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Irving City Council Place 5 candidates share why they deserve your vote

Each candidate for Irving City Council Place 5 was invited to complete the *North Dallas Candidate Survey*. Their answers are shared in this issue. The election is May 14.



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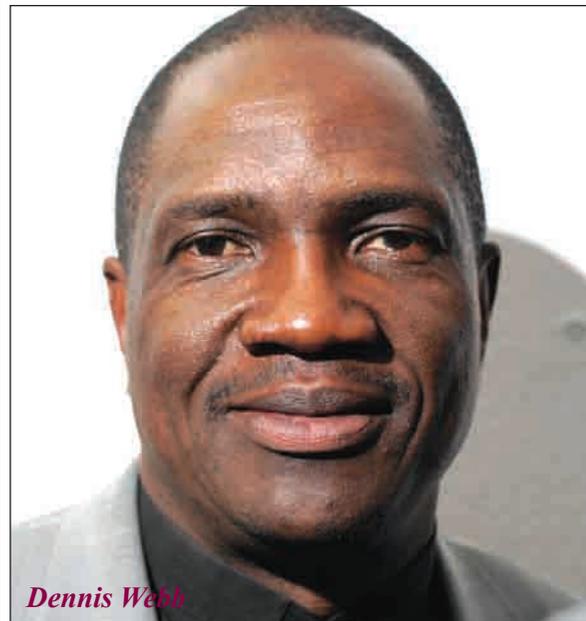
late the knowledge, skills, or experience your candidacy offers voters. I have a Bachelor's Degree (Marketing and Psychology) graduating Magma cum Laude; Master's Degree (Psychology); an Associate Degree in Banking and Finance; held a Real Estate degree for many years (developed commer-

cial and residential properties); I own a mediation business, Cannaday & Assoc., Chair the Communication and Legislative Committee; Audit and Finance committee, Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau, Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of

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COVER STORY

Tough issues facing candidates for Irving City Council Place 3 and Place 5



Dennis Webb

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Three career choices with growth potential

By Toi Pearson
NDG Special Contributor
Editor's note: This is the first in an occasional series.

It is no secret that the American job market has undergone dramatic changes and some of those changes have affected its citizen's ability to provide for families, and hope for brighter fu-

tures. While those dark days are not yet behind us, there appears to be a silver lining arising in the distance.

Many understand the hardship of finding a job which fits their skill set and pays well, because unfortunately certain markets have been hit harder than others by our country's financial

predicament. But, according to a recent *U. S. News and World Report (USNWR)* story on their website, a wave of job openings and opportunities are on the horizon for a vast number of careers.

No matter how daunting the thought of a new career

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COMMENTARY

A Tea Party farming tale

By Steve Love
NDG Special Contributor

There once was a farmer who was having trouble making ends meet, and so he went to the experts on things economical: conservative economists. How did he know they were the experts? They said they were! They said it on TV, on the radio, in the newspaper, they had professors of economics teaching it and think-tanks advocating it. They even had the President of the United

States lending his influence in their direction. In fact, common knowledge held, and nobody doubted, that conservative economists were the true experts. And so the farmer went to them for the solution to his problem.

And here is what they advised him: cut costs! Don't take the risk of adding more land to your farm. Do not increase your efficiency by getting a larger tractor or increase your yield by diversifying crops or boosting your

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Let's talk about those TV ratings

By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil
NDG Special Contributor

As much as I try to remind you that The Nielsen Company is a global information and measurement company that measures so many things beyond television (like how you spend your time online and on your mobile devices and

what you buy at the grocery store) the fact of the matter is we're still very much in the business of rating television viewing. So I'm eager to share with you a hot new study on TV viewing.

Nielsen's most recent State of the Media Report is a snapshot of TV view-

ing and usage trends pulled from an analysis of live stream data from people aged 18-49 during November of 2010. Some naysayers will point out, "hmp, you didn't contact me, bet yll don't even count Black people." To which I say, "WRONG!" Although we can't measure every house-

hold in America we take a representative sample of the population (when you feel sick, a sample of your blood is adequate to indicate what's going on, the doctor doesn't have to drain your whole body right?). So while we may not have contacted you

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People In The News...



