry. *GREEDY* will be submitted to film festivals, and the script for his second film, *Judgment Hour*, is already complete. Look to see Jonathan Allen, FILMja Productions in local theaters and on the big screens.

Dr. Tracey McKenzie

(NDG Wire) The Carnegie Foundation for



the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) named Collin College sociology professor Dr. Tracey McKenzie U.S. Professor of the Year at a ceremony in Washington D.C.

The highly coveted award is considered the pinnacle of collegiate teaching, and Dr. McKenzie's honor marks an unprecedented third national winner at

Collin College in nine years.

Two years ago, developmental math professor Dr. Rosemary Karr was, like McKenzie, named U.S. Professor of the Year, and theatre professor Brad Baker secured the honor in 2000. The CASE/Carnegie competition also spotlighted Collin College psychology instructor Jennifer O'Loughlin Brooks in 2006 as Texas' top college or university professor.

"Our faculty members have established a tradition

of excellence. Dr. McKenzie's U.S. Professor of the Year win exemplifies this, and it is even more appropriate that it is during our 25th anniversary year," Dr. J. Robert Collins, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees said. "We applaud all of our faculty members who excel in teaching, service and innovation in our classrooms—whether the classroom be actual or virtual."

According to college president Cary Israel, Collin College is the only

community college in the country with three national winners, and only two institutions—Williams College and Kansas State University—are home to three honorees. "We are delighted that our faculty members have been recognized at this level. Dr. McKenzie brings excellence to the classroom and to every project she plays a role in planning," Israel said.

In fact, he credits her expertise in the field of learning communities,

which pairs courses for joint teaching by faculty in two or more disciplines, as a factor in Collin College winning the national Bellwether Award for innovation in 2001. "Dr. McKenzie is a pillar of knowledge in learning communities. She is an energetic scholar who leads by example."

Dr. McKenzie chaired the learning communities program and directed the college's quality enhancement plan in addition to

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Lawrence Hibbert

Lawrence Hibbert is a dedicated and passionate leader, entrepreneur and community servant. He seeks to improve the lives of others by addressing challenges affecting people, collectively and individually, and support them in reaching and achieving their goals. Throughout his personal and professional journey, Hibbert has sought to leverage his knowledge, experiences and resources to support the fulfillment of this mission in businesses, organizations and the community.

He is a founder, president, and chief technology officer for BCT Partners, a strategic management, technology, and organization development consulting firm based in Newark, New Jersey. After its humble beginnings in his living room, BCT

Partners has grown to a multi-million dollar company that serves corporations, government agencies and nonprofit organizations in the following sectors: housing and community development, economic development, human services, healthcare, nonprofit and community technology, and education.

Hibbert works with the management team to provide executive leadership and direction for all aspects of the company, including the management of internal operations, product and service offering, partnership opportunities, marketing, business development, technical direction and sales support.

His entrepreneurial experience extends over 13 years and includes three ventures:



BCT Partners, Access One Corporation, and MBS Educational Services and Training.

At MBS, Hibbert served as a managing partner responsible for directing and growing all key business areas, including instructional design, workshop facilitation and training. He also managed and facilitated professional development training for emerging and seasoned professionals in Fortune 500 companies, including Merck, General Motors and PNC

Bank. Access One's mission was to equip residential and commercial real estate for the 21st century.

Hibbert and Dr. Randal Pinkett, chairman and chief executive officer of BCT Partners, will appear in the Enterprise section of *Black Enterprise* magazine's December 2009 issue. Highlighted in the monthly feature column, *Making It*, Randal and Lawrence candidly discuss how to reinvent in a recession. They share the story behind what helped them through a previous economic downturn over seven years ago, and how re-tooling their company's focus kept them afloat and eventually thriving amid other sinking businesses.

Hibbert has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rutgers University and a MBA with a concentration in Finance

from Rutgers Business School (Executive MBA Program). He is happily married to his beautiful wife, Pa-

trell, and they reside in Franklin Park, New Jersey with their sons, Caleb Joseph and Joshua Christopher.

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Urgent action for jobs needed now

BY MARC H. MORIAL

(NNPA) As Congress and the nation focus on the passage of comprehensive health care reform, the latest jobs numbers show that our economy also remains in bad health. And while overall unemployment is now at 10.2 percent, African American joblessness has reached a 28-year high of 15.7 percent, compared with 13.1 percent for Latinos and 9.5 percent for Whites.

Black unemployment has risen to over 20 percent in states like Michigan and South Carolina. There are now more than 15.7 million Americans out of work and virtually every sector, from construction to retail, is hemorrhaging jobs. Clearly, while our overall economy is sick, Black America is on life support. That is why the National Urban League is adding its voice to those in Congress and the civil rights community who are demand-

ing that the White House take immediate action to create jobs and ensure that the economic recovery extends all the way from Wall Street to Main Street.

The first phase of the President's \$787 billion stimulus bill has provided needed tax relief to homebuyers and businesses and extended benefits to unemployed workers. But, we must do more to create jobs and stem the rising tide of unemployment, especially in hard-pressed urban communities. That means more focused spending on urban construction projects, greater relief for cities and states to prevent more layoffs and the possible creation of a direct government jobs program targeted to communities most in need. We are pleased that the Obama Administration will convene a "jobs summit" next month to consider these and other options.

But, even with friends in

the White House and overwhelming support for progressive urban policies in the Congress, there is still a need for the same kind of focused effort from the civil rights community that has taken us to the brink of historic health care reform. Government can't do this job alone.

That's why I was pleased to announce last week that the National Urban League has teamed up with On-Deck Capital, a leading small business financial specialist, to provide loans to minority businesses that are struggling to fulfill their mission as engines of job creation in urban communities. The program will kick-off in Philadelphia and Los Angeles and will expand to other major urban centers in the coming months.

We are also joining forces with the Congressional Black Caucus, the NAACP, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the National

Council of La Raza and others who are urging Washington to take action now to address chronic African-American and Latino unemployment.

As Wade Henderson, president of the Leadership Conference recently said, "Make no mistake, for us this is the civil rights issue of the moment. Unless we resolve the national job crisis, it will make it hard to address all of our other priorities."

Working together, the civil rights community has recently won a number of crucial battles - from the election of the nation's first Black president to a new hate crimes law to unprecedented progress on health care reform. We are now engaged in a unified campaign to bring jobs and hope back to our communities. We must and we intend to win again.

Marc Morial is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

Obama is going to Copenhagen to combat an emergency

BY REV. AL SHARPTON

(NNPA) - Two years ago, residents in much of the Southeast underwent an utter revamping of their lifestyle. Instead of blindly showering water across their lawns and leaving faucets running on end, they were forced to self-ration their own usage, and in many cases eliminate certain activities.

In North Carolina, Governor Michael Easley urged his constituents to cease using water for all purposes not essential to public health and safety while the nearly five million inhabitants of the Atlanta metropolitan area faced fines upwards in the thousands for violating certain water restrictions.

For the first time in more than 100 years, the Southeast region of the United States faced the highest level of drought on record as water resources plummeted to dangerously low levels. And yet the Bush administration continued to turn a blind eye to-

ward a catastrophe looming in virtually everyone's future.

From December 7-18, about 75 world leaders will congregate in Copenhagen, Denmark as they undertake the complex and ever urgent dilemma of climate change.

Luckily for the United States - and for the world at large - President Obama himself will attend and address the summit on December 9th as he pushes forth his goals to reduce carbon emissions 83 percent by 2050. As the first sitting U.S. President since George H.W. Bush's 1992 trip to Rio de Janeiro where a global warming treaty first began this process, Obama will address the annual U.N. conference and finally propose an emissions reduction target that will undeniably save lives and our planet.

As hurricanes grow in intensity, floods wash away entire towns, tsunamis erase generations, droughts leave children starving and the

number of respiratory diseases around the world continue to exponentially rise, there are those that would still chose to deny the existence of a dire global warming crisis. And the sad reality is that even though developed nations are largely to blame for growing environmental damage, it is poorer, underdeveloped countries which suffer the most repercussions.

Many times lacking the appropriate resources and infrastructure to combat natural disasters and emerging catastrophes, these countries almost always experience disproportionate levels of death, starvation and destruction. And a majority of the time, it is children who fall victim to the devastating outcomes of an increasingly volatile environment.

Despite the mounting evidence and countless examples of global warming, those with their own financial or personal incentives would

choose to deny its existence. Following eight years of the Bush administration's rejection of the 1997 Kyoto climate accords, and its continued refusal to reduce greenhouse gases, Obama will finally make a concerted effort to rectify an overly neglected and increasingly troubling situation.

