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NNPA and NAACP vow to work closer together

(NNPA) Recently there was an issue between the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the NAACP. NNPA member publishers were upset when they discovered that the NAACP had inserted multi-page Viewer's Guide advertising for its 42nd Image Awards in several markets throughout the US, to the exclusion of



NNPA Chairman, Danny Bakewell (left) and NAACP President, CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous

African-American newspapers. Upon being informed of this "mis-step," Chairman, Danny Bakewell called NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous and suggested a meeting to discuss the issue.

NNPA publishers said they felt righteous indignation with the NAACP, as

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Texas Attorney
General Greg Abbott

This month, the Texas Attorney General's Office, law enforcement officials and crime victim advocacy groups throughout the country will observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has long been committed to preventing sexual violence and serving

crime victims through quality assistance to Texas victims and survivors. In addition to offering funding and technical assistance to sexual assault programs throughout the State, our Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services (SAPCS) Program certifies Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs).

For sexual assault survivors, a SANE nurse's role

is often the epitome of patient support. SANEs are registered nurses who have been specifically trained to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault survivors during a medical forensic examination. SANEs, as health care professionals, offer not only medical care, but also provide critical assistance to

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It's a new day

By Valder Beebe
NDG Special Contributor
Hattie Kelly, publisher of Power Pages News, the newspaper that gives God the Glory, and current President of the Texas Publishers Association, is the recipient of the Dallas Fannie Lou Hamer Award.



Hattie Kelly

For more than half of Fannie Lou Hamer's life (born October 6, 1917), this rural agricultural worker saw no end to the cycle of poverty and humiliation that was the plight of most southern African Americans. Fannie Hamer was the last of

20 children born to Jim and Ella Townsend. Hamer in Montgomery County, Mississippi, is credited for the quote: "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Hattie Kelly, much like Fannie Lou Hamer, has had

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Will CBC and Black Leaders Stick with Obama?



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Lil Kim and Nicki Minaj's war of words

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The State of Black America: Washington are you listening?

By Marc H. Morial
"Welcome to America in the second decade of the 21st century. An army of long-term unemployed workers is spread across the land, the human fallout from the Great Recession and long years of misguided economic policies."

Bob Herbert's final column for the *New York Times*

Last week, the nation's leading historic civil rights organization, the National Urban League, came together with the nation's leading

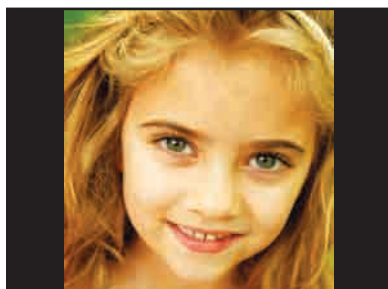
historic Black university, Howard University, to hold the first ever State of Black America town hall meeting focusing on the jobs crisis in urban America. The Town Hall, hosted by Howard President, Sidney Ribeau, culminated two days of meetings with Congressmen and Senators on Capitol Hill where Urban Leaguers from across the country made the case: There can be no complete economic recovery as long as already too high unemployment

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Sarah Lewinski

When walkers begin the **2011 Let's Move Together Dallas Arthritis Walk on May 14**, they will be lead by a very special and inspirational young woman. Sarah Lewinski, an eight-year-old from Frisco, TX who has juvenile arthritis, was selected as the local Walk Hero for the community event taking place at 12700 Park Central at 9 a.m.

Sarah's symptoms began as a toddler when she would tear up when she had to walk or bear weight on her joints. When her knees doubled in size, Sarah's parents took her to a doctor who diagnosed

two-year-old Sarah with polyarticular juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis. In describing juvenile arthritis, Sarah's mother, Ro Lewinski, equates it to an invisible disease.

"It's not that you have to hurt everyday," said Lewinski, "you just never know when it's going to happen." Now eight-years-old, Sarah enjoys attending social outings, school activities and sporting events with her family and friends. One of her favorite things to do is hang out with her friends.

"Sarah has a close group of friends who know



all about her disease and they are very supportive," said Lewinski. "She feels comfortable and that she is able to be herself."

The Arthritis Walk® is the Arthritis Foundation's

annual nationwide event that raises awareness and funds to fight arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. It is a tremendous opportunity to help improve the lives of the 50 million men, women and children doctor-diagnosed with arthritis.

In Texas, there are 4.1 million people living with arthritis today. Arthritis in Texas affects 27% of women and 18% of men and the risks increase with age. It is predicted that the national number of adults with arthritis will increase to 67 million diagnoses by the year 2030.

Walkers can get their employers involved or recruit friends and family members to form a team. Best of all, participants can walk in honor of a loved

By joining the Arthritis Foundation's "Let's Move Together" movement, you commit to moving daily for better joint health and participating in the 2011 Dallas Arthritis Walk. We'll be here with information and tips all along the way to help keep you moving. Spring into action today and qualify for a "Let's Move Together" incentive. Visit www.arthritis.org.

ing funds to support Arthritis Foundation research, public health and public policy efforts to improve the lives of people with arthritis. In 2009, the Arthritis Foundation also launched the "Let's Move Together" campaign, designed to inspire people to move every day to prevent or treat arthritis. The movement encourages everyone to engage in daily physical activity for better health and to participate in their local Arthritis Walk.

Arthritis Walk events are held in communities across the nation, like in Dallas, to generate visibility and raise funds for re-

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Tito Jackson

Tito Jackson is poised this summer to release his first-ever solo album titled, *So Far So Good*. The lead single, *We Made It*, debuted as an R&B, pop and dance sensation.

Toriano Adaryll "Tito" Jackson (born October 15, 1953) is an American singer and guitarist and original member of The Jackson 5. Tito was born the third of ten children of Joseph and Katherine Jackson. He is the

older brother of American pop stars Michael Jackson and Janet Jackson.

Tito Jackson recently was interviewed on the Valder Beebe Show broadcast on KKVI FM 89.9 and RhythmFlowRadio.net (valderbeebeshow.com). In addition to his latest music endeavor, Beebe talked with Jackson about being a ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE.

Jackson shares with

Beebe, "Since losing my brother, Michael, I needed to let time pass to heal and repurpose." Jackson continues, "While I still miss my beloved brother, I'm finally in a good place in my life right now and thrilled to be back performing in front of such large audiences. We broke stadium attendance records with our Jackson 5 concerts, and Janet is doing the same thing now with her Number Ones Tour. It's who we are, and when we step on that stage, we just let 'em have it."



Having already wowed a recorded-setting 80,000+

fans in Beebe's hometown of New Orleans, Jackson performed at the Family Gras Festival in February after his New Year's Eve performance for 100,000+ fans at Atlanta's Peach Drop. When he spoke with Jackson shared with Beebe that he would perform on the Tom Joyner Cruise in March then continue with his album promotion.

Tito married Delores "Dee Dee" Martes (April 1, 1955 – August 27, 1994) in June 1972 at the age of 18, and later divorced in 1993.[2] The couple had

three sons, who compose the musical group 3T: Toriano Adaryll Jackson II; Taryll Adren Jackson; and Tito Joseph Jackson ("TJ"). Jackson is now the grandfather of five.

If you missed Beebe's interview with Jackson, visit TitoJackson.com. The interview is posted on his site as well as ValderBeebeShow.com.

Valder Beebe Show is broadcast on KKVI Radio FM 89.9, RhythmFlowRadio.net and ValderBeebe Show.com.

Orrin (Checkmate) Hudson

Orrin (Checkmate) Hudson is making dynamic strides across the country, as he has become a nationally-recognized and highly sought-after motivational teacher, speaker, and mentor. Hudson is the award-winning founder of Be Someone - an Atlanta-



based non-profit organization that uses the game of chess to promote self-es-

teem, responsibility, and analytical thinking among at-risk kids. Just recently, Hudson and his organization were profiled by both comedian Steve Harvey and the CNN network.

Steve Harvey recently invited Hudson to speak at his annual Mentoring

Weekend For Young Men in Los Angeles - a unique program designed to teach the Principles of Manhood to young men to enable them to become emotionally, politically and economically strong. Hudson used his signature chess skills and abilities to offer sound advice on the importance of making every move in life count.

Cedric the Entertainer and other celebrities were also in attendance, and also

spoke to the 100+ specially-invited youth to help provide guidance and inspiration to them.