Francis Page, Jr.



Michelle Smith



Pamela McNutt

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Francis Page, Jr.

Houston Style Magazine Publisher Francis Page, Jr. will be presented with the Stellar Communications Award from the Texas Southern University (TSU) Tavis Smiley School of Communication on Friday, April 15. Page, founder and president of Minority Print Media, L.L.C., parent company of the local publication *Houston Style Magazine*, is being recognized for his unyielding commitment to journalistic excellence in support of TSU.

Dr. James Ward, TSU School of Communication dean, said, "It is an honor to

present the Stellar Communications Award to Francis on Friday. He exemplifies excellence and has served as a role model to the students in the Communication School. Francis has always been supportive of TSU, our students and faculty. This is our small way of letting him know we appreciate him." Ward has served as Dean of the TSU Communication School for five years.

"I often approach members of the press expressing the desire to have a true partnership on behalf of TSU and I'm never disap-



pointed," says TSU's Director of Communications and spokesperson Eva Pickens. "The relationship with Francis Page, Jr. and *Houston Style Magazine* is solid and he has always been a friend to TSU," added Pick-

ens.

TSU President Dr. John Rudley envisioned TSU's recently launched *A Renaissance of Excellence* campaign for TSU. A large percentage of that campaign calls for building collaborative partnerships with major and weekly media outlets. The campaign is designed to heighten the awareness of TSU programs, students and faculty research. "We can always count on Francis and our other weekly partners to tell TSU's many stories. We are certainly appreciative and congratulate Page on receiving this award."

"It is not every day that

one receives credit for hard work or a job well done," said Minority Print Media Founder and President Francis Page, Jr. "I'm exceedingly humbled to be recognized for our journalism, but most importantly, the impact we have had on TSU students. Our team works hard to deliver quality news to the community and also to give back in meaningful and supportive ways."

Page has been the publisher of *Houston Style Magazine*, the largest and most-read urban weekly newspaper in Houston. He leads a market-exclusive, national, award-winning

writing team of Roland Martin, Jesse Jackson and Judge Greg Mathis. His local award-winning writing team is lead by Jo-Carolyn Goode, who provides a wide array of compelling features and lends direction to the editorial staff that includes health writers Dr. Lovell Jones and Tonja Ward, criminal justice writer H. B. Ricky Spivey, Jr., political writer Attorney Pam Crawford, and entertainment writer Rebecca Brisco. Photographers Anthony W. Morris, Vicky Pink and Roswitha Vogler shoot 10-16 community events each week.

Michelle Smith

Michelle Smith has been named Vice President of Operations for the Navy Mutual Aid Association in Arlington, Virginia. Smith, the first African American to become a vice president in the history of the 132 year old company, assumed responsibility for insurance operations including the New Business, Underwriting and Customer Service sections on January 10, 2011.

Smith started her career in 1991 as a life insurance underwriter at the Prudential Insurance Company, located in Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania. During her almost 7 years at Prudential, Smith rose to a Senior Underwriting Case Manager and underwrote business sold in the New York regional area.

Smith then spent a short time at Monumental Life in Baltimore Mary-

land as a Senior Underwriter before moving on to Banner Life Insurance Company in Rockville Maryland. In her nearly 5 years at Banner Life, Smith began to speak on medical topics pertaining to underwriting, both within the company as part of the medical director's training program, and for the Baltimore/Washington Underwriters' Association where she served as secretary.

Since coming to Navy Mutual in 2002, Smith has



served as Imaging Project Coordinator; Assistant Manager, Underwriting; Floor Manager, Opera-

tions; and Director, Customer Service & New Business. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Management from Villanova University, and a Master of Business Administration degree in Human Resource Administration from Temple University, as well as a Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLMI), designation from the LOMA organization.

Smith resides in Stafford County Virginia with her husband Samuel,

and their daughter Olivia.