For the first time, the American delegation to the climate summit will have a U.S. Center set up at the conference where keynote speakers will address topics ranging from the investment of \$80 billion in clean energy via the Recovery Act, to the President's gas emissions standards for cars and trucks. Obama will also be accompanied by several Cabinet officials, including the head of the Environmental Protection Agency - marking this as the highest profile contingent of U.S. officials to ever partake in international climate dis-

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Texas still failing our babies;

March of Dimes premature birth report card gives Texas "F" grade

(NDG Wire) For the second consecutive year, Texas earned a "F" grade on March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card, showing that the state's preterm birth rate of 13.6 percent remains higher than the national rate of 12.7 percent. (Preterm birth occurs at less than 37 weeks completed gestation.)

The report card focused on three factors that affect preterm birth -- uninsured women, women who smoke, and late preterm birth. In Texas, there is welcome news: the percentage of women who smoke decreased from 18.1% to 15.8%. Smoking cessation programs can reduce the risk of premature birth. March of Dimes urges federal and state support of smoking cessation as part of maternity care.

The grades were determined by comparing preterm birth rates to the national Healthy People 2010 preterm birth objective, which is 7.6 percent of all live births. The United States earned only a "D" on the Report Card. Only one state, Vermont, which scored a "B" received a grade higher than a "C".

"Although preterm birth is an all too common problem, there are many contributing factors that we do not yet understand," said Dr. Carol Arnold, Chair of the March of Dimes State Program Services Committee in Texas. "It affects babies of all races and ethnicities and families from all walks of life. Many women do everything right, yet they still give birth too soon. Through innovative programs and research, as well as strong community partnerships, March of Dimes is working hard to reduce premature birth and is having success."

"Prematurity continues to be a major problem in Texas," stated Dr. Charleta Guillory, Chair of the March of Dimes State Public Affairs Committee. "Unfortunately, the prematurity rate in Texas remains high and it is taking an economic toll on our families and our state. The March of Dimes continues to work with maternal and child health partners across Texas to help give every baby a healthy start in life."

In Texas, the preterm birth rate is higher than the national average, with 1 in

7 babies born too soon, and that number continues to rise. In Texas, the rate of premature birth rose 19 percent between 1995 and 2005. An estimated 1,000 babies are born premature in North Texas each week, putting them at risk for a host of long-term health complications.

The affects of prematurity are even more prevalent in the African American community, with 18.3% of African American babies in Texas born before 37 weeks gestation. In an effort to increase awareness of this crisis in the African American community, March of Dimes is focused on education and outreach initiatives to combat premature birth among African-American women. "We worked very hard to make sure that the educational boards that went with the pictures challenged the stereotypes," said Wanda Wesson, director of prematurity initiatives for March of Dimes. "Not only does this exhibit educate on prematurity, but it also highlights the very real families in our community that deal with the challenges of premature birth on a daily basis."

Small changes. Big results.

(NDG Wire) There is a reason why losing weight remains one of the most popular New Year's resolutions: it starts with a few pieces of Halloween candy, and it snowballs from there with each holiday feast and party along the way. But Shauna Hyde, a registered dietician at Stanford, advises how to incorporate subtler changes everyday -- instead of cold turkey on January 1.



You are what you drink

The next time you're in the grocery store, take a good look at just how much shelf space is devoted to drinkable items. Behold the number of beverages offered, the size of the containers and the liquid rainbow they form when viewed from the end of the aisle. Then ask yourself: how much space do drinks take up in my diet?

"Pay attention to what you are drinking," said Hyde. "A lot of people drink too many calories, and drinks don't make us feel full. So it is easy to have a few beverages a day and not notice the calories you took in."

Over the past few decades, America has seen the rate of obesity rise to the point where, currently, about 35 percent of women and 31 percent of men in America are obese. The largest contributors to this, according to Hyde, are sweetened beverages: sodas, sports drinks, coffee-flavored concoctions and all those energy-boosting beverages flying off the shelves.

She said one of the

biggest ways for most people to decrease their daily calorie intake—especially if they are trying to lose or maintain weight—would be to drink more plain water.

Ponder your plate

Another small change that yields big results begins with the act of pondering your serving plate. Once about 10 inches wide, plates have also grown over the decades, according to Hyde. As a result, so have our portions—and consequently, our waistlines. Today's plates are almost 20 percent bigger than those a few years ago, which means many of us may be eating approximately 20 percent more at every meal.

"Remember," Hyde said, "a healthy meal starts with a plate that is not too big."

Once you've put your plate in perspective, you can plan out your portions. Hyde suggests drawing an imaginary line down the middle of the plate and covering one side with non-starchy vegetables. Then, put starchy or whole grain foods in one quarter of the plate and lean protein foods in the other.

Perfection is overrated

Now, the next step you can take—and it's a significant one—is to let go of your inner perfectionist. That merciless voice can lead to an all-or-nothing mentality that does more harm than good when it comes to eating better. For instance, if you aren't eating the recommended five servings of vegetables and fruits a day, don't just give up altogether.

Instead, aim for incremental progress: have a sliced, mouth-watering heirloom tomato from the farmers market with lunch. Good decisions often lead to more good decisions, and before long you could be consuming two or three servings a day.

"People think there is only one correct way to eat," said Hyde. "And when they can't live up to that standard, they tend to say 'forget it' and give up entirely."

To get started, Hyde said take a few days and write down what you eat and drink. By diligently documenting what—and how much—you consume, you should be able to identify one or two places where positive changes can be made.

Christmas Through Giving benefit woman with rare disorder and the hungry

(NDG Wire) Women Praying for Christ Ministries, along with Dr. Angela S. King Ministries and Powerful D.I.V.A.S. will host its annual "Christmas Through Giving" benefit on Dec. 5.

This year, the ministry will celebrate the holidays with a free concert, featuring JAVEN, who began singing at 17 or 18, with a group called Harvest in Tennessee. He recorded his first CD in 2000.

JAVEN recently landed supporting roles in the films "Preacher's Kid" and

"Abandoned," both will be released in 2010. "Keeping the Faith," his latest CD, will also be released next year.

The concert will benefit the North Texas Food Bank and surgery for Minister Virgie Lindsey, a woman diagnosed with a rare olfactory disorder.

The disorder, hyposmia, causes an extremely heightened sense of smell. Her symptoms began mild in 1999, but became more aggressive as time passed.

"At the end of 1999, I

was getting strong senses of smell," said Lindsey. Scents such as coffee and perfume were suddenly too strong. "It would be overwhelming and just take my breath away."

She began having intense headaches and eye pain. Lindsey said she was no longer able to just go, wherever she pleased, like she once was. She took drastic measure to rid her home of visitors' body odors, perfumes and cigarette smoke. She began to over use candles, room de-

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Garland's Annual Christmas on the Square is Thursday night

(NDG Wire) Santa's elves are getting ready for Downtown Garland's annual Christmas on the Square celebration, Thursday, December 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This year's event features the traditional tree lighting ceremony at 7 p.m., complete with a spectacular fireworks and light display.

Santa Claus will be on

hand to hear Christmas wishes from the children of Garland immediately following the tree lighting ceremony. Children can have their picture taken with Santa and receive a free commemorative photo button and candy cane.

To get into the spirit of giving, patrons can bring a new, unwrapped toy to the MotorCops for Kids booth

on Main Street at Sixth Street. The booth is sponsored by the Garland Police Department in partnership with Harley Davidson of Dallas, who will distribute them to several local charitable organizations to give to children in need. Harley will also have motorcycles on display, including one for family photo opportunities.

Choirs and bands from

Garland Independent School District schools and area churches will perform throughout the event on the Downtown Square stage and throughout the event, which includes areas immediately surrounding the Downtown Square and City Hall.

In addition to holiday music and lights, there will be numerous arts and crafts booths in the Christmas

Bazaar. Hot chocolate, popcorn, caramel apples and many more festive foods will be available for purchase, and Downtown Garland restaurants will be open.

Christmas on the Square offers free family activities, including horse drawn carriage rides through Garland and Downtown Garland restaurants will be open.

ding hills. And there will be real snow on the streets of Downtown Garland! Other children's activities include writing letters to Santa, making Christmas ornaments and puppets; face painting, and faux tattoos and balloon makers.

For additional information, visit www.Christmasonthesquare.com or call 972-205-2633.