And, for the fourth time, CNN has profiled Hudson as a successful mentor who is "taking a bite out of juvenile crime". The network interviewed him during a segment called "Choose The News", whereas viewers can vote and decide which story they would like to see - after hearing a brief preview. By overwhelming demand, CNN viewers wanted to see the story of Hudson and his amazing ability to change the lives of kids through the game of chess. The interview aired several times, and can be viewed online at the following link: <http://edition.cnn.com/video/#/video/living/2011/03/06/whitfield.chess.moves.f>

or.life.cnn

Hudson's program is very successful and impactful; He has trained more than 20,000 students, and his lifetime goal is to reach one million youngsters before he turns over the responsibility to others coming behind him. He is a believer in the "paying it forward concept." He explains, "I was once a young know-it-all teenager in Alabama and I was on the road to destruction and possibly even a premature death," he readily admits. "But I had a teacher who saw potential in me, and he taught me the game of chess - showing me that there are consequences for every move I make on the chessboard. This helped me to realize that I could be someone, if only I chose the right moves in my life."

Hudson will be speaking at the University of

Akron's 4th Annual Black Male Summit on April 8-9, 2011, where he will deliver

a special presentation called

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A really short history of broccoli

Rev. James L. Snyder

NDG Special Contributor

Have you ever had serious second thoughts about something? Of course, I usually have severe trouble with establishing first thoughts. But once I have finished a serious thought I like put it behind me and go on with life.

For example. For years, people have been telling me how harmful drinking coffee is. Something to do, so they tell me, with being addicted to caffeine. Then, if I cannot give up coffee, I am to limit the number of cups of coffee I drink per day.

This has always caused me great concern because I can never remember how many cups of coffee I have had in any given day. I suppose I could keep a tally and mark down every cup I drink. This in itself poses a serious problem for me.

When I am in a restaurant and drinking coffee and my cup is half-empty and the waitress tops off my coffee, is that considered one or two cups of coffee?

What about my coffee mug at home? Does it hold one or two cups of coffee?

By the time I have had my thoughts thoroughly

stirred about the consumption of caffeine I read a health report informing us that caffeine helps prevent heart attack.

If that is true, and I have no reason not to believe it, there will be no heart attacks in my family for the next ten generations.

All that guilt I felt for years about drinking too much coffee has really been for nothing. Therefore, in a show of good faith, I plan to drink as much coffee as I jolly well please.

Then there was the episode about chocolate. According to those people

who hate other people enjoying themselves, chocolate is supposed to be bad for you. Or so they opined.

For years, I have been secretly eating chocolate behind the back of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She is one who takes these warnings rather seriously. Rather, I should say, she takes them out on me. For years chocolate was a forbidden substance in our otherwise merry domicile.

Then I read a report revealing the health benefits associated with eating

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Investigate standardized testing

By Judge Greg Mathis (NNPA) For several years, ever since the No Child Left Behind Act took effect, students, teachers and school districts have felt the pressure that comes from living in a nation that uses standardized tests as its sole method for measuring student proficiency. When too many students at one school perform poorly on these tests, teachers can be fired, principals replaced and schools closed. Hundreds of teachers were fired in DC schools because of poor performance by students on test. The stakes are high. But no

one would have guessed that the pressure would lead to alleged cheating on these exams.

An investigation by USA Today into drastic test score turnarounds at Noyes elementary, a Washington, DC public school, revealed that seventh grade students in one classroom at the school each had, on average, nearly 13 wrong answers that were erased and changed to the correct answer.

Coincidence? Maybe not. In 2006, 10 percent of the school's students "passed" the standardized math test. In 2008, nearly 60

percent did. Tests scores showed the school made similar gains on the reading portion of the test. Perhaps the teachers simply worked harder and ensured students absorbed the lessons? Maybe. But it's important, for comparison, to note that the average wrong to right erasure for seventh graders throughout the D.C. public school system was less than one.

Noyes elementary school isn't the only one with questionable score improvement. 58 Atlanta schools are under investigation because high rates of wrong answers

changed to right on student answer sheets raised flags. Similar occurrences have raised red flags in Detroit as well.

If this is, in fact, cheating, who is responsible? Teachers? School principals? No one is sure but one thing is certain: if it's happening in DC, Detroit and Atlanta, it is happening in other cities. Changing test answers to fake improvement doesn't help our students. It hurts them. That is why a federal task force needs to be formed to inves-

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African Americans continues to go up even as the overall unemployment rate gradually ticks down.

Yes, we were pleased to learn last week that the unemployment rate has fallen to 8.8 percent, the lowest level in two years. And, we applaud the actions by the Obama Administration – the Stimulus bill, Health Care Reform and Bank Reform – that have kept the mighty titanic of the American economy from sinking to the bottom of the sea. But, this is no time for a victory party. As the National Urban League's 2011 Equality Index reveals, there remain large and widening gaps between the status of African Americans and Whites in this country, particularly in the areas of economics and children's

health. For Hispanics there are big gaps too, especially in the area of college enrollment. And, with Black unemployment now at 15.5 percent and Hispanic unemployment at 11.3 percent, clearly, it is time to declare war on inequality and unemployment in urban communities of color.

As we stated at the Town Hall, we must not let other major concerns, including war and partisan fights about deficit reduction, distract us from the number one issue facing the American people – jobs, jobs, jobs. The National Urban League's nearly 100 affiliates across the country haven't lost that focus. We remain economic first responders for millions of Americans desperately seeking to rebuild their

lives, families, and communities in the wake of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. We highlighted three outstanding examples at our Town Hall.

Lonnie Grayson, President of Environmental & Safety Solutions, Inc. has been able to win new contracts and double his workforce with the help of the Entrepreneurship Center of the Urban League of Cincinnati. The Urban League of Philadelphia helped David Simms, owner of Eatible Delights Catering, develop new branding and marketing tools that have boosted his business. And Donna Hodge Harper of Newark, an unemployed casualty of the great recession, said that were it not for the job train-

ing and job placement assistance she received from the Urban League of Essex County, she doesn't know where she would be today.

Lonnie, David, and Donna show us how to dig urban America out of the great recession: Training for 21st century jobs. Putting investments in people over the politics of deficit reduction. Summer jobs for teens. All of these solutions are part of the National Urban League's 12-points jobs plan. Washington, are you listening?

To view the town hall webcast and find out how you can obtain a copy of the 2011 State of Black America Report log on to www.nul.org

Marc H. Morial is the President and CEO of the National Urban League

Stimulate your brain at Garland Library's Senior Social Hour

Do you think talking and learning about numbers and mathematics can be fun? Yes it can with Dr. Sam Tinsley at the Nicholson Memorial Library System's Senior Social Hour. On Thursday, April 14, at 2 p.m., Dr. Tinsley will challenge audience members' thinking as he presents amazing and mind-boggling mathematical theories that are informative, practical, and fun. Mathematical topics he may dis-

cuss include puzzles, games, probability, statistics, and the famous Fibonacci Sequence. You'll be hooked!

Tinsley is a math professor at Richland College and has given presentations on numbers, mathematics and related topics through the Richland College Emeritus program and at various senior living facilities throughout the Dallas area.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Sen-

ior Social Hour programs are free and open to anyone 55 years of age and older. Registration is not required. Seating is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis.

Due to renovations underway at the Central Library, this program will be held at the North Garland Branch Library, 3845 North Garland Ave., at Apollo. Please call 972-205-2502 for more information.

Free substance abuse workshop

Sign up now for the free community workshop entitled "My family member struggles with substance abuse. How do I help?" offered by the City of Carrollton on Tuesday, April 19 from 7 until 8:15 p.m. in the Courts Community Room (2001 Jackson Road). Guest speaker Leonard Keese, RN, LCDC, from Green Oaks Hospital will talk about how watching a family member struggle

with issues of substance abuse can be emotionally, physically and financially draining.

As families look for ways to help, the path is not always clear. Loved ones may not feel that they want help or that there is a problem. What kind of treatment programs are available, where they are, length of treatment and what happens after the person returns home will be some of the

questions addressed in this open class on substance abuse treatment for teens and adults.

Registration is limited to the first 100 persons who register. If you plan to attend as a couple, each person must register. Please attend without children. Register by email to pamela.dickinson-noris@cityofcarrollton.com or at 972-466-3158.

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law enforcement by collecting and preserving forensic evidence that prosecutors may need to hold perpetrators accountable for their sexual assault-related crimes.

To become an OAG-certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, SAPCSP requires a registered nurse to complete classroom and clinical training components.

SANE programs help sexual assault survivors by ensuring that a victim receives appropriate medical treatment – while at the same time ensuring that forensic evidence is properly collected. Crime victim advocacy groups note that survivors recover more quickly when they have been properly treated by a professional sexual assault nurse examiner.