Navy Mutual Aid Association is a nonprofit, federally tax-exempt, mutual benefit Veterans Service Organization which was established in 1879 by sea service members for the purpose of providing life insurance and annuities for members of the United States Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service (PHS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and their families.

Pamela McNutt

Methodist Health System Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO) Pamela McNutt has been named among the Top 25 Women in Healthcare across the nation by *Modern Healthcare* maga-



zine. McNutt is the first CIO selected for this prestigious honor.

Winners include savvy female executives across the country that are making a positive difference in the health care industry in all sectors of the industry, including hospitals, health care systems, physician organizations, insurance, government, vendors and suppliers, trade and professional organizations, and patients' rights groups – and including an array of issues including reform, policy, education, research, advocacy, and more.

McNutt has played a key role at Methodist in switching from what most were doing in health care-using multiple vendors and platforms and retooling them to fit together, a difficult strategy to sustain in a rapid

growth mode. She used a five-year process to streamline and integrate Methodist's information systems. Improvements she has led at Methodist include bringing more useful data to the bedside and working to reduce errors through information technology. McNutt has also taken on a wider role as a speaker and educator throughout the industry.

As chair of the policy steering committee for the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives, she works with other senior leaders across the nation to craft the group's comments on proposed federal IT regulations and the potential of IT across the continuum of health care.

"Methodist is honored by this accolade earned by our CIO, and we know that she is generous in sharing her expertise with others, mentoring other women in

national health care leadership, and serving as an inspiring role model, for us, and across the nation," says Methodist Health System Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Pamela Stoyanoff.

The announcement notes that woman have played key roles in health care throughout history – from pioneers giving direct aid in battlefields centuries ago, to today's sophisticated executives who are heirs to that early legacy of compassion, innovation, and determination.

McNutt loves technology and became a chief information officer more than 20 years ago, at a time when she was often among the few women in such leadership. She joined Methodist in 1993 and in 2001, launched a five-year plan to integrate clinical data with electronic health record sys-

tems. She is a nationally recognized leader in health care information technology

and a sought-after speaker

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Smarter on Crime



By Judge Greg Mathis
The nation's decades long war on drugs and 'tough on crime' posture has failed to reduce crime rates and control the rising prison population. Additionally, our current crime fighting strategy puts us at a disadvantage in other critical sectors, namely education. Knowing what we now know, it is clear that it's beyond time to take a different approach on crime... a smarter one.

According to a recently released NAACP report entitled "Misplaced Priorities: Over Incarcerate and Under Educate," state spending on prisons in the last 20 years grew six times faster than education spending. In fact, 33 states increased prison spending in 2009 while simultaneously reducing education funding.

Much of this increase in

prison spending can be blamed on mandatory sentencing laws that require mandatory jail time for even low-level, non-violent offenses rob the sentencing judge of the ability to hand down a punishment that is more suitable to the crime. Instead, offenders who might be better served in a drug rehab program are sent to prison, causing prison popu-

lations to go up and requiring prison budgets to increase in order to keep up with the "demand".

As states around the country are forced to make tough cuts to balance their budgets, very few are pulling funds from those allocated for prisons. Instead, they are pulling money from education, healthcare and social services, programs that serve

those in need. This is definitely not the right approach.

Reducing the prison population and, in turn, reducing prison budgets, stabilizes state budgets so that other key programs won't have to take such hard hits. Restoring the judge's ability to use creative sentencing for non-violent offenders is one way to reduce prison populations around the country. Employing alternative sentencing methods, such as home confinement and drug treatment, is another.

Our priorities as a nation are currently skewed... we are placing far more emphasis on incarcerating people than we are on educating and healing them. By taking a smarter approach to crime, one that looks for lower cost ways to punish and rehabilitate offenders, we can free up billions of dollars that can be put to much better use.

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weed-eradication effort. CUT COSTS! If it looks like a cost, cut it! That is all you have to do, they advised. And so he did.