Smashburger, North Texas Food Bank help fight hunger

(NDG Wire) Smashburger, a fast casual "better burger" restaurant that opened in Addison, Texas near Dallas on November 18, 2009, is partnering with the North Texas Food Bank to combat hunger in North Texas. This season finds NTFB, a nonprofit hunger relief organization that distributes donated, purchased, and prepared foods through 13 North Texas counties, low in cash and food. Smashburger will impact

NTFB's power to feed the hungry by donating \$1 for every Lonestar Smashburger sold at the Addison location (4980 Beltline Road) between December 5 and December 11.

The Lonestar Smashburger, created specifically for the Dallas area, starts with a one-third or half-pound ball of 100-percent Angus beef that is first smashed, seared and seasoned on the grill, served open face with cheddar

cheese, beefy chili, diced onions, diced tomatoes and fresh jalapenos and grated cheddar cheese on a chipotle bun. Knife and fork included.

Named for the cooking method used to create the perfect burger, Smashburgers start with a one-third or half-pound ball of 100-percent Angus beef-fresh, not frozen-smashed, seared and seasoned on a flat grill. Served on a butter-toasted artisan bun and topped with

a selection of real cheeses, the freshest produce and top-quality condiments.

"Anytime Smashburger enters a community, it automatically assumes some responsibility for contributing to the health and vitality of the area," says Smashburger President Scott Crane. "Smashburger's partnership with the North Texas Food Bank will ease some of the hunger that underprivileged North Texas families are experiencing."

Connemara Conservancy to host Author Matt White

(NDG Wire) Connemara Conservancy Meadow Preserve presents *A Special Evening with Matt White*, author of *Prairie Time: A Blackland Portrait*, on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at The Lofts at Watters Creek located in at 935 Garden Park Drive, in Allen, Texas.

An experienced speaker, columnist and author, White brings awareness to the conditions of Texas' once lush lands and the responsibility



Matt White

of championing their preservation.

The event will include a book signing and discussion

on White's experiences tracking the dwindling tall grass prairies of Northeast Texas.

"Matt is a champion of preservation," said Luanne Samuel, executive director of Connemara Conservancy. "We greatly appreciate him taking the time to speak with our members and support Connemara and our cause."

White is the author of *The Birds of Northeast Texas* and a regular nature colum-

nist for the Mount Vernon Optic-Herald. He also studies and grows prairie plants on his land near Campbell, Texas.

Though there is no fee to attend, donations are accepted. For more information or to RSVP, please contact rsvp@connemaraconservancy.org or call 214-351-0990.

For information visit www.connemaraconservancy.org.

Carrollton Police and Fire Departments offer advice and help during the holidays

(NDG Wire) Holidays can be both a joyful and stressful time, as this time of giving can come with a high price tag.

The Carrollton Police Department wants each citizen to protect themselves and their family from the stress and depression that can easily overtake a person.

By following the helpful tips provided by the police

department in their Preventing the Holiday Blues brochure, extra stress and depression can be avoided. Brochures are available at police department locations and online at cityofcarrollton.com/police in their news section.

For more information, contact the department's social services at 972-466-3158.

As Metrocrest Social Services strives to provide for needy families during the holiday season, the City of Carrollton Fire Department is offering their stations as collection locations for Metrocrest's Holiday Store. Donations of toys, teen gifts, food, coats, household items, family gifts and more will be accepted at the drop locations.

The boxes will be located in public access areas from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through December 24. No cash will be accepted at the fire stations, and the fire department will not give out donation receipts as the crews are not always in the station.

For more information or for a list of suggested food and gift items, please visit metrocrestsocialservices.org.

Carrollton hosting Christmas on the Square this weekend

(NDG Wire) Snow will once again be blowing into Carrollton on the first weekend in December, bringing with it a time of Christmas celebrations and a Sugar Plum Wonderland. So cancel the flight to Vermont and enjoy the snow in the Downtown Carrollton Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 5. Tube down a snow hill, ride in a real Stagecoach, sing holiday carols and let the kids shop in their own mall. Stroll the shops, all decked out for the holidays, offering wonderful gifts and stocking stuffers. Other exciting events include a pet parade, a baking contest, a live pony car-



ousel and pet adoptions.

The day will come to an end with the annual Christmas Parade, starting at 4:30 p.m., which will bring Santa to the Square. Only to be followed by the trees being lit to officially hail the holiday season. For more information or to register for the baking contest, call 972-242-4490 or olddowntowncarrollton.com.

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Agreement aligns courses with Richland College

Engineering and Computer Science curriculum plan to benefit transfer students

(NDG Wire) About half of U.S. bachelor's degree recipients now complete some of their studies at community colleges – and UT Dallas and Richland College are making the transition to the University even easier by further aligning

their curricula in engineering and computer science.

“We signed a similar agreement several years ago regarding our electrical engineering curricula, and that produced a surge of electrical engineering students,” said Dr. Simeon Ntafos, as-

sociate dean for undergraduate education in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science at UT Dallas. “Now we’ve agreed to do likewise with the rest of our undergraduate programs in engineering and computer sci-

ence.”

In addition to electrical engineering, the Jonsson School offers bachelor's degrees in computer engineering, computer science, mechanical engineering, software engineering and telecommunications engineer-

ing.

“Community colleges are an important pipeline into our programs,” said the Jonsson School's dean, Mark W. Spong, “helping fuel our efforts to increase the number of graduates we produce for both Texas and

the country as a whole.”

Richland's student body includes about 15,000 students taking courses that can be applied to the first two years of a bachelor's degree. The college also offers certificates and continuing education.

National hook-up of Black Women, Inc. celebrate it's 1st annual scholarship gala

(NDG Wire) National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. – North Central Texas Chapter will host it's 1st Annual Scholarship Gala on Friday evening, December 4th at the Plano Centre's Collinwood Ballroom. The cocktail reception will start at 6:00 pm and the event starts at 7:00 pm sharp. The Master of Ceremony for the evening's festivities is Horace Satisfield, President of the Collin County Black

Chamber of Commerce. The gala benefiting the chapter's scholarship awards and community programs will become the chapter's annual major fund-raiser.

In honor of the National and local Chapter Founders, this year, two scholarships will be awarded to deserving students who are seeking higher learning. In honor of the National Founder, Dr. Arnita Young-Boswell, “The Excellence in Education”

Scholarship will be awarded to recognize her achievements in higher education. The Scholarship will be awarded to recognize a talented, graduating high school student who has met the criteria and will be attending college next Fall.

In honor of the North Central Texas Chapter Founder, Betty Veasy, the “Excellence in Nursing” Scholarship will be awarded to recognize her achieve-

ments in Nursing. The Scholarship will be awarded to an African American, single parent, male or female who has met the criteria and is currently enrolled in a Nursing Degree program at an accredited college or university.

The momentous evening will also include recognition to a black woman who has exemplified and demonstrated the power of a quality education. The recipient

must also be diligently working throughout and serving her community in excellence. The “Woman of Excellence” Award recipient and Keynote Speaker is WFAA-TV News Anchor, Debbie Denmon.

The annual event will offer a wonderful evening of scrumptious cuisine, exciting entertainment provided by Comedienne Michael Prince, local business vendors, social networking, dancing,

Cedric Barrett & Band and the chance to take home great gifts from the raffle drawings and silent auctions. Our exciting drawing will feature a Weekend Hotel Getaway, Spa Package, the chance to drive a luxury car for a Weekend and many other wonderful prizes. Tickets for the drawing are \$10 each or three tickets for \$25. The Early Bird tickets are all sold out. Admission at the door is \$50.00 per person.

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ing specialist.

The two retired educators are seeking to intervene in the protracted legal battle between the school district and Richard Fleming. Fleming was elected to the Board of Trustees May 9, 2009. He is African-American and the first minority to be elected to the C-FB ISD board, a district where

two-thirds of the students are minorities.

On June 4, the board declared Fleming ineligible, claiming he was not a resident of the district. In September, a state district judge in the 95th Judicial District Court, ordered the school district to seat, Fleming, noting that he paid taxes to the district and sent children

in his care to its schools for years. The district appealed the ruling to the 5th Appeals Court of Texas.

C-FB ISD has expended over \$360,000 on legal action and related costs in the Fleming case, at a time when it is facing an \$11 million deficit for the current year. The district has already made several

budget cuts, including cuts in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs, reducing teacher paid leave days and increasing some class sizes.

The injunction alleges that the Board of Trustees of C-FB ISD knowingly violated the Texas Open Meetings Act at the September 10 regular meeting. The Texas Open Meetings Act honors the principle that government at all levels in this state should operate in a way that is open and accessible to the people.