Additionally, a sexual assault victim who has received compassionate treatment from the same SANE

throughout the exam is more likely to help authorities pursue the perpetrator. Adult sexual assault victims decide for themselves whether to report the crime to law enforcement authorities. SANEs are trained to provide effective courtroom testimony if a victim chooses to report the crime and press legal charges against the attacker.

Importantly, sexual assault victims are not charged for the forensic portion of the sexual assault medical forensic examination. The forensic examination, including the evidence collection kit, is initially paid for by the local law enforcement agency. Local law enforcement agencies are then reimbursed by the OAG's Texas Compensation for Victims of Crime (CVC) Fund. The CVC Fund is also available as a payer of last re-

sort to reimburse victims for other expenses incurred because of the crime – such as treatment of physical injuries, counseling or even relocation for sexual assault victims attacked in their own residence.

Nurse professionals who obtain SANE certification learn how to properly collect valuable forensic evidence. As a result, SANEs have the ability to help improve sexual assault survivors mental health and physical well being while also helping law enforcement authorities investigate and prosecutors secure convictions of sex offenders. Accurate evidence collection and increased conviction rates can help ensure that more sexual assault perpetrators in Texas are incarcerated and safely prevented from harming new victims.

6,000 expected to participate in Tarrant County's March For Babies

March of Dimes Fort Worth Division Looks to Raise \$865,000 at Annual Fundraiser

Approximately 100 companies and organizations will participate in Tarrant County's March for Babies on Saturday, April 16. March for Babies, which is in its 40th year, supports lifesaving research and programs that save babies born prematurely or with birth defects. Since its beginning in 1970, March for Babies

has raised over \$1 billion.

Mason King, the vice president of Luther King Capital Management, will serve as the chair of the Tarrant County event, and is leading the effort to raise \$865,000 for March of Dimes.

"Children are true blessings and our future; it is our responsibility to protect

them," King said. "My professional and personal life both serve to reinforce my role in the mission of the March of Dimes."

Opening ceremonies for March for Babies will begin at 8:30 a.m. CDT and will be hosted by KDFW FOX 4's Brandon Todd. He is in his 12th year at KDFW.

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"Winning Moves To Succeed In Life". He has previously been profiled on CBS, ABC News, Fox News, and Good Morning America. In addition, he's been featured in People Magazine, USA Today, The Piedmont Review, and scores of other publications.

To learn more about Hudson and his Be Someone organization or to make a donation, visit the website at www.besomeone.org

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a life that defies much of what should have been accomplished by one woman from the south. Minister Hattie Kelly was born and raised in Josephine, Texas. She is the daughter of Isaiah and Luverter Clark and the thirteenth child of fifteen siblings. At the tender age of fifteen she found herself married, and by the time she was twenty years old she found herself the mother of five children.

At the age of six, she began picking cotton to help the family. She said, "By the time I was thirteen I was picking two and three hundred pounds." Fannie only attended school after the harvest, which wasn't for very long. She said, "My parents tried so hard to do what they could to keep us in school, but school (for black chil-

dren) didn't last but four months out of the year, and most of the time we didn't have clothes to wear. I dropped out of school and cut cornstalks to help the family." She dropped out of school after the sixth grade. Even though she did not obtain a formal education, she became a dynamic speaker and civil rights worker.

Minister Kelly, after her children were in school, decided to go back and get her GED. In 1971 she attended Cosmetology School and went on to become a Cosmetology Instructor. She worked as a Cosmetologist until a serious illness caused her to give up that career. She is featured in "Who's Who Among American Business Women" and was invited to the State Capitol for tea with then Gov-

ernor Ann Richards. Hers was the first Black-owned and -operated business in Farmersville.

Hamer was also a catalyst in the development of various programs to aid the poor in her community, including the Delta Ministry, an extensive community development program, and the Freedom Farms Corporation in 1969, a non-profit operation designed to help needy families raise food and livestock, provide social services, encourage minority business opportunities, and offer educational assistance. And from 1974 to 1977 she was a member of the board of trustees of the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

Minster Kelly also became very involved in her community and started the

Farmersville NAACP. She became so tired of racism in her city, she decided to do something about it and, as a result of her actions, two restaurants were closed for failing to abide by the law allowing Blacks to come in through the front door. She worked with the Farmersville Human Relations Committee, and she served several years with The North Texas Job Corps Human Relations Committee. Ms. Kelly has won numerous awards for her dedication and service to her community and surrounding areas.

In 1995 God gave Mrs. Kelly a new career, The Power Pages News, a newspaper that gives glory and honor to God, and a profession that has brought great joy into her life and the lives

of many others. Mrs. Kelly accepted Christ at an early age and accepted her call into the ministry in 2001. She attended Servant Hood Ministries and upon graduation was ordained a licensed minister of the gospel. Minister Kelly serves at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Farmersville, Texas, under the leadership of Pastor Paul Mack Sr., and is President and CEO of H.K. Ministries.

Minister Kelly is the mother of five children and is the proud grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of nine.

Kelly is the current President of the Texas Publishers Association, which consists of 28 newspapers across the State of Texas.

On April 16, 2011, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Allen,

Texas, Betty Veasy, President of National Hook-up of Black Women North Central Texas, states, "Like Fannie Lou Hamer, Minister Hattie Kelly is our 'Shero,' serving the community with a spirit of grace and dignity." Hattie Kelly will receive the Fannie Lou Hamer Award standing in awe for all those women who at sometime in their life will utter the words: "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." The Fannie Lou Hamer Award is given by the National Hook-up of Black Women North Central Texas National (NHBW, Inc.) North Central Texas Chapter, which was organized in 2007 and is dedicated to improving the lives of women and their families. Congratulations Hattie Kelly!

Dallas Bar Association hosts DNA Exoneree Forum: 'Wrongful Convictions: Cases and Solutions'

The public is invited to a public forum discussion titled "Wrongful Convictions: Causes and Solutions." The panel discussion will be held on Wednesday, April 20, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. and will include Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins and a panel of three DNA exonerees who will tell their stories of how they were released from prison due to the work of volunteers at the Innocence Project.

The Innocence Project of Texas is dedicated to overturning wrongful convictions and securing freedom

for men and women wrongfully imprisoned for crimes



Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins

that they did not commit.

Panelists include:

- Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins
- Exoneree Billy Smith, 20 years in prison
- Exoneree James Woodward, 27 years in prison
- Exoneree Patrick Waller, 16 years in prison

The forum is April 20, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion at the Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Avenue in downtown Dallas (garage parking available; enter from Olive Street). The event is free.

The forum is sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association's Criminal Law Section, Public Forum Committee and CLE Committee. Attorneys are eligible for Contin-

uing Legal Education credit of 1.50 hours. For additional information, please contact Gary Udashen at 214-468-

8100. RSVP to Kathryn Zack at kzack@dallasbar.org or 214-220-7450.



Please join us April 20th and 21st, 2011!

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Guest Speaker:
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(Dallas, Texas)

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Guest Speaker:
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Pastor of the Inspiring New
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search and programs. Walkers can select either a 3-mile or 1-mile course. In many communities, pet owners are invited to bring their dogs along for the

walk.

To learn more about getting involved in the 2011 Let's Move Together Dallas Arthritis Walk on May 14, at 12700 Park

Central visit www.dallasarthritiswalk.org; call Christine Wood 214-826-4361; or email cwood@arthritis.org.

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tigate drastic improvement on standardized tests at our nation's public schools. We want to believe that our teachers and principals are honest but we also know that fear - of being fired if students perform poorly - or greed - teachers and principals at Noyes received

bonuses when scores improved - are powerful motivators.

There also needs to be another way to measure student performance. We cannot simply rely on standardized tests. Periodic monitoring can easily show how students and teachers perform

in the classroom. Required essays and math 'projects' will show us that students can actually apply what they are taught. Diversifying the way we measure student performance - and deciding the fate of teachers, principals and schools - will also help keep things honest.

Remington College continues campaign to recruit minority blood donors

Remington College-Dallas Campus blood drive set for April 27

Remington College-Dallas Campus is continuing its series of blood drives to recruit more minority blood donors to benefit local residents in need of blood.

The next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Remington College has partnered with America's Blood Centers (ABC) and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA) for a series of blood drives on all its campuses. The effort is called 3 Lives - because three lives may be saved for every one pint of blood donated.