He canceled his order for fertilizer and high-yield seeds. He stopped maintaining his tractor and harvesters, and he stopped eradicating weeds. He decided not to rent an adjacent 40 acres that would have given him more land to work and would have made his equipment investment more profitable. He was following good "conservative" principles: when things get tough, retrench... back up... do with less... be "hesitant" or as William F. Buckley, Jr. famously once said, "Stand athwart the

course of history and shout; 'STOP!'" Our farmer did what the expert *conservative* economist told him to do.

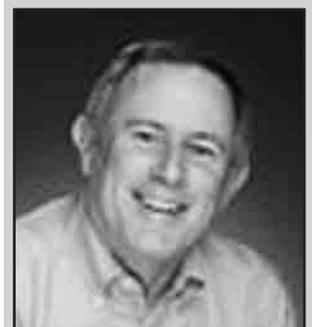
So, come spring, the farmer planted lower-grade seed, watched weeds grow among his crop, saw fewer heads of grain on each plant, and watched his tractor sit idle when it could have been put to use. When harvest time came, our farmer discovered that his tractor was burning oil; the harvester was partly nonfunctioning; the yield was lower than ever before; there were weeds clogging the harvester; all his neighbors were putting more crops in the barn and making more money...and his finances were worse than the

year before!

Moral of the story: Don't act on advice from people who ask you to swim *upstream*... who ask you to follow your fears... who tell you that the future is anything you *dream it to be*, not the consequences of your actions... who say that the future belongs to those who hunker down and wait for others to take the lead... who advise you to stand still while time goes forward! In other words: Listen to *conservative* economists... only if you *just want to fail* at farming!

Steve Love is a member of the North Dallas Texas Democratic Women

CORRECTIONS:



In our April 14, 2011 issue we ran the wrong photo of Dallas Mayor candidate Ron Natin-sky with our story "Dallas mayoral candidates in their own words." We apologize for the error, the correct photo is featured above. If you have not had a chance to read the survey of each mayoral candidate, please visit www.northdallasgazette.com.

After 20 years, man still maintains he is wrongfully imprisoned

Derrick Hamilton has been imprisoned for close to 20 years for the January 4, 1991 murder of Nathaniel Cash, despite convincing evidence from an eyewitness to the murder that Hamilton is innocent. Additionally, a highly decorated New Haven, Connecticut police officer, and other witnesses have provided evidence that Hamilton was in New Haven at the time of the murder and not in Brooklyn where the incident took place.

Hamilton says he was wrongfully prosecuted and

convicted based solely on the testimony of Jewel Smith, a friend of the victim. Smith was the only prosecution witness in the case, which was handled by the Kings County District Attorney's office, and her statements formed the basis of Hamilton's conviction.

Smith told Detective Delouisa, the officer investigating the crime scene, that "...at 10:25 a.m. she went to the corner store and upon returning about 11 a.m. she discovered Mr. Cash dead outside the building." After

being brought to the station and interviewed by a Detective Scarcella, she changed her statement and implicated Derrick Hamilton.

"Once I was in the precinct, Detective Scarcella informed me that Derrick Hamilton shot Nathaniel Cash. And if I wanted to leave the precinct and go home, I had to identify Derrick as the person that committed the crime. The scenario was explained to me in detail by Detective Scarcella. I followed his script and true to his word I was

released, after being forced to fabricate a statement implicating Derrick Hamilton as the Nathaniel Cash killer."

Moments after the crime, according to police records, a call to 911, by female caller reported, "a male had been shot at 215 Monroe Street made and that three male blacks were fleeing in a red Pontiac Grand Am southbound on Nostrand Avenue."

Another witness to the murder, Taseem Douglas, who was present at the

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Texas Relay organizers honored

The University of Texas at Austin and the City of Austin honored the organizers of events planned around the annual Texas Relays which take place on the university campus. The honorees were recognized at a reception held at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina Street, Austin, Texas on Friday, April 8, 2011 from 5 - 7 PM.

"We want to celebrate and recognize the city's dedication to diversity rather than divisiveness," said

Councilmember Sheryl Cole, one of the reception event chairs.