Tarpley and Lewis seek judicial nullification of a motion made at that meeting. The board now claims the motion was authorization to the C-FB ISD's attorneys to file an appeal of the ruling in the 95th Judicial District court ordering the school district to seat Fleming.

The motion was passed eleven days prior to the final judgment in the district court. The agenda of

the meeting did not indicate that the board was to take action on instructing counsel to file an appeal.

The motion was so ambiguous that the press did not report it as authorization to seek an appeal. Karin Webb, a board member trustee opposed to the appeal, voted for the motion believing it applied to ongoing action in the district judicial court and not to an appeal.

As former C-FB ISD teachers, Tarpley and Lewis are proud of the district, their colleagues, its teachers and its students. Both women are proud of their commitment to improving the education of students in the district.

After retiring, Lewis continued to serve the district. The superintendent of schools called her back to work at an elementary school that was under-performing on the reading TAKS. She taught reading strategies to students, par-

ents and teachers. After working with the school for two years, all students passed the TAKS Test.

Tarpley and Lewis have become increasingly concerned that the focus of the leadership of the school district is not solely on education. Two weeks ago, TEA Commissioner Robert Scott denied the school district's request to adjust the district's accountability rating from Academically Acceptable to Recognized.

The Open Meetings Act provides civil remedies and criminal penalties for violations of its provisions. District courts have original jurisdiction over criminal violations of the act as misdemeanors involving official misconduct. Criminal violations are investigated and prosecuted by the Dallas County District Attorney.

Watch the Shirley Demus Tarpley video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGPr1HIEauI Shirley Demus Tarpley Video

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teaching in the Student Leadership Academy. She has served as African-American History Month coordinator, service-learning campus coordinator and is an active contributor to the Book-In-Common project along with New Student Orientation and the Cultivating Scholars research initiative.

“I am deeply grateful to receive this award from The Carnegie Foundation and CASE. There is no greater honor than to be

recognized for my art, my passion and my purpose,” said Dr. McKenzie. “My students make each day a novel and exhilarating experience. They keep me grounded, and they inspire me. It is an honor to momentarily be a part of their lives.”

Students sing the praises of Dr. McKenzie as well. Nicholas Palmer, a former student who is now an attorney, said, “Professor McKenzie encourages her students to question

what they know about the world, not so they will view the world as she does, but so they may build an understanding from their own perspective.”

Tracey McKenzie received a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of North Texas, where she also earned a master's degree in sociology, a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary social sciences and a bachelor's degree in English literature.

DART's Hyattye Simmons honored by fellow attorneys

(NDG Wire) Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) General Counsel Hyattye Simmons has received the 2009 Texas General Counsel Forum's Magna Stella



Hyattye Simmons

Award for excellence in leadership and management for a non-profit or government agency.

The Texas General Counsel Forum is a legal association of over 400 Texas general counsels and senior managing counsel, representing more than 325 companies, governmental entities, or non-profit organizations across the State of Texas.

Simmons accepted the award during the Forum's Eleventh Annual Conference of General Counsel and was one of 10 award recipients chosen from 25 finalists in 10 categories.

Named DART General Counsel in March 2007, Simmons has worked as a DART attorney since 1988. Previously Simmons served as General Counsel of the Texas Secretary of State's Office and is also a former Dallas Assistant City Attorney. Simmons is a graduate of Lamar University and earned his law degree at the University of Texas School of Law.

Magna Stella Award winners were selected by an independent panel of judges representing current and retired general counsels from both the private and public sectors.

CareCenter Ministries 22nd Annual Thanksgiving Outreach Wonderfully Successful

(NDG Wire) Many who drove through downtown last week noticed a pleasant difference on the faces and in the hearts of the disadvantaged population of Dallas. More than 300 homeless people were picked up and attended a special Thanksgiving Outreach in southeast Dallas.

Free winter clothes and coats were given away to all those who attended. More than 1000 Thanksgiving dinners and desserts were provided, as no one went away hungry. Gifts and prizes were given away to the homeless, local residents and those who are in need.



CareCenter Ministries issued a thank-you to the more than 200 volunteers, valued citizens of the great city and the media who supported our event. They could not have served so many without their support.

CareCenter Ministries is planted and rooted in the mission field of the inner city. For more than 23 years CareCenter Ministries has tirelessly reached out to make Dallas a better community.



Congresswomen push for increased awareness about women's health



Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee poses for a photo with ACCESS CEO Donna Thompson by a replica of the Pin-A-Sister™ /Examine Comadre™ lapel pin during the recent pinning ceremony held on Capitol Hill, which highlighted breast and cervical cancer disparities and launched the na-

tional Pin-A-Sister™ /Examine Comadre™ campaign, sponsored by Access Community Health Network. The initiative works to educate women about breast and cervical health.

This event was co-sponsored by Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and organized by Congresswomen Jan Sch-

akowsky (D-IL) and Mary Fallin (R-OK), as well as the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the House Cancer Caucus. For more information, visit www.Pinasister.com or www.accesscommunity-health.net.

Photo by Sam Kittner.

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Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

Thru December 4

Adriatic First Fridays Art Walk 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Art walk, live music, sidewalk sales, free food samplings. Admission is FREE. Every 1st Friday on Virginia Pkwy. 972-540-2739.

Through Jan. 3

Deck the Halls at Dallas' Old Red Museum at 100 S. Houston St., 214-745-1100 or oldred.org.

ICE! and Lone Star Christmas in Grapevine The thrilling, chilling, one-of-a-kind holiday attraction ICE! returns to Gaylord Texan Resort for the 2009 Christmas season featuring the Dr. Seuss classic, How The Grinch Stole Christmas! This year, ICE! tells the story of The Grinch by recreating cherished scenes from the book in intricately carved, larger-than-life, interactive ice sculptures set in a walk-through world of ice. Some of the sculptures weigh in at more than two tons each. ICE! Returning to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for its sixth season, and includes a 50-foot rotating Christmas tree, magical train sets, a life-sized gingerbread house, and 1.5 million twinkling lights. For more information visit www.gaylordtexan.com.

December 2-6

Dallas Black Dance Theatre's inaugural winter series *Preeminent Dance* at 7:30 p.m. in the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyle Theatre. Mayor Tom Leppert and his wife, Laura Leppert will serve as honorary chairs of the series, which ends on December 6, 2009. *Preeminent Dance* will feature choreography from Elisa Monte's Pigs and Fishes, Asadata Dafora's Awassa Astrige/Ostrich and Ben Stevenson's Camouflage. Tickets start at \$10 www.dbdt.com or (214) 880-0202.

December 3

Christmas on the Square in downtown Garland features the city's official tree lighting, holiday entertainment, delicious treats, crafters, carriage rides and of course, Santa. Come celebrate the season from 5:30-9:30 p.m., christmasonthesquare.com.

December 3-5 and 10-13

Theatre Brookhaven will premiere the one-act satirical play *The Real Inspector Hound* General admission is \$8, with tickets at \$6 for students, staff and adult seniors. Tickets can be purchased through the Brookhaven College box office at 972-860-4118 or BHC_BoxOffice@dccc.edu.

December 4

Dickens in Historic Downtown Plano transforms the brick streets into a Charles Dickens-style winter wonderland with holiday music, Santa, sleigh rides, tasty treats, shopping and more. The merriment begins at 6 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m. with the official tree lighting at 7 p.m. Info: 972-941-PARK or planoparks.org

December 5

Capital One Bank Adolphus Children's Parade Benefiting Children's Medical Center on Commerce Street at 10 a.m.

Richardson of Chamber hosting Brown Bag Luncheon for only \$5. The topic is "Is Your Business in Danger" featuring Greg Gullota, Vice President of Sales, Merchant Pro Express. Richardson Chamber of Commerce, 411 Belle Grove Dr.

The Handbell Ensemble and Campus Bells of Brookhaven will present their Holiday Handbell Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall at Brookhaven College.

The Capital One Bank Adolphus Children's Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Austin and Commerce streets in downtown Dallas. childrensparade.com

Family Holiday in the West End is a fun-packed day with an arts and crafts fair, toy drop-off for Santa's Helpers, carolers, lunch and pictures with Santa and his helpers, and street entertainment throughout the West End. dallaswestend.org.

Holiday Extravaganza from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Heritage Park, includes a Blue Christmas for Kids Chili Cook-off, followed by the annual Holiday Parade at 4 p.m., Tree Lighting festivities at 5:30 p.m. and topped off by a holiday concert and fireworks: 972-721-2501 or irvingtexas.com.