Remington College recently received ABC's National Partner of the Year Award for helping to raise awareness of the need for blood donors. In 2010, Remington College collected 2,605 pints of blood nationally.

The 3 Lives campaign highlights the need for minority blood donors - especially African Americans. According to America's Blood Centers and the SCDAA, minority blood



donors are in demand for several reasons:

- The best blood match for a chronically ill patient requiring multiple transfusions throughout their lifetime will likely come from a donor of the same ethnic background.

- African American donors provide blood with unique antigens, which can mean life-saving treatments for people battling sickle cell, leukemia and other diseases.

- More than half of the African American and Hispanic populations are Type O blood, the most requested blood type.

- Changing demographics are increasing the need for more minority blood donors.

- Approximately 100,000 people in the U.S. have sickle cell disease; many of them will require frequent blood transfusions.

While the focus is on recruiting minority donors, everyone is encouraged to attend the drive and donate blood. All the blood collected will be used to help people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Remington College-Dallas Campus is located at 1800 Eastgate Drive in Garland.

TXU energy donates trees to Eastfield College

Eastfield College is getting 25 additions to its family—tree family, that is. The 25 trees are being donated to Eastfield by TXU Energy on April 9 through the company's Committed to Community Growth Program (CTCG). Eastfield College is the first beneficiary of trees in Mesquite from TXU Energy's CTCG.

"We are thrilled that Eastfield College was chosen to be a recipient of this program," says Dr. Jean Conway, Interim President of Eastfield College. "We want to make Eastfield not only a wonderful place to start or further one's educa-

tion, but also an environmentally sensitive campus of which the community is proud."

The Honorable State Representative Cindy Burkett (District 101), representatives from TXU Energy, Eastfield College Administration, staff, students and local Boy Scouts will gather Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. in front of the W-Building for the presentation of the trees to make Eastfield a greener campus.

The donated trees include Shumard Red Oak, Leyland Cypress, Desert Willow and Mexican Buckeyes. "These particular trees will bring more

diversity to our landscape plan; some are considered decorative, some are shade trees," says James Martin, Assistant Director of Facilities Services.

"We are proud to partner with Eastfield College on this project. Our Committed to Community Growth program is one of the ways we impact the lives of Texans today while making a sustainable difference for tomorrow. Since inception of the program in 2002, TXU Energy has planted more than 166,000 trees across Texas," says Colette Vallot, Sr. Manager of Community Relations for TXU Energy.

Dallas area Phi Mu alumnae ready to Mambo Italiano

Third annual Children's Miracle Network Mambo Italiano fundraiser slated

The Dallas Area Phi Mu Alumnae Chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity is hosting the

Third Annual Mambo Italiano, Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Italian Club of Dallas, located at 14865 Inwood Road, Addison.

The Mambo Italiano is part of the Dallas Area Phi Mu Alumnae Chapter's annual fundraising efforts for Children's Miracle Network

(CMN). All money raised for CMN stays in the Dallas community, directly benefiting Children's Medical Center Dallas.

Each year, the Mambo Italiano features a family who shares their story of how CMN and Children's Medical Center has helped them. Mercedes Ramirez Johnson, a Phi Mu Fraternity sister, will share with us her family's amazing story.

Advance tickets are on sale now at the following levels: **Helping Hand Sponsor**, \$50 (including lunch and 12 raffle tickets), or **Rose Carnation Sponsor**, \$25 (including lunch and six raffle tickets).

For more information, or to purchase tickets online via PayPal through Friday, April 8, 2011, visit <http://www.dallasphimu.org/39001.html>.

BABIES, continued from Page 4

Jennifer and Griff Babb along with their daughter Isabelle will be presented as the 2011 March of Dimes Tarrant County Ambassador family. The Babbs learned they were pregnant with twin girls in September 2009. Unfortunately, Jennifer went into preterm labor at 19 weeks and after three days in the hospital, their first baby girl Lily Grace was delivered too soon for any chance of survival.

The labor stopped miraculously after Lily was born, and the doctors and nurses were able to keep the second twin safe for another 25 days. Isabelle "Izzy" Eden was delivered at 23 weeks and six days gestation, weighing one pound and nine ounces while measuring 11.75 inches long. Izzy's first four months of life were spent in

the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She received several medications and treatments from research funded by March of Dimes. After their life-changing experience, the Babbs have continued to spread the word about the organization and support its mission.

Premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death in the United States, which affects one out of seven babies in Texas. At 13.3 percent, Texas' premature birth rate is higher than the national average of 12.3 percent. In one year in Tarrant County, 29,064 babies are born -- 3,516 infants are delivered premature while 1,453 enter the world with birth defects. Two hundred forty-one babies do not live to see their first birthday.

More than \$26.2 billion is spent annually as a result of premature births in the

U.S., including medical expenses, education costs and lost productivity. Prematurity can have life-long consequences such as cerebral palsy, hearing, vision and breathing problems.

March of Dimes is committed to improving the health of babies by funding research to identify causes and prevention strategies, and on interventions and quality improvement initiatives to improve outcomes. Funds raised by March for Babies in Texas help support professional education, prenatal wellness programs, research grants, NICU family outreach programs and advocacy efforts for stronger, healthier babies.

To participate, visit marchforbabies.org, or call 817-451-9174 to sign up as an individual; to start a corporate, family/friends team; or to donate to the effort.

Dallas Black MBAs offering scholarship

The Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter of the National Black MBA Association is currently accepting applications for the 2011 Excel Scholarship Competition. They are offering scholarships at three levels.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to qualified Dallas/Ft. Worth high school seniors who will be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program in the fall of 2011.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded to qualified Dallas/Ft. Worth college students who will be enrolled in an undergraduate business program in the fall of 2011.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to qualified part-time graduate/PhD students. Full and part-time graduate or PhD applicants must be registered or enrolled in a graduate or PhD business program for the fall of 2011.

All applicants must be of African-American decent. Applications will be ac-

cepted until May 14. For more information on how to apply, visit www.dfwmbas.org.

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Kiwanis make local home focus of service project



Greater Lewisville Kiwanis Club members will spend Saturday, April 2, making a difference in the life on one local homeowner as part of an international service initiative.

Work included painting, landscaping, removing debris, fence and wall repair and other improvements to a house in the 200 block of Birch Street. The location was selected in cooperation



with the city's Building Services division.

"Kiwanis is first and foremost a service organization, and this is a great opportunity for us to give back directly to the commu-

nity," said club president Donna Barron.

The local project was held as part of Kiwanis One Day, a global volunteer action day involving more than 600,000 Kiwanians



contributing more than a million volunteer hours worldwide.

Greater Lewisville Kiwanis Club has provided continuous service to the community since 1986.

They are actively seeking new members to will expand their ability to serve the needs of the community. For more information, visit LewisvilleKiwanis.org or call 214-226-8774.

Delaney Sisters "Having our Say" on stage in Lewisville

Win free tickets on Facebook

The Greater Lewisville Community Theatre proudly presents *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 years*, running April 15-May 1. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Director Theresa Ferrell Buntain identifies strongly with the characters in this fact-based play by Emily Mann. She recalls, "As a young child, I use to sit in my great-grandmother's parlor and listen to her stories about her childhood. I was mesmerized by her matter-of-fact tone. She spoke as if it were yesterday and not many, many years ago. Great-grandma Daisy was born in 1885. She died in 1983. I still remember her stories and tell them to my children; her great-great grandchildren. Our family history will live on."

In *Having Our Say*, Centenarian sisters Sadie and Bessie Delany welcome the audience to their home as they prepare a celebratory dinner in remembrance of their father. They take us on a remarkable journey through the last hundred years of our nation's history, recounting a fascinating series of events and anecdotes dra-



Theresa Ferrell Buntain

wn from their rich family history and careers as pioneering African-American professionals. Says Ferrell, "These women are serious, witty, and passionate about the stories they tell. Bessie Delany died on September 26, 1995. She was 104 years old. Her sister Sadie died on January 26, 1999. She was 109 years old. Both sisters died peacefully in their sleep."

GLCT is located at 160 W Main St. in Old Town Lewisville. The theatre is easily identified by its colorful lighted marquee. This landmark location in

one of Lewisville's oldest buildings is midway between Charles and Mill streets. The entrance is in the rear, on Elm Street. For directions, visit www.glct.org. Tickets are \$15 (adults) and \$12 (65 and over/18 and under). For reservations, call 972-221-SHOW (7469). This show is rated PG.

If you would like to win a pair of free tickets, "Like" our Facebook Fan Page and leave a comment. The page is located at www.Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette.