The honorary reception chairs were Austin City Council Member Sheryl Cole and Dr. Gregory J. Vincent, Vice President, the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, the University of Texas at Austin. Reception hosts were Senator Kirk Watson, District 14, Austin; Representative Dawnna Dukes, District 46, Austin; Judge Samuel Biscoe,



Dr. Gregory J. Vincent and Larry Jackson

Travis County; Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Austin; The City of Austin; The Univer-

sity of Texas at Austin; Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce; and The George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center.

The Texas Relays are a track-and-field competition for high school, college and professional athletes held annually at the Mike A. Myers Track and Soccer Stadium on campus. The 2010 relays drew an estimated 21,000 people, or 95 percent of the stadium's capacity.

Overweight teens face another challenge

Teens who are overweight tend to have health risks, and a study now says these problems could include weaker bones. Researchers at Georgia Health Sciences University found the weaker bones in a study of 143 overweight 14- to 18-year-olds.

Dr. Norman Pollock said, "Those overweight adolescents that had at least one risk factor for cardiovascular disease and/or diabetes had lower bone mass than the overweight adolescents that did not have any risk factors."

Pollock says that



teenagers with weak bones can make them stronger by being physically active. This includes things like weight training, jogging or sports.

New online group seek to help disaster victims worldwide via social media

In March Michael Nast, CEO of Dot TV Media Services of Red Oak, Tex., created HAVEthenGIVE.org to create awareness and raise monies to help disaster victims. This organization was a vision Nast submitted to internships.com on March 25 in response to the question: "If you were the Social Media Director for a major humanitarian aid organization, how would you create awareness and raise money via social media in the aftermath of a global disaster?"

Nast has received a tremendous international response to his video submission, including client offers and Eric Klein founder of CAN-DO.org contacted him to encourage his efforts. At that point Nast decided to invest his own personal savings and make this charity

fund raising idea a reality.

Nast has developed a three prong approach to raising a minimum of \$100,000,000 all through social media this summer for disaster relief victims of the world!

Disaster Relief Awareness using Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter via viral videos, hash tags of #HAVEthenGIVE #10by10 #1of10

Online fundraiser - The development of a 10-day internet based GIVE-ATHON broadcast this summer in which the goal is to

get a \$10 donation from 10 millions social media users to raise \$100 MILLION FOR DISASTER RELIEF in just 10 days!!

The creation of Click for Relief - Nast is hoping to raise money for charity by asking visitors to havethengive.org donate by clicking the ads on the site to make a donation without requiring giving any monies, because the ad sponsor makes a donation for the click. Recently, the first 33 clicks raised over \$15 for disaster relief at a rate of nearly 50 cents per

click. A million ad clicks would raise \$500k for disaster victims instantly.

Soon Nast is expected to travel to wildfire and storm affected areas of Texas to raise Social media awareness via You Tube Videos and live broadcasts on UStream.

In May, Nast is traveling to Haiti with CAN-DO.org founder Eric Klein to show the world, via LIVE Ustream broadcasts, what is really going on with relief efforts in Haiti and showing donations in action.

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Honorees will be formally recognized and celebrated in a ceremony in Atlanta, Ga., on the evening of July 12 as *Modern Healthcare* hosts an educational conference and awards gala there. Among those supporting the nomination was the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) in which McNutt is an active leader, with supporting documentation from other health information technology professional organizations.

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May 8 - 1 to 6 p.m.
May 9-10 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Commerce, Irving Flood District #3, Library Board, Planning & Development; Treasurer of Texas High Speed Rail Transportation Corp., and the South Central Texas High Speed Rail Transportation Authority. I am the voting delegate for Irving to the National League of Cities.