Posada Dallas at the Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak St., is a traditional representation of Mary and Joseph journeying to Bethlehem. Processioners sing traditional Latin American carols while seeking "shelter" until finally arriving at a place where they are welcomed with mariachi music. dallasculture.org/latinoculturalcenter.

December 6

Dick's Last Resort Kids' Christmas Party 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. for kids from fifty families of deployed troops from surrounding bases. There will be all kinds of holiday fun for these kids along with free burgers and hot dogs. Even Santa will be on hand to give out great gifts to the children. Info 214.747.0001.

December 7

WWE presents Monday Night RAW at 7:15 p.m. American Airlines Center. Come see the last RAW before the WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders, and Chairs PPV. Best value in entertainment, ticket starts at \$20.00. For

more information please visit www.americanairlinescenter.com

December 9

MTBC Brown Bag Lunch at 411 Belle Grove Drive, Richardson "Is Your Business in Danger?" Featuring Greg Gullota, Vice President of Sales, Merchant Pro Express

Richardson Chamber of Commerce hosting "Is Your Business in Danger" at 11:30 a.m. featuring Greg Gullota, Vice President of Sales, Merchant Pro Express.

December 10

4th Annual Women in Support of Enterprise (WISE) Holiday Luncheon, Fashion Show and Gift - Admission is \$25 - \$30. Info: Angela Mayer 972-727-5585, RSVP@allenchamber.com or www.allenchamber.com.

22nd Annual Leadership Garland Prayer Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center 300 N. Fifth St., Garland RSVP to Jami Manners at 469-326-7477, jami.manners@garlandchamber.com or www.garlandchamber.com.

Plano Mayor and City Council will meet with District 2 residents in a **Plano Neighborhood Roundtable** discussion. The two-hour meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center, 5801 W. Parker Road.

December 11-13

Turtle Creek Chorale Presents *A Very Special Holiday Special!* Tickets range from \$23-68 can be purchased at 214-526-3214 or www.turtlecreek.org.

December 12

The Élan Circle of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League hosting the **21st Annual "Deck the Hall - A Cele-**

bration of Music for Children" concert featuring a performance by Emmy Award-winning music guests, The Biscuit Brothers at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$45 and can be purchased starting November 2, 2009 at www.deckthehall.org or by calling 214-208-8297.

December 13-14

KwanzaaFest is a family cultural celebration at Fair Park's Automobile Building, 1010 First Ave. johnwileyprice.com

December 13

The 2009 MetroPCS Dallas White Rock Marathon Presented by NexBank race is set for 8:00 a.m. Online registration for 2009 is open. After a sell-out last year, we have increased the registration limit to 20,000 runners. The course begins and ends in Victory Park at the American Airlines Center near downtown Dallas and runs to and around scenic White Rock Lake, with so much course entertainment that you might forget you're running a marathon! www.runtherock.com

December 31 - January 3

Lone Star Circus® presents *BANQUISTA!* at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St., Dallas. Tickets 214/740-0051, or www.lonestarcircus.org.

January 1

The Comerica Bank New Year's Parade on January 1, 2010 at 2:30 p.m., will help celebrate Downtown Dallas' revitalization while welcoming thousands of visitors to Dallas for the annual AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic. The family-friendly event begins in Downtown Dallas (Ross Ave. from Harwood to Lamar, to Houston, ending at All-Star Waynext to the American Airlines Center). www.comericabankparade.com

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African-American buying power to increase in near future

(NDG Wire) As the U.S. continues to be bogged down by the woes of the economy, it's no wonder many businesses have a watchful eye on the buying power of consumers. But recent news from leading economists suggests that businesses should pay particular attention to African-American consumers.

Leading economists say African-American buying power is projected to increase from \$913 billion in 2008 to \$1.1 trillion by 2012. This projected increase is contributed primarily to population growth and the expansion of African-American owned businesses.

In today's distressed economy, new and existing African-American businesses intent on growing their market base and bottom-line by capturing more of the African-American market share, are focusing on the trendsetting realities of the teen market.

The U.S. teen market (12- to 19-year-olds) is targeted by businesses because of their strong influence on household purchases. And African-American business owners are specifically focused on African-American teens and tweens because of their impact on mainstream culture - especially in fashion, sports and music. Industry experts estimate African-American teens spend an average of \$96 dollars per month, 20% more per month than the average U.S. teen.

"There's not a better trend forecaster than young people in the African-American community," says Joni Odum, marketing manager at Firstline Manufacturing Corp, a Black-owned hair care products and accessories company in Houston. "Teens and tweens in the Black community reflect the latest buying trends in the mar-

ketplace, and Firstline is very aware of how grooming products are growing in importance for this community of consumers. We continually take the pulse of teen and tween buyers to ensure our accessories reflect their needs, wants and sense of style."

When considering the increasing buying power of the African Americans, experts in the *African-American Market Profile, Drawing on Diversity for Successful Marketing* note that, when compared to all U.S. teens, African-American male and female teens spend more on items such as apparel and technology-related products per year. They also exert more influence on household purchases over a number of, including athletic shoes and hairstyling products; and tend to be more brand loyal to a variety of goods, including personal products, footwear and food.

African-American consumers make their buying choices within complex cultural, political and social contexts. So even though some consumers might be in a pinch with the struggling economy, most African-Americans have a hard time saying no to the goods and services that they have grown accustomed to buying.

ican consumers' increased buying power over the next few years. For example, we know that while African Americans make up about 14 percent of the U.S. population, they account for

more than 30 percent of hair care spending. Our product lines, especially our Evolve line of accessories for African-American females, are designed to meet the needs of these consumers with high-quality hair brushes, combs, and satin sleep and styling accessories."

With the economy reeling and personal household budgets stretched tight, consumers are carefully considering how and when they spend their dollars. Many African-American consumers are aware of how much money is coming in, how they make buying decisions, and when spending their money is a clear necessity or a luxury item they can justify to themselves

today's troubling economy, that buying any good or service is a serious decision," said Robert A. Bowser, president and CEO of Firstline Manufacturing. "That's why it is even more

styling aids that positively reflect our customers - today and tomorrow."

Even though the economy is causing most consumers to tighten their purse strings, African

make the purchasing decision easy for buyers and to benefit from the Black community's increased buying power in the coming years, is for businesses to market their services and products to African Americans' sense of fashion, style and trend.

That means positioning products and services effectively now so that they appeal to buyers in the future. It also could mean deciding to change the product or service, advertising differently, or improving the customer guarantee to attract African Americans with increased buying power in the future.

Bowser said, "Firstline's best marketing strategy is simple. We ensure we speak directly to our target customer in a way that shows we understand their wants, needs, problems and concerns. For example, our Evolve product line is designed to make African-American female consumers feel and look good and fashionable, while also protecting their healthy hair. By staying abreast of our customers' needs and wants, we stay on top of the latest trends in the community and can create new items based on where the market needs are."

Firstline is also committed to staying on the cutting edge to be well positioned to appeal to consumers when the economy turns around and African-American's projected buying power kicks up a notch in the next two to three years.

The assumption is consumers will decide to exert their collective buying power with companies that make a concerted effort to appeal to fashion and trends in the African-American community; create brand loyalty by offering high-quality services and products; and present buyers with a really compelling item for them to buy.

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Robert Bowser, Entrepreneur

sumers' needs. Money is tight now, but it won't be that way in the long term. We are focused on position-

Americans - especially African-American women - continue to make a significant investment in hair care services and products, including hair relaxers, hair extensions and hair care accessories.

Actor Chris Rock's recent documentary *Good Hair* humorously educates viewers about the lengths African-American women and teens are willing to go to everyday to ensure their hairstyles enhance their self-image, increase their self-esteem and express their individual style preferences.

Fashion and trends are strong influencers of house-

[African-American teens] also exert more influence on household purchases over a number of, including athletic shoes and hairstyling products; and tend to be more brand loyal to a variety of goods, including personal products, footwear and food.

Odum said, "Firstline is focused on creating brand loyalty to ensure we capture our share of African-Amer-

and their families.

"Today, consumers are so busy trying to make sure they keep or find a job in

ing Firstline for the projected increase in our community's buying power by offering fashionable hair-

hold purchases and a valuable tool for businesses. Marketing experts agree that one of the best ways to

MetroPCS Fair Park Holiday offers free family fun

(NDG Wire) Sculptures, dancing water and an assortment of fun for all ages will be on tap at MetroPCS Fair Park Holiday on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m., at Fair Park. Presented by Friends of Fair Park and the City of Dallas, the family-friendly festival will feature the unveiling of the newly renovated Esplanade Fountain with Bellagio-style dancing water shows, entertainment, kids activities, free museum visits and more. Two original re-creations of the 1936 sculptures will also be introduced – Tenor and Con-

tralto, which adorned the Esplanade Fountain during the Texas Centennial Exposition.