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed in Dallas



Volunteers are needed in Dallas to deliver Meals on Wheels to the homebound frail elderly, sick, and disabled.

The Visiting Nurse Association needs volunteers to deliver a Meals on Wheels route once a month in Dallas.

Volunteer training is scheduled for April 7 from

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association's headquarters on 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas.

The training will be repeated on April 21 at the

same time and location. Volunteer training is also available by appointment.

For additional information call (214) 689-2210 or go online at www.vna-texas.org.

African American art show this weekend

Several prominent African American artists will display their work during the Southwest Black Fine Art Show April 8-10 at the African American Museum at located at Fair Park, 3536 Grand Ave. in Dallas.

This year, renowned artists such as Annie Lee, Charles Bibbs, Larry Poncho Brown, Frank Frazier and 60 other artists from as far away as African and the Caribbean will showcase their work to the more than 4,000 art enthusiasts that are expected to stroll the halls of the museum.

The festival will feature demonstrations, workshops

and major exhibits by well-known galleries and artists. The event is free and open to the public.

The Opening reception is Friday April 8, 6-8 p.m.

Guests are invited to meet the artists and preview the show.

For more information contact Stephanie Ward at 214 774-2195 Stephanie@redlimecoupon.com

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Ongoing

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CC-BCC 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 meetup.com/378.

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

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com 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://www.nbwenorg.ning.com>.

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

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

Business Empowerment Sessions. Learn to grow a successful small business. 1st Thursday of each month at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dallas. Info @ 214-942-6698.

How to start a business. Free sessions on getting started the right way. Sessions held the last Monday of each month. Call The PLAN Fund for details 214-942-6698.

Oak Cliff Cultural Center, 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. www.tangocanyenguedallas.com

Through April 7

The Dallas Theatre will present *Dividing the Estate* at 2 p.m. www.DallasTheaterCenter.org

April 8-April 10

The African American Museum at Fair Park, 3536 Grand Ave., will host the annual **Southwest Black Art Show** at 11 a.m. The exhibit is free and will feature 60 nationally renowned artists.

Through May 12

Gideon Math and Reading Center, 3110 Main St. in Frisco, will host creative writing workshops by award-winning journalist Linda Jones for 4th through 9th graders at the center. Tuition costs \$240 per student; those who register online receive a \$10 discount. To register (deadline April 2), contact manelock@yahoo.com.

April 7-10

Dallas Auto Show dallasautoshow.com

April 9

Youth Conflict Resolution Center's 4th Annual

"Strike Out for Youth Conflict" Bowlathon is from 6 - 9 p.m., USA Bowl (formerly Don Carters) 10920 Composite Dr. in Dallas. \$25 individual registration, \$100 a team (registration fee includes 3 games, shoes and your donation). Info: www.youngmediators.org

April 7 and 21

The Visiting Nurse Association Meals on Wheels volunteer training is scheduled for April 7 and 21 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Visiting Nurse Association's headquarters on 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. Info: 214-689-2210 or www.vnatexas.org.

Through April 17

The African American Repertory Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run in DeSoto, presents *To Be Young, Gifted and Black: A Portrait of Lorraine Hansberry In Her Own Words*. Preview show March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7 p.m.; tickets are \$20. Matinee Saturday and Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. www.aareptheater.com

April 15

The Garland Symphony Orchestra presents *The Essence of Spring* at 8 p.m. in the Linda Brownlee Auditorium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in Garland. garlandsymphony.org.

April 7

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic are coming to South Side Music Hall, 1135 S. Lamar in Dallas, at 7:30 p.m.

April 15-24

Lone Star Classic Volleyball is the largest of the Junior National Qualifiers. Info: Kathy Bell Lietzke, 512-479-8776 x229

April 14-16

American Association of Community Theatre Region VI Festival at MCL Grand in Lewisville with the winners earning a spot in the biennial national competition. Tickets and info: www.texas theatres.org

April 15-16

Comedy Night at the Muse (Featuring Drew Fraser)

April 16

TBAAL Children's Chorus & Youth String Orchestra Concert

April 17-24

Dr Pepper Dallas Cup XXXII Info: www.dallas-cup.com

April 18

"Beauty and the Beast" at TBAAL

April 19

SMU Athletic Forum: AT&T Luncheon with Mike Krzyewski, Duke University current head men's basketball coach and coach of U.S. men's national basketball team at Noon at the Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, 27th Floor, Dallas. Info: 214-768-4314, <http://smu.edu/athleticforum/events.asp>

April 21

The American Diabetes Benefit, "Stars of Texas ... Racing Against the Odds." from 5 - 10 p.m. at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie. Info: www.diabetes.org/starsoftexas or Roxann Pishnick at 214.616.3868

The four candidates for Dallas Mayor will participate in a forum sponsored by the West Dallas Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters at 11:30 a.m. at El Centro College West Campus.

April 23

Sci-Tech Discovery Center and *North Texas Kids* are teaming up to present an **Earth Day Extravaganza** from 10 am - 4 pm at the Frisco Discovery Center.

The Irving Black Arts Council presents Cross-Cultural Fusion at the Dupree Theatre at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. #300 in Irving. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the performance. Tickets at 972-252-ARTS.

April 24

The Greater Lake Highlands Area AARP Chapter #3881 meeting will be held at the Lake Highlands United Methodist Church, 9015 Plano Road at 10:00 a.m. Plan to arrive early, as coffee and fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m. This month's program will feature Marilyn Watson, discussing "Quilts across America." For further information contact Patsy Romanowski, Chapter President at 972-475-8080.

April 26

Garland City Manager's Quarterly Meeting 7 p.m.

April 28

Dallas candidates for mayor forum will feature Ron Natinsky, David Kunkle, Mike Rawlings, and Edward Opka will attend 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Road, Dallas. More info at <http://blog.farnorthdallasdemocrats.org>

April 29

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"Play Dates and Peer Groups: Forming Friendships across Childhood"** Dr. Lisa Rosen.

April 30

The Plano North Metroplex Chapter of The Links, Inc. hosting **"A Day At The Races XII: Le Chapeau Affaire"** at Lone Star park in Grand Prairie from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$85. Info: 972-248-8081, www.planonorthmetroplexlinks-inc.org.

May 15 & 22

Arts District Chorale Season, **"Broken Boundaries and Ancient Lands: An American Quilt,"** SMU's Perkins Chapel. Info: artsdistrictchorale.org.

May 19

Garland Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Business to Business Expo Noon - 3:00 p.m.; 520 N. Glenbrook Dr., Garland, TX 75040

2011 Business to Business Expo will be held from noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

May 20

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"Helping Adolescents Use Electronic Co-munication for Good"** Dr. Marion Underwood.

May 21

Dallas Free to Breathe® 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Walk 6:45 a.m. - Event day registration begins at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve located at 2801 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Fees range from \$15 - \$25, info at <http://freeto-breathe.com/>

August 20

AnyEvent Event Planning Services is hosting **Event Planners Boot Camp** at UTA, 701 S. Nedderman Dr. Arlington, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Info: Teri Robinson at 214-376-6530 or at teri@anyevent.org. Register online at www.anyevent.org.

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Will CBC and Black leaders stick with Obama?

The President is walking on a slippery slope on the healthcare reform, jobs and war

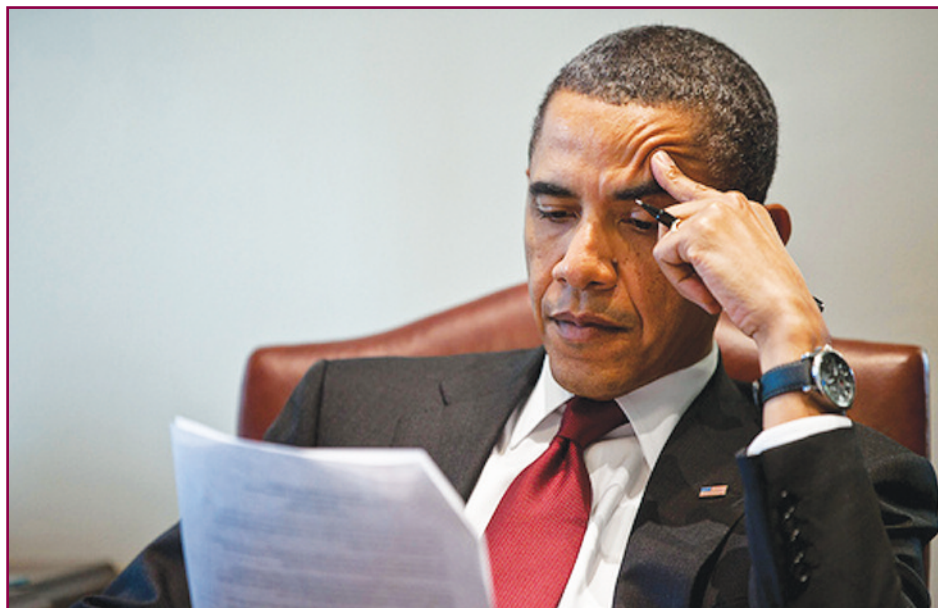
By Yussuf J. Simmonds (NNPA) A year ago when President Barack Obama signed the landmark legislation known as the Healthcare Reform Act, he said, "At this moment, we are being called upon to fulfill our duty to the citizens of this nation and to future generations... I don't know how passing health care will play politically, but I do know that it's the right thing to do. It's right for our families. It's right for our businesses. It's right for the United States of America."