Have you previously been a candidate for this or another office? If "yes," what year(s) and what office(s)? Irving City Council 2007—2011 Place 5 Serving as Mayor Pro Tem; Ran for the Texas House of Representative District 105 in 2000. Lost

What are your top three (3) priorities in this elective office? Economic Development – Transportation - Water

If an incumbent, why are you seeking re-election? What remains to be done? I made a commitment when I was first elected 4 years ago to focus on (1) Public Safety (violent crime down 40% - Fire has No. 1 resuscitation rate in State of Texas; (2) Strengthen Code Enforcement – Pass new ordinances, Rewrote 50 year old ordinances, tore down substandard apartment buildings, targeted abandoned buildings and signs for removal; (3) Economic Development – encouraged growth; and have over \$4 billion dollars of real estate development underway; keeping DART on schedule for 2012 arrival in Irving and 2014 arrival at DFW; 3800 new jobs created; supported \$35 million to South Irving for revitalization of area; (4) Kept water rates lowest in North Texas Region; found new water sources.

What could you reasonably accomplish in another term? Ensuring DART arrives in Irving 2012 and DFW airport in 2014; finish contracts to buy new water sources; continue to provide the leadership for the building of the 4 new library system. Competed 2 state-of-the-art technological library, ready to start on 3rd; Five of the seven Transited Oriented Developments along the DART line are in my District 5. Start development.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? The

progress while I have been on city council has been successful with a myriad of completed projects. Such as: widening our corridors, creating pocket parks, the Miracle Field park for handicap children, the opening of a new Leed certified, Net Zero library next week, the building of our new Leed certified Convention Center.

What do citizens deserve from this public office? Citizens need to be able to trust their city representatives. The city should be transparent in all its dealings and available to answer questions if a citizen needs help. They deserve good government.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations? I have a very strong work ethic and my character is open, honest and above reproach. A lot of the citizens in Irving are WWII veterans, as well as other wars, and the community is primarily conservative. I'm always available, return my phone calls and go out of my way to help someone.

What, if any, are your campaign promises /pledges to the electorate? I will continue to do what I am doing. Four years ago everyone on the city council along with the city manager created a Strategic Plan. We have been methodically working our plan for the last 4 years with great success. I will continue to focus on Police and Fire initiatives to keep our families safe (we have a 40% drop in violent crime); I will provide the leadership of managing our city with conservative financial management policies – (Irving received a AAA Bond Rating from both Moody and Standard & Poor and we are 1 of 2 in the state of Texas with AAA bond rating). I am the liaison with the chamber of commerce and we recruited 55 new businesses to Irving, signing leases for 1 million square feet; created 2500 new jobs and retained 25 businesses and 3000 positions. We brought 30 new shopping and dining venues to Irving. I plan to continue this work.

Irving's tax rate is among the lowest in North Texas. Water rate is the lowest in re-

gion. My pledge is to keep Irving with the lowest tax rate and water & sewer costs. I will continue providing good leadership to keep our city moving forward.

July Grant

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In 50 words or less, relate the knowledge, skills, or



Judy Grant

experience your candidacy offers voters. Irving resident 37 years, business career 40 years, small business owner, Pres. of Heritage Advisory Council, Area Director of national charity, member Poverty & Homeless Coalition, Election Judge, 2 ½ yr Pres. neighborhood assoc., 5 yr as Pres. of Young Women's Program of Latino congregation, current Deaf Interpreter for Irving congregation

What are your top three (3) priorities in this elective office? 1. Clarity in our city government for our resident 2. Integrity in our decisions 3. Accountability for our actions

If successful, what would you do to improve this office? The Place 5 Council person needs to have a history of varied experience working side by side with our residents. I've walked and talked with residents in their yards, their home, and in their community activities. I've listened to their unease about the way our present Council is handling circumstances that pertain to the citizens.

I will make myself available to our residents for 13 hours one day a week to sit down, or converse on the telephone and/or e-mail to discuss their concerns, ideas and suggestions. I'd take these to the City Council.

We need to immediately fund the Entertainment Center with the available private funds, taking it off the shoulders of the tax payers. Bring

the McDougal Company to accountability, stop the contract due to McDougal's breach, and place the project for bid. One of the greatest areas needing improvement is getting rid of overspending. One cannot buy its way out of debt.