It is free and open to the public and guests can enjoy free admission to Fair Park museums from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. The dancing water performances are synchronized to music and holiday tunes, with show times at 2, 3 and 4 p.m., and following the tree lighting ceremony. There will also be a Dallas Wind Symphony Quartet concert at 4:30 p.m., entertainment by the Inner City All Stars, and various gospel choirs and dance



groups; and more.

At Santa's Workshop,

children can take part in arts and crafts, including do-it-yourself gift wrapping, pine cone trees, ornament-making and jewelry-making, pictures with Santa, inflatable obstacle course and slide and other kids activities inside the Centennial Building. The Holiday Gift Market presented by The 500 Inc. will offer an assortment of quality merchandise, gifts and holiday décor, also inside the Centennial Building. Cowboy fans can congregate outside the Centennial Building for a Dallas Cowboys/New York Giants

watch party at 3:15 p.m., presented by 1540 AM ESPN Deportes.

The official City of Dallas Tree Lighting Ceremony will get underway at 6 p.m., and will include a special candlelight tribute to the men and women who currently serve or have previously served in the U.S. military. An Esplanade Fountain holiday water show will follow.

The Dallas Youth Council (formerly the Dallas Youth Commission) will sponsor "Just Bring It", a toy and book drive benefiting economically disad-

vantaged children in the Dallas community. Visitors are encouraged to drop off new books and toys at the end of the Esplanade along the Court of Honor.

Admission is free for MetroPCS Fair Park Holiday. Parking is \$10 and available at Gate 2 (Perry Ave. and Haskell Ave.), or ride DART's Green Line to the Fair Park Station. Concessions will be sold, including cider, hot chocolate and other holiday fare. A nominal fee will apply for pictures with Santa (\$5) or snap your own shots for free.

The media wolves are at Tiger's door

BY TERRELL MENDENHALL
NDG CONTRIBUTOR

When Tiger Woods married Ellin Nordegren five years ago, there was concern the marriage might make the game's greatest golfer lose his competitive edge. That did

not happen, Woods is still the game's greatest golfer. However, over the past few days Woods has discovered being a married sports icon can come with a host of other issues.

Last week, the *National Inquirer* reported Woods is

involved in an extra marital affair.

In a statement Sunday on his website Woods admitted the car accident that sent him to the hospital early Friday was his fault and it was "embarrassing" to him and his family. In-

vestigators have been to Woods' home and came up empty handed. Police received a frantic 911 call from Woods' neighbors and a copy of the audio was released to the press.

At a press conference on Tuesday the Florida Highway Patrol announced Woods was issued a traffic citation for careless driving with a maximum fine of \$164. Officials indicated they have no plans to pursue any criminal charges in

connection with the matter.

On Sunday, attorney Mark NeJame representing Woods provided the police his license, registration and insurance which was required by law. After testing revealed no alcohol or drugs were involved, Woods reportedly is not required to make any further statements to authorities handling the crash investigation.

The intensively private Woods is not accustomed to

this type of attention. He normally controls the media's access and manipulates how the media covers his career and limited personal information. His relationship with the media has really changed. We will see if he can handle it.

At the very least Woods has learned two painful lessons: there is the downside of having a marriage in the spotlight and that fame is almost always give - and- take.

Turtle Creek Chorale Presents A Very Special Holiday Special!

(NDG Wire) The Turtle Creek Chorale presents *A Very Special Holiday Special* on Friday, December 11th at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 12th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House.

Our story begins with Donald, our main character, channel-surfing those all too familiar holiday specials. While watching *The Wizard Of Oz*, he falls asleep and soon finds himself lost in the "Land of Claus." Along the way, he meets a lonely Chipmunk, two characters who oddly resemble the good and bad witch, a socially awkward reindeer, a timid turkey and a very lackluster Kris Kringle. Together, they travel the Peppermint

Road in search of the Wizard of Claus with hopes he can answer their many questions.

Song selections include favorites such as *Away In A Manger*, *Silent Night*, *Joy To The World*, *A Night Before Christmas* and *Jingle Bells!*

Joining the Turtle Creek Chorale for this concert series is the Metropolitan Winds, Randol Alan Bass, Conductor, and Dallas PUMP!, our community's newest youth chorus.

Turtle Creek Chorale Artistic Director Jonathan Palant says, "This year's holiday show combines wit with humor and is suitable for all audiences. While the first part of our show is a mini-musical, the second part is filled with familiar holiday melodies sung as only the

men of the Turtle Creek Chorale can."

The Turtle Creek Chorale invites everyone to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the 20th annual toy drive benefiting Children's and Parkland Hospitals. Gary Williams, coordinator of the toy drive says, "The hospitals count on these donations. Every boy and girl, even those in hospitals, must know Santa remembers them! Turtle Creek Chorale patrons are the real Santa Claus!"

Tickets range from \$23-68 and may be purchased in person at the Turtle Creek Chorale office at the Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Boulevard, Suite #306, Dallas, Texas 75219, by phone at (214) 526-3214 or online at www.turtlecreek.org.

New entertainment writer joins North Dallas Gazette Team

We are pleased to announce Terrell Mendenhall is joining the *North Dallas Gazette* entertainment team as a reporter and blogger assigned to cover the entertainment industry.

Terrell is a resourceful, creative and collaborative journalist and comes to the *Gazette* from Springhill, Louisiana. In Springhill Terrell attended Webster Parish School System and graduated from Springhill High School. He continued his education at Grambling State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hotel Restaurant Management with a minor in Journalism.

Terrell worked more than two years as a staff writer for



Terrell Mendenhall

the *Gramblinite Weekly News* in Grambling Louisiana, and also was responsible for writing about independent film industry locally and nationally. Terrell also interned for WJBF News Channel Six in Augusta, Georgia. His work covering media, businesses, travel and culture has appeared in *Daily*

Augusta News, *Ruston Daily Leader*, *Springhill Press*, *Minden Press Herald* and the *Shreveport Times*.

Terrell is one of four children born to William and Marilyn Mendenhall. Family is a vital part of his identity and he believes they are the back bone of his successes, Cullen, his hometown, is a part of that backbone Terrell added, "It gave me my religious roots, my journalist aspirations, and my inspirations to move forward."

In Terrell's leisure time he enjoys participating in community projects. Terrell also enjoys traveling and looks forward to traveling to New York City to attend in person *Showtime at the Apollo*.

Texas Adds 41,700 Jobs in October

(NDG Wire) Total nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 41,700 positions in October with significant increases in Professional and Business Services and Education and Health Services.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly to 8.3 percent in October, up from 8.2 percent a month ago, and continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 10.2 percent.

"In October, the Texas job market regained some lost ground experienced over the past several months, although it is too soon to indicate a trend," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "The Texas unemployment rate contin-

ued to edge upward as our state continues to feel the effects of the national economic downturn."

Education and Health Services employment grew in October with the addition of 14,900 jobs, and Professional and Business Services added 10,800 positions in October. Employment in the Financial Activities industry increased by 4,500 jobs in October.

"Reports of job gains in October are good news, and certainly better than the alternative, but we remain concerned about the many Texans who still cannot find work," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "We want to encourage those seeking work to take advantage of the job-search and training services avail-

able at our workforce centers across Texas."

Employment in the Leisure and Hospitality industry was up in October by 2,600 jobs, while Trade, Transportation and Utilities reported an increase of 2,500 positions in October. Construction employment continued to experience job losses with a decrease of 9,400 jobs last month.

"We are encouraged by increased employment reports across most industries in October specifically in the service providing sector which includes health care, business and finance," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "TWC and the 28 local workforce development boards remain determined to help out-of-work Texans find jobs."

CitiTrends opens two new stores in DFW

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

In time for holiday shopping season CitiTrends, headquartered in Savannah, Georgia, in November opened eight new stores including two locally in Garland and Dallas. The new locations are:

- Garland, Texas 219

West Kingsley Boulevard (Ridgewood Plaza shopping center at the northwest corner of Kingsley Boulevard and First Street).

- Dallas, Texas 10325 Lake June Road (Torro Vista Shopping Center at the northeast corner of Lake June Road and N. Masters Drive).

CitiTrends is a value-priced retailer operating over 400 stores in 24 states. They offer urban brand and fashion apparel for Juniors, Plus, Mens, Boys, Girls, Kids and Accessories. They claim their prices are generally 30% to 70% below specialty and department store prices.