That was a milestone and since then, many state's attorney generals have challenged its constitutionality. However, California's Attorney-general Kamala Harris has filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the U.S. Court

those twins of national disaster have reportedly been on a rollercoaster ride, according to many economists.

However, the disastrous effects can also be readily seen through the experiences of the average American and especially Black Americans. Massive foreclosures, joblessness, unprecedented homeless, high consumer prices added to the aforementioned have lowered the standard of living and quality of life for a large segment of Americans.

Now comes war--another unprovoked military entanglement--in addition to the two that the President inherited that at present seem unwinnable and an inability to be extricated



President Barack Obama reads a document in the Outer Oval Office as he prepares for a press conference with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada, Feb. 4, 2011. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

just to name a few, have been stalled at the expense of military expenditures.

The light at the end of the tunnel appears to be the support that President Obama has received especially from members of his own party even though they are the minority in the House (of Representatives); but the slim majority that he enjoys in the (U.S.) Senate often acts as a buffer to counteract the GOP majority in the House.

For example, during floor debate on the Republican legislation to repeal health care reform earlier this year, Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) said in part, "I'm proud to join my Democratic colleagues on the floor this afternoon to state our unequivocal stance against health care reform repeal. The landmark health reform law takes a stand against the health care disparities that exist for low-income Americans, people of color, and people with pre-existing conditions.... I implore my Republican colleagues to work with us to strengthen the law, make it better, and provide health care and jobs to millions of Americans."

Rep. Laura Richardson (D-CA) released the following statement marking the anniversary of the Health Care Act: "One year ago,

history was made when President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. On this important anniversary, there is certainly much to celebrate. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, millions of Americans are far better off now than they were a year ago. More Americans have increased access to quality health care than ever before, as well as improved coverage, more control and fewer obstacles to receiving the care they need...."

In an op-ed, Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA) stated: "This week will mark one year since the Health Care Re-

form bill was enacted, making quality health care more accessible and affordable for all Americans. Before President Obama, before this legislation, we were the only modern industrialized nation in the world to lack

any kind of comprehensive system ensuring that its citizens had access to basic medical care. Now we are headed towards a future where Americans of every economic level can afford basic health insurance...."

The plaudits for the President came from throughout the nation as Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) reiterated his continued support of the act that was designed to provide quality and affordable health care for all Americans: "The Affordable Care for America Act has the same monumental significance that Medicare and

ance coverage for the uninsured, and making health care more affordable for middle class families...." Thompson maintains that the law is highly beneficial.

But, the light at the end of the tunnel dimmed somewhat as some of the President's supporters, though standing shoulder to shoulder with him, questioned the value of him sending America's military once again into battle. Thus far, many have proceeded cautiously.

Chairman Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-MO) of the Congressional Black Caucus issued the following statement on his recent address to the nation: "As an ordained minister, I am an advocate of the seven principles of a just war which are not, in my opinion, theologically present in the military policy relating to Libya. As a Member of Congress, however; I can understand the position that President Obama was in to protect the Libyan people in order to prevent a potential genocide. I am pleased that NATO will take control of the enforcement of the arms embargo and No Fly Zone on Wednesday, and equally pleased that the United States will take a supporting role in this effort. We cannot afford another Iraq or Afghanistan and I firmly believe that the President fully understands that."



President Barack Obama talks with, from left, Director of Speechwriting Jon Favreau, Senior Advisor David Plouffe and Speechwriting Associate Director Jonathan Lovett in the Oval Office, Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit strongly asserting the legality of federal health care reform and urging the court to uphold the law stating, "The law strikes an appropriate--and constitutional--balance between national requirements that will expand access to affordable healthcare while providing States with flexibility to design programs that achieve that goal for their citizens," according to the amicus brief states.

In addition, since President Obama came into office, he has been dogged by chronic unemployment and a faltering economy when he inherited from his predecessor. The effects of

from. And, that is exacerbating most of what is ailing the country--economically and otherwise.

Some statistics: 46 of the 50 states are operating 'in the red' and cannot expect any assistance from the federal government, which is also operating 'in the red'; one of the generals, reported to the Defense Budget Committee that the recent military engagement has cost approximately half a billion dollars; recovery from disasters such as Hurricane Katrina (more than five years ago), the more recent BP oil spill, and recoveries from the mid-western and eastern seaboard weather-relative tragedies,



President Barack Obama greets members of the National Policy Alliance before a meeting in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Feb. 8, 2011. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

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Medicaid has had for all Americans," Thompson said. "The Affordable Care Act has extended health coverage to more than 32 million Americans by providing security for seniors, guaranteeing health insur-



President Obama quietly launched his 2012 re-election campaign Monday, April 4 – does he still have your support? Send us your thoughts @NDGEditor

'Round About DFW

April 7-April 10
"The black Jerry Lewis"
Arnez J will play several shows at the Arlington Im-



Arnez J

prov, 309 Curtis Mathes Way in Arlington. Tickets are \$25. 817-635-5555.

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April 15
Black Cinematheque Dallas presents the **Short and Sweet Film Festival** at 7:30 p.m. at the South Dallas Cultural Center Theatre, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. in Dallas. Festival features Dallas area filmmakers who explore the African American experience. Admission is \$5. www.dallasculture.org/SDCCulturalCenter/

April 15
Lil Wayne brings his **I'm Still Music Tour 2011** to American Airlines Center at 7 p.m. Scheduled to joining Weezy are **Nicki Minaj, Rick Ross, Travis Barker** and **Mixmaster Mike**. (214) 373-8000.

Read more entertainment online at www.northdallasgazette.com. Submit entertainment announcements to assignmenteditor@northdallasgazette.com

Gazette Gossip

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

Lil Kim/Nicki Minaj war of words comical - Since I started writing the *Gazette Gossip* column in October, I have run across several posts on black celebrity gossip pages about the ongoing feud between the "Queen Bee" **Lil Kim** and the "Black Barbie" **Nicki Minaj**. I have tried with all my might to avoid talking about this foolishness. But, since one of my other favorite female rappers of the 90s, **Foxy Brown**, had a war of words last week with **Tom Joyner**, I said to myself, "Why not?" Lil Kim obviously intoxicated on club stages in New York and Minaj

using her currently rap popularity to take jabs at Kim. Now, Minaj is at the rap game again. Unlike her first blatant knock at Kim in *Roman's Revenge*, her latest poke at Kim is



Lil Kim

in the song, temporarily named *Tragedy*.

According to HipHopLeak.net, the song was leaked on the Internet on

Saturday, and the Kim/Minaj fight was trending on Twitter most of the weekend. Minaj says, "...you was hot when Shaq teamed up with Penny/ Man, you was Magic/ I mean look at you now, h-e, you're just tragic/ You a tragedy, you a parody ..." Can't these women just get along?

I laugh because Kim is no longer the popular rapper she was in the 90s, and she cannot stand that a younger chic is taking her persona to the bank. Word on the street is that Minaj is ready to call a truce.

They don't call Kim the "Queen Bee" for nothing.

Too much, too little,

too late - ESPN analysis and former NBA player **Jalen Rose** got a little tipsy behind the wheel of a vehicle and was arrested in Michigan last month. When he told his employers about the three-week old-DUI arrest, he gets suspended.

Network execs said the suspension, handed down Sunday, is for Rose,



Jalen Rose

"to address his problems." So much for honesty is the best policy.

The story gets better. TMZ reported that Rose's arrest happened while he was in Detroit, his hometown, for the opening of a charter school for underprivileged kids that bears his name. Talk about setting an example for those youngsters.