Dallas lawyers answer legal questions - FREE!

(NDG Wire) Volunteer attorneys will answer legal questions at no cost on Wednesday, December 9, and Wednesday, December 16, via LegalLine, a call-in program sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association.

LegalLine is a community service for Dallas County residents, provided the sec-

ond and third Wednesdays of each month. On these designated nights, anonymous lawyers are available to answer questions in many law-related areas ranging from divorce and child support matters, to wills, insurance, employment and criminal law matters.

Residents should call

LegalLine at 214-220-7476 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9 or December 16.

Individuals may also receive referrals to local, legal, or social service agencies. LegalLine volunteer attorneys typically answer between 50 and 90 calls each night.

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Booker T. Washington, President of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., which encouraged Blacks to remain in the South and develop agribusiness and locally based retail establishments to recycle their precious dollars and economically empower themselves.

Based on the model established by the newly formed U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Booker T. founded the National Negro Business League.

There were 40+ chapters of this organization and they provided economic activity and leadership within Black communities from Texas to Maryland.

Some of the business communities formed by these chapters such as Greenwood, OK and Durham, NC were burned to the ground by White extremists and then rebuilt.

Another organization was formed by White liberals of Western New York. The Niagara Movement founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and appointed Harvard educated

W.E.B. DuBois as its Spokesperson.

The NAACP encouraged the federal government to become more involved in the assimilation of Blacks into American society and was opposed to the approach of Booker T. Washington. Mr. DuBois and Mr. Washington held famous debates over their differences.

As President Theodore Roosevelt rudely found out (after he had Booker T. Washington for dinner at the White House), it became politically incorrect to support Booker T. Washington and his vision of Black capitalism.

While the Urban League and the NAACP gathered significant financial support, the chapters of the National Negro Business League withered with many becoming no more than social clubs.

Black entrepreneurship went on the "back burner" and social programs began to spring up especially during the Great Depression. The Second Migration began as World War II evolved

and the demand for increased industrialization to support the war effort created many jobs for Blacks leaving the South for the North and Western urban centers.

With the victory of World War II the nation established the GI Bill of Rights. This provided significant educational, employment and home ownership opportunities for veterans. Black veterans took full advantage of it and the new evolving American Middle Class had its Black representation. This provided a good base when the Civil Rights Movement would obtain new opportunities for all minorities and females beginning in the 1960's. All industries of the United States, through law and serious litigation, became seriously diverse. The skill sets of African-Americans transformed into managerial and executive expertise by the early 1980's.

By 1990, the stage was set for this seasoned crop of educated and experienced business executives to venture into entrepreneurship.

The timing was right for organized business organizations addressing and promoting Black business ownership as a vehicle to empowerment and a guarantee for the gains realized from the aforementioned experiences. The vision of Booker T. Washington was ready for a big rebound.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (NBCC) was formed in May, 1993, with 13 local chapters. At the time, according to the US Census Bureau, there were 300,000+ Black owned businesses doing \$33 billion in annual sales. Today, according to the US Census Bureau, Black businesses are more than 1.5 million strong with sales exceeding \$88 billion. According to the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia, Black consumers have buying power after taxes of nearly \$1 trillion. Economically, African Americans are the fastest growing economic segment of American society. The NBCC and its 140+ chapters are proud to

have been active participants in this phenomenal growth.

Despite the phenomenal growth of small business including all segments of minority populations, the amount of available technical support resources has been on a steady decline. When the NBCC was formed, the Small Business Administration had an annual budget of \$980 million and a staff of over 5,000 trained employees. Today, that budget is less than \$400 million and the workforce has shrunk to less than 1,700 very demoralized employees. It is a conspiracy.

The downturn has taken its toll. Black business, when the Clinton Administration arrived, was at 6% of all federal procurement. Today, it is at 1 percent. It is time to stand up and fight to win our share back. The good news is that Black Capitalism has arrived and nothing is going to turn us around. On a worldwide basis we are soaring.

Harry Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (R). Website: www.nationalbcc.org. Email: halford@nationalbcc.org

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Cobb Switch BBQ launches a signature box lunch program

(NDG Wire) When deadlines and meetings make mid-day munching impossible, Cobb Switch BBQ is ready to come to the rescue with their new boxed lunch program. With the delectable delivery and catering menu now offered,

colleagues and clients will look forward to lunch time lock-ins at the office.

From small gathering with co-workers, to large corporate conferences, Cobb Switch BBQ will customize orders to meet a company's needs. Cus-

tomers can choose items a la carte, or by quantity, for pick-up, delivery and catering. For a group of fifty or more guests, Cobb Switch will provide the food, servers, linens, buffet tables, chafing dishes, disposable plates, and eating utensils.

The boxed lunch program includes options for individual lunches, which can include a choice of sandwich, side/chips, pickle and cookie, their famous BBQ stuffed potato with a cookie, as well as sandwich platters, with a choice of up to 3 meats, bread buns/Texas toast, condi-

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ments (pickles, onions, peppers, BBQ sauce), tea and cookies. Cobb Switch BBQ's renowned smoked meats, home-style sides and desserts can also be ordered individually or in bulk.



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cussions.

When the majority of Americans elected Obama as the 44th President of our great nation, they did so with the conviction that he would not only alter our stance on the world stage, but that he would finally transform political rhetoric into ardent actions. With real, sustainable goals of reducing emissions that have unfortunately grown at a rate of 3.5 percent annually since 2000, Obama is once again defining what true

leadership should in fact entail.

After decades of abuse and neglect, our planet and all the world's inhabitants will take comfort in knowing that we finally have a President that is making a concerted, meaningful and decisive effort to combat an emergency that impacts us all. It is no surprise then that he is leaving Copenhagen to travel to Oslo, Norway to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

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impressive ethos of caring and conscientiousness. We are deeply grateful for his support."

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond also applauded the gift. "We are honored that Tyler Perry chose to support the NAACP," said Bond. "Tyler is a courageous pioneer in bringing positive images of African-American culture and struggles to the screen. His remarkable journey from poverty and childhood abuse to become one of the world's most successful

filmmakers and entrepreneurs is an inspiration to us all."

Perry expressed that it was the least he could do.

"I feel so honored and blessed to be in a position where I can give to the NAACP," Perry said. "Had it not been for the perseverance and vision of the thousands who came before me in the 100 years of this legendary organization, I would not be in the position I am in today. I continue to be thankful for the tireless work

of the NAACP, and I am proud to be able to help in their mission to fight for the equality of all people, and to work towards the elimination of discrimination against race."

NAACP stalwarts sees Perry as a standard bearer in giving.

"This is a paradigm shifting moment in Black philanthropy. Here is a civil rights organization that is receiving a donation that is usually targeted only at education or cultural institu-

tions. Tyler Perry is setting a high standard for others to follow," said Maxim Thorne, Senior Vice President of the NAACP.

Jealous says the money will be well-used toward the advancement of Black progress.

He said, "The generous gift by Tyler Perry will be used to support our Second Century Society advocacy programs on economic equality, education, health care and criminal justice."

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odorizers and carpet fresheners to the point that it began to poison her body.

After years of misdiagnosis, treatments and surgeries that failed to relieve her of the extreme symptoms, she was referred to the Texas Neurological Institute, where she was recently diagnosed. She was informed that she would need one more surgery. The procedure will destroy her sense of smell and taste, but she says that it's worth it, if it finally relieves her of the symptoms that have caused such a major upset

in her life.

The ministries hope to raise enough money to help Lindsey pay for this procedure. The benefit concert will begin at 7 p.m. at Open Bible Fellowship Church, located at 2701 Briarwood Drive, in Plano. Guests are asked to bring canned foods for the North Texas Food Bank. Donations for Lindsey's surgery will be taken during the concert. Donations can also be made at www.wpfcm.org or e-mail info@womenpraying-forchrist.org for more information.

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whereby students interested in mathematics or the sciences can begin their educations at community colleges and successfully complete their degree as part of UT Dallas' rigorous programs.

For students, the grant will provide funding for scholarships, summer research internships and student organizations related to STEM majors. Faculty members will receive funding to develop new teaching strategies.

Discussing the nature of the activities for which grant monies will be expended, Dave Galley, director of engineering at Collin College,

said, "Our belief is through the use of robotics and sensor technology curriculum developed under the NSF Grant, the field of engineering can come alive for our students. Today's students need to become excited about the endless possibilities that a career in engineering and science can offer them."