Forum with Dallas City Council candidates

The West Dallas Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters are hosting a forum with the candidates for Dallas City Council District 6. Monica Alonzo and Luis Sepulveda are running for the position.

The forum will be held Tuesday, April 12 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the El Centro College West Campus located at 3330 N. Hampton Road. The event is free and open to the public.

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'Cadillac Cares' Facebook challenge will award \$50,000 worth of advertising to winning DFW charity

Facebook voters to decide winner in Challenge running April 9-May 7, 2011

Four Dallas/Fort Worth charities -- Big Thought, Heroes for Children, The Family Place and Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas -- have an opportunity to win a grand award of \$50,000 worth of advertising for their organization. The non-profits will compete in the "**Cadillac Cares**" Challenge, which will run on Facebook from April 9 to May 7, 2011, and is sponsored by **Metroplex Cadillac Dealers**. Facebook voters will decide the winner.

The four charities help Dallas/Fort Worth residents in different ways:

- Big Thought helps

Dallas children and families imagine a better future, using creative learning at home, in school and in the community to reinforce traditional learning. www.big-thought.org

- Heroes for Children provide financial and social assistance to families in Texas with children battling cancer. www.heroes-forchildren.com

- The Family Place reaches out to thousands of victims of family violence each year with award-winning programs that keep women and children safe. www.familyplace.org

- Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas,

grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. <http://northtexas.wish.org>.

Each charity will have a description and voting button on the **Metroplex Cadillac Dealers** Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/MetroplexCadillacDealers>. Anyone who has "liked" the **Metroplex Cadillac Dealers** Facebook page can cast their votes for one charity once a day. The winner will be completely decided by the voters. The promotion begins April 9, 2011, and the

charity with the most votes at the end of the Challenge on May 7, 2011, will win the grand award.

"Cadillac has always been committed to the North Texas community through our Texas Spirit program. It's our way of giving back and supporting our community charities. For the past 8 years, we've been the ones selecting the charities to highlight. This time, we wanted the community to decide based on all of the great things these four charities do to help make North Texas a better place to live," said Tom D'Angelo, Regional Marketing Manager for Cadillac

in the South Central Region. "We think the friendly competition on Facebook will make North Texans more aware of the great work being done by The Family Place, Big Thought, Heroes for Children and Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas."

The \$50,000 grand award includes television advertising, radio advertising and print advertising. The other charities will receive \$1,000 cash donations.

For more information, visit <http://www.facebook.com/MetroplexCadillacDealers>.

TxDOT seeks firms to establish new vendor pool for marketing, advertising and public relations services

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is seeking qualified firms, through a competitive procurement process, to establish a pool of vendors to assist in addressing the diverse advertising and marketing needs of various program areas within the agency.

All firms interested in submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Statewide Strategic Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations Services

need to have their proposals in by 3 p.m. on April 27. TxDOT's Agency Requisition Number is B442011012657-000.

This is one element in the agency's effort to implement a Sunset review recommendation to develop a comprehensive approach to marketing and advertising campaigns. TxDOT hopes many businesses including small, minority and woman-owned firms will take advantage of the available opportunities

in the field of marketing, advertising and public relations services.

The solicitation is currently available for download on the Texas State Comptroller's Electronic State Business Daily website, <http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us>. TxDOT encourages all interested companies to utilize the website to download the referenced solicitation.

The electronically-advertised solicitation will include:

- Instructions to respondents
- RFP solicitation document
- Specifications and vendor service requirements
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Free tax assistance in Carrollton through April 14

Volunteers with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) provide free tax return assistance from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on

Mondays at the Carrollton Public Library at Hebron and Josey (4220 N. Josey Lane) through April 11.

For Seniors ages 50 and

over, AARP volunteers will be available on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carrollton Senior Center (1720 Keller Springs Road)

through April 14. Bring identification, a copy of last year's tax return, as well as all documents and information for 2010.

Unemployment Down, Black Unemployment Up

By Julianne Malveaux (NNPA) More than 200,000 jobs were created last month, 216,000 to be exact. Coming after the February lift of more than 200,000 jobs, there are those who are saying that economic recovery is around the corner. I don't know what corner they are standing on, but the African American corner took a hit

in March, and the Black unemployment rate rose from 15.3 to 15.5 percent. No other racial/ethnic group saw unemployment rates rise. Some will say the slight increase is statistically insignificant. Try telling that to the African Americans who don't have jobs, or to those who are not in the labor force. Indeed, while the number of Whites who

had dropped out of the labor force went down, the number of African Americans out of the labor force went up.

The government is on the brink of closing down, with obstructionist Tea Party members determined to shrink the size of government no matter what. They have focused on government workers, but too many

of these workers are African American, Latino, and female. Yes, an attack on government workers is an attack on equality, because those who work for governments are more likely to find a fair deal, have a good job, and be paid equitably. The government is on the brink of closing down, but on their

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April is Fair Housing Month

April is Fair Housing Month and includes several events to be conducted at the City of Garland Unified Learning Center, 232 Carver Street, Garland, Texas.

Activities include a free Foreclosure Prevention Workshop on April 12 at 6 p.m. This workshop is made possible by a housing partnership between the North Texas Housing Coalition, Metro Tex Realtors, and the Garland Fair Housing Office. Workshop presenters will share valu-

able information about alternatives to foreclosure and key strategies to preserving home ownership. Individual counseling will be available so bring copies of the following documents:

- Latest mortgage statement
- 30 days of pay stubs
- Most recent tax return
- Two most recent bank statements
- Most recent utility bill
- A break-down of your

monthly expenses.

The Garland Fair Housing Office will also conduct another Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Workshop on April 21 at 6 p.m. The workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish concurrently. The workshop will address application fees, lease agreements, evictions, lockouts, security deposits and numerous other issues that concern renters. The information is intended to help minimize landlord/tenant disputes by creating an un-

derstanding of rental responsibilities.

The Garland Fair Housing Office serves the entire community with customer services, and receives more than 500 specific landlord and tenant inquiries per

year. On average, 70 residents file claims of discriminatory treatment annually. The GFHO neutrally investigates and attempts to resolve complaints on mutually agreeable terms, while preserv-

ing the public interest in fair housing choice and accessibility.

To register for Fair Housing Month activities or for additional information, please call 972-205-3300.

Local church invites guests to be 'refreshed'

Have you ever felt like you have fallen and you cannot get up? Your worship feels "whack" and your praise pointless? Then you're in need of refreshing.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church invite the public to the 2011 Spring Refreshing Conference with guest Revivalist Rev. Cedric Veal of

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dynamic Praise and Worship Minister Jeffrey Murray teaching on "The Wonderful Way We Worship."

Childcare will be provided. Seating is limited and refreshments will be served, to register call 972-241-6151, visit www.dallasmtpisgah.org or email info@dallasmtpisgah.com

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they viewed their actions as being contrary to their joint historical struggles. Since the inception of the Black Press and some 82 years later when the NAACP was born, the two had partnered unconditionally in the fight for freedom and equality.

Consequently, Bakewell invited NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous to attend an NNPA Board of Directors meeting in Washington, DC, to explain his actions. The meeting proved fruitful and initiated renewed commitments by each association to work closer together.

During the meeting NAACP President Ben Jealous said: "I am recommitting the NAACP to advocate for increased ad dollars and support for the Black Press. There is a long and storied history between the Black Press and the NAACP. I, like many of my predecessors, including WEB Dubois and Roy Wilkins, emerged from the Black Press. As an inves-

tigative reporter and editor for the Jackson Advocate—the most frequently fire-bombed Black community newspaper in the country—and former Executive Director of the NNPA, the mission and voice of the Black Press is something I personally hold in the highest regard. The NAACP and NNPA share the same mission: the liberation of our people. The Black Press is our voice and the NAACP is a voice for the Black Press. Together we can be a mighty force to speak truth to power."

NNPA Chairman Danny Bakewell said that he appreciates the frank dialogue between the two groups, as it presents a better understanding of their respective operating procedures, one that will prevent any such "mis-step" in the future.

Bakewell continued, "The 200-member NNPA has always supported and will continue to give voice to NAACP efforts—with or without advertising support.

We give credit to the NAACP for their activities that create interesting copy and graphics. Publication of these events has kept the Black communities aware of the NAACP's actions and leadership team. The circumstance that initially brought us together ultimately proved to be a reminder of the interconnection of our missions, and our groups are closer today as a result. We will forge ahead with a new and profound commitment to work together."