A comprehensive program will make the transition from community college to the University as easy as possible. For example, academic advisers at the community colleges will receive materials that recommend a balanced sequence of coursework. Faculty members from

all the schools will align their syllabi, textbooks and lab work.

"The idea is to help each STEM major come to UT Dallas fully prepared for a rigorous and fulfilling completion of a bachelor's degree," said Dr. Robert Hilborn, head of the Department of Science/Mathematics Education at UT Dallas and principal investigator on the NSF grant.

The new partnership is built on a successful relationship begun by the UT Dallas Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, Collin College and Richland College. The com-

munity college partners aligned their pre-engineering programs with the electrical engineering major at UT Dallas, allowing transfer students to move seamlessly from a two-year program to completion of a bachelor's degree.

"We are very pleased to continue and further our strategic 2+2 partnership in STEM education with UT Dallas," said Bill Blitt, dean of academic affairs for Business, Information & Engineering Technologies at Collin College. "Given the critical need for STEM graduates in the United States and Collin College's renewed

focus on engineering, this NSF STEP grant uniquely offers our college an opportunity to reach out to potential science and technology students in area high schools and provide a pathway through Collin College for those students to achieve BS and MS degrees in STEM fields at UT Dallas."

The STEP grant builds on existing programs at UT Dallas. Improving STEM instruction is the focus of the University's Gateways to Excellence in Math & Science (GEMS) initiative, which is a plan to enhance the science and math learning experiences of UT Dallas students

by strengthening the STEM gateway courses such as calculus and chemistry. STEP also complements the Comet Connection program, which allows community college students to lock in UT Dallas tuition at today's rates.

Comet Connection now has partnerships with all 50 public community colleges in Texas, as well as with the two private community colleges in the state.

During the first year of the grant, UT Dallas, Collin and Richland STEM faculty members will align their courses and begin advertising and recruiting for the program.

Laid-off workers will lose health coverage as federal COBRA subsidies expire

(NDG Wire) On December 1, many of the millions of laid-off workers and dependents who received federal subsidies to help pay for health care coverage will lose those subsidies and may join the ranks of the uninsured, according to a report issued today.

The report, by the consumer health organization Families USA, states that the subsidies - which were started last March by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), but were made available for only 9 months - enabled millions of laid-off workers

and dependents to afford so-called "COBRA" premiums needed to continue health coverage from their previous employer.

Under the ARRA, the federal subsidies pay 65 percent of the cost of COBRA premiums. Nationwide, the federal subsidies for COBRA family coverage average \$722 per month.

Without subsidies, the report finds, Texas COBRA premiums for family health coverage will cost laid-off workers, on average, \$1,081 per month - 78.1 percent of the average (\$1,385)

monthly Unemployment Insurance checks they receive.

For the first recipients, who began receiving subsidies in March, the subsidies will expire on November 30. For those who started receiving subsidies after March, the expiration will be nine months after their start-up date.

Pollack noted that pending health reform legislation would provide a permanent source of help to laid off workers. The health reform bills pending in Congress would enable laid-off workers and their families to obtain health coverage through

a newly created marketplace, called an "exchange," and families with low incomes would receive tax-credit subsidies to help pay the premiums.

The Congressional Budget Office and Joint Tax Committee estimated that approximately 7 million adults and dependent children would receive the COBRA subsidy in 2009. Based on that national projection, CPPP estimates that as many as 470,000 Texans will benefit from the COBRA subsidies this year. The Treasury Department is compiling data about how

many workers received the subsidy, but a count of the

people benefiting from the subsidy is not yet available.

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Recognize God in adversity

"Lord, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong; thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled, I cried to thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication." **Psalm 30:7 & 8 (KJV)**

I have often heard that the time between Thanksgiving and the New Year is the lonest time of the year for a lot of people. With the stress of preparing for Thanksgiving, Christmas, the New Year and the strong desire for things to be perfect in their lives. Added to those things is the fact that some individuals are far away from family members and other loved ones or they don't have anyone to share their love with; and with suicides at their highest point than any other time of the year, its not hard

to understand why some individuals can believe that God has hid His face from them in their time of adversity.

At this time in some Christian's life it is often difficult to recognize the hand of God when they are in the midst of adversity. These Christians honestly believe that God has hidden His face from them. When God takes some Christians through deep valleys, there will be fruit from the valley that they cannot see at the moment. At this time in their lives they must learn to press into God with all that they have.

God uses deep valleys to frame Christian's lives to create a change in their nature, not just a change in habits. The depth and width of the valley is often an indicator of the level of calling and influence Christians will have on others in

the future. Adversity is not just for Christians, but others who will be in their future path of influence. This not very comforting when Christians are in the middle of the valley, but know this is a truth in God's Kingdom.

It is often years later when Christians discover the wisdom of God and why He intentionally led them through the deep valley. Life is often lived forward, but understood backward. It is not until they are down the road and they stand on their mountain looking back through the valley that they can appreciate the terrain that God has allowed them to scale and the spiritual deposits He has made in their life while they were there. *"He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. He increaseth the*

nations, and destroyeth them; He enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again." **Job 12:22 & 23.** It has been said that it takes two mountains to make a valley, what this is said to indicate is that a Christian must experience at least to victories before God carries them through a valley.

When Christians begin to realize this, they sit back and breathe a sigh of relief because they discover that God was in control all along. It didn't seem like it at the time, but He was. The valley was important to get them to their next level in God. All that was necessary for them to do was to renew their faith in God again.

When Christians find themselves in a deep valley that is the time to fully trust God to guide them to higher ground.

When Christians are



Ms. Dorothy Spears Graves, the recipient of the 2009 Bernice Chapman Freeman Award.

going through a deep valley it involves faith and trust in God. But the valley can strengthen their faith, especially when they realize that God's agenda and His timetable is different than theirs.

Remember that God rules. He was, is and forever will be. He is not held by time. He's eternity. He's the Father of all creation. With Him there's nothing that can't be done. He's ever present.

North Dallas church choirs to perform master choral work concert

(NDG Wire) Two Dallas churches are teaming up to present a holiday performance of Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* on December 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church, 6445 East Lovers Lane. This unique event is being held in an effort to reach out to all neighboring



north Dallas communities in celebration of the beginning of the Advent season. The concert is free, and open to the public.

The presentation is a combined effort of

the chancel choirs of Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church, directed by C. Peyton Strouth, and Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church, directed by Laura Bertwell. The congregations of these churches represent a diverse cross-section of the north Dallas community, including age,

race and income level.

The setting of *Gloria* to be performed is a Baroque era masterwork written by Antonio Lucio Vivaldi (1678-1741). According to Bertwell, "The 11 movement piece may be better recognized as 'Gloria in excelsis Deo', traditionally performed at many sacred

events, but most often at Christmas." The setting was relatively unknown from the time it was written in the 18th Century until it was rediscovered in the early 1900's.

More information about the event can be found online at RidgewoodParkChurch.org.

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Thousands of dollars donated to assist Fort Hood families in the wake of tragedy

(NDG Wire) In the wake of the shooting tragedy at Fort Hood, the families of those affected are receiving much needed help through generous donations to Operation Homefront, a national non-profit organization that assists soldiers and their families. To date, corporate and individual contributions total \$170,000.

"These donations are a blessing to these families," said Jim Knotts, President

and CEO of Operation Homefront. "The money reflects the generosity of companies like Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, Bank of America and Wells Fargo, as well as very caring individuals. Operation Homefront is honored to be able to help facilitate getting the assistance to the families during this trying time."

"These donations are helping us provide gift cards to take care of immediate

needs like food and gas," said Jennifer Cernoch, President of the Texas Chapter of Operation Homefront. "We're also helping to pay for travel arrangements for families to be with their injured service members, as well as for some of the expenses following the memorial services. We were at Ft. Hood last week and back again yesterday. We'll be there for as long as we're needed."

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include Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems, each with \$50,000, Bank of America with \$35,000, and Wells Fargo with \$5,000. One anonymous donor contributed \$25,000. More than a hundred smaller individual contributions topped \$5,000.

"On behalf of all our team members I want to express our sympathy for the victims and their families of this tragic event," said Rick Moore, President of Wells

Fargo Worldwide Military Banking. "We also want to extend our support through this donation to our customers, communities and team members with friends and family stationed at Fort

Hood."

Families who need assistance can visit the Texas Chapter at <http://www.operationhomefront.net/texas>. Those who want to give assistance can do so online.

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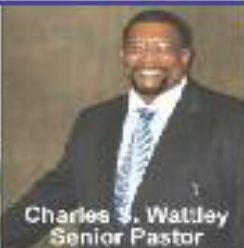
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