Bakewell added, "I commend President Jealous for his honesty and his apology to the NNPA publishers. We are brothers in the struggle against racial injustices, and as the NAACP fights the battles in the courts, it is our mission as the Black Press to illuminate the issues and keep our people informed."

Christopher Fleming of the NAACP and Walter Smith of the NNPA authored this article

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DeSoto church hosting Business and Finance Expo

Johnson Chapel Community Church, located at 1400 N. Hampton Road, DeSoto Texas 75115, is hosting the 2011 Business and Finance Expo on April 30 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This event is for entrepreneurs, job seekers, business owners, and anyone who would like to start

their own business or enhance their career. The expo will include: a job fair, career resources, networking opportunities, free credit checks, resume makeovers, a "Clothes Closet" with business attire, workshops on managing your credit, grant writing, wills & estate plan-

ning, and funding a small business. The job fair will take place from 10 a.m. - noon. There is no charge for this event and it is open to the public.

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

vation. The expo will consist of educational and practical seminars that include topics such as: entrepreneurship, funding a small business, grant writing, preparing for the future, and career professionals will be on-site to provide assistance for resume writing. Attendees

will walk away with strategies, tips and the resources they need to be successful in business and in managing their financial affairs.

In addition to the workshops and career resources, interested business owners will have the opportunity to showcase

their products and services. Vendor tables are available for \$50 a booth (non-JC3 members) and \$35 a booth (JC3 members). Please contact Rev. Tandra Johnson at 972-224-9940 or by email at eventplanning@jc3online.org to request a vendor packet.

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way to down time, they have not found time to introduce one piece of legislation that speaks to job creation. Given the numbers that we see this month, this really means they have been un-

employment, the measure that accounts for those who work part time when they want full time work or are only "marginally attached" to the labor market, a whopping 15.7 percent. This means, in real terms, that nearly one in six of us is unemployed.

It gets worse, of course, for African Americans. The employment population ratio for adult Black men, at 57.2 percent, is nearly eleven points lower than the employment population ratio for adult White men, at

that says it takes more than a swallow to bring spring. In other words, we first of all know that at the rate we are going, it is will take until 2018, seven years from now, for us to get back to the number of jobs we had in 2007. With populating growth, even then we won't reach the unemployment rate of 5 percent that we experienced in December of 2007. Secondly, pessimistic economists, like former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, are suggesting that there is the possibility of a "double dip" recession, and

that numbers could turn back down in a few months if more money is not pumped into the economy. Bankers are keeping their bailout money, having failed to address the foreclosure situation, or to lend small businesses money they need for inventory and revitalization. They are cautiously waiting for better times, but what if Congress had exercised their caution on them?

The bottom line is that while some data suggest economic recovery, the African American community is still riding on the

back of the bus. It will take targeted job creation programs to improve on the new unemployment numbers. Is there anyone in Congress who will step up to say that these unacceptably high unemployment

rates cannot continue?

Julianne Malveaux is President of Bennett College for Women and author of Surviving and Thriving: 365 Facts in Black Economic History (www.lastwordprod.com).



willing and unable to deal with the jobs crisis in the African American community, as the situation in other communities is getting better.

Better does not mean acceptable. There are 13.5 million officially unemployed people in our nation, and the number that have not worked for half a year has risen from 43.9 percent to 45.5 percent in the past month. Labor force participation is at an all time low of 64.2 percent which means that too many people have left the labor force because they think they can't find work, or they can't afford to look. This is the story for all Americans, with the most severe measure of unem-

68.0 percent. In some communities, scarcely half of African American men are working. The same data that takes the overall population from 8.8 percent to 15.7 percent, takes the African American population from 15.5 percent to 27.6 percent, a Depression-era level unemployment rate. Why is this okay? Why has it sparked no national discussion? What does it mean that it is acceptable for the employment situation in an entire community can be imperiled? Why is it that nobody really cares?

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It has been said that there are two types of people in the world; those whose activities are designed to generate a reward in this lifetime; and those who live to generate a reward when they meet our Lord in Heaven.

How does one judge whether they are living for their heavenly reward versus the earthly reward? There are several key indicators. Future reward people tend to be givers. They make their time and resources available to be channeled for God's purposes. They realize their sowing will ultimately be rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ where what they have done on earth will be judged and rewarded by God "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." **2 Corinthians 5:10 (KJV).**

Future reward people live a life based upon obedience-

based decisions. They don't make decisions based on their perceived outcome. They realize a decision based on obedience alone may not result in an immediate outcome. Jesus was obedient to the cross, but the immediate outcome was His own death on the cross.

Future reward situations show up in daily life in a number of ways. Perhaps you have been wronged by someone and God calls you to forgive and He even tells you to bless that individual without expectation of their response.

In the 1960s I recall a pastor saying that God told him to give a man that was kneeling in prayer \$50, the pastor said that he looked at the man who was dressed in a nice suit and the man didn't look destitute or as if he needed anything, so the pastor questioned "God and said, God, this man doesn't look like he needs \$50, why should I give him money?" And God answered, "I didn't say that this man needed \$50, I told you to give the man \$50."

Often we forget that we should obey God without questioning Him. Just have faith in

God.

Perhaps God tells you to sow money into a ministry or another person's life without expectation of a return from them. Perhaps you are called to serve another person without expectation of any earthly reward. The situations we might encounter are unlimited.

"From men *which* are thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, *which* have their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes. As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." **Psalms 17:14 & 15 (KJV)**

Ask yourself, "Am I living a life based on a future reward, or short term reward?" How are you allocating your resources? This will reveal whether you are a heavenly reward Christian.

Helpful Insights & Inspiration: It has been said, "You never saw a fish on the wall with its mouth shut." "You are the only person on

this earth who can use your ability." "You can't base your life on other people's expectations." "Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail." "Shared joy is double joy, and shared sorrow is half-sorrow." "An open mind collects more riches than an open purse." "Hate is like acid. It can damage the vessel in which it is stored as well as destroy the object on which it is poured." - **Ann Landers.**

"You have the capacity to choose what you think about. If you choose to think about past hurts, you will continue to feel bad. While it's true you can't change the effect that past influences had on you once, you can change the effect they have on you now." - **Gary McKay, Ph.D.** "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." - **William James.**

"One of the most lasting pleasures you can experience is the feeling that comes over you when you genuinely forgive an enemy—whether he knows about it or not." - **A. Battista.** "An apology is the



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chocolate. No wonder I am such a healthy rascal these days. The only exercise I have had for years is exercising caution in smuggling chocolate into our house.

The good news is, chocolate is good for your health along with a steaming hot cup of coffee. I do not know what I enjoy more in life.

With these two things in mind, I have had some cause to re-think my position on broccoli.

My reasoning goes something like this. For years, people have been telling us that coffee and chocolate is bad for your health. Then, somebody discovers that these two things benefit our health.

Now, for years, starting with my dear old mother, people have been extolling the virtues of broccoli. I cannot tell how many lectures I have heard explaining to me how wonderful and beneficial broccoli is for human consumption. I cannot remember the number of

vitamins and minerals allegedly associated with this vegetable.

When I was a young lad in short pants, I took one look at broccoli and determined it was not for me at all. Even I, at that point, understood the maliciousness of what some people called a vegetable.

"Eat all your vegetables and then you can have your dessert." Which, to my mind, was second only to waterboarding. In fact, I think there was a period in my life when I would have preferred the waterboarding.

"It's good for you," people kept telling me.

What I want to know is how can something that looks like a miniature tree-wanna-be be good for a person?

The first and last broccoli I have ever eaten took me three days to chew. Then, I had to brush my teeth for a week to get it all out from between my teeth.

Now that I have become older, I have begun to re-

think certain things in life. One has to do with the functional aspect of wearing suspenders. One unfortunate episode in the public mall was enough for me.

And the other has to do with broccoli. Maybe, just maybe, I have been too harsh concerning what some people call a wonderful vegetable. Maybe, if I give it some further thought, I might discover that broccoli is not half as bad as I thought it was.

It just could be that all these years those people bragging on the marvelous benefits of broccoli were right.

Just as I was polishing up this second thought about broccoli to present it to my wife, I saw a newspaper article that said, "Tainted broccoli spurs big recall in West."

I knew it. I knew that broccoli; in whatever form you want to cook it, is tainted.

Second thoughts can certainly be dangerous. I

took this second thought about broccoli, threw it away and enthusiastically embraced my first thought and now broccoli is history with me.

The Bible warns us to be careful about what we think. "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8 KJV).

I have more important things to think about than broccoli.

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