How would you relate the problems/progress of this public office? Place 5 needs to have someone who is consistently involved with the residents. As President of the Neighborhood Assoc., I walked the neighborhood discussing concerns with residents. I plan to dedicate one day for meeting with our residents face-to-face, via e-mails or telephone conversations, taking what they say to the City Council for action. I will also keep a close watch on budgeting and new programs or disassembling old ones. Without the small business owner and entrepreneur, Irving is headed toward becoming a large industrial complex. It is necessary that we balance our opportunity for revenue from both. There are incentives given to large corporations and Irving should grant small incentives to keep our small businesses and help the entrepreneur grow, expand and stay in Irving. This creates not only rev-

enue, but jobs and new busi-

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American Southwest Conference Women's Softball returns to Lewisville

American Southwest Conference, a member of NCAA Division III, will hold its annual softball championship tournament this weekend (April 28-30) at Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park athletic complex.

The tournament field includes defending national champion East Texas Baptist University (32-6), which won the conference's East

Division and will receive a first-round bye along with West Division champion Mary Hardin-Baylor (28-12).

Filling out the field this weekend are UT-Tyler, Hardin-Simmons, Concordia Texas and Mississippi College. East Texas Baptist is currently ranked fifth in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Top 25 Poll, and UT-Tyler is 19th.

One note of local interest is that Mary Hardin-Baylor has two Lewisville High School graduates on its roster – senior pitcher Erica White and junior outfielder Jordan Giesen.

The American Southwest Conference, headquartered in Richardson, Texas, is one of the largest NCAA Division III athletic conferences with 15 member institutions from the states of

Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Formed in May 1996, the ASC awards 16 conference championships. League titlists in 12 sports earn automatic berths in their respective NCAA Division III national tournament fields.

Friday's slate begins with elimination games at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., followed by winners bracket play at 4 p.m. and a third

elimination game at 6:30 p.m.

An elimination game gets Saturday's action going at 11 a.m. with the winner advancing to the championship game at 1:30 p.m. If a second and deciding title game is needed, it will follow after a 30-minute break.

Live statistics for all tournament games will be posted online, and Saturday's championship game

will be available through live audio. All links can be found on the conference's website, www.ASCsports.org.

Tournament admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 and older, and \$3 for ASC students (with valid ID). Children age 5 younger will not be charged. No animals, coolers, glass bottles, alcohol or tobacco products are allowed.

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can be, the next year - even the next 10 years - look very promising for people entering one of the fields listed on the *USNWR* top 50 careers. I do not have enough room to go into detail about all 50, so I have highlighted three that may interest.

These days, people desire two things: a good education and a good job. A career in HVAC, dental hygiene, or urban planning can almost guarantee both of those.

HVAC, also known as Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration systems technicians are expected to increase 28 percent in job opportunities over the next 10 years. HVAC technicians earn an average of \$20 an hour. The top paying jobs in the HVAC field are in motor vehicle manufacturing, and electric power generation, transmission, and distribution.

Interested candidates can begin to prepare for a job as a HVAC technician as early as high school by taking courses such as: shop math, mechanical drawing, applied physics and chemistry, and computer applications. Technical training is available at a community college or trade school. In both cases, a prospective student will have to select a specialization focus: either installation or repair. Most HVAC technicians graduate from technical training within 6 months - 2 years. Training often includes an apprenticeship sponsored by technical training programs. Apprenticeships offer paid, on-the-job experience for 3-5 years, which is highly valued in the job market. To qualify for an apprenticeship you must have a high school diploma or GED.

Dental Hygienists are expected to experience a 36

percent increase in job opportunities over the next ten years, for people with strong social and administrative skills. Dental Hygienists clean teeth, take and analyze x-rays, teach good oral health, and occasionally help with administrative duties in dentist offices. A dental hygienist earns an average of \$21-\$32 per hour.

An associate degree in dental hygiene is required by most dental offices to gain an entry-level position, as well as, satisfactory results on written and clinical exams upon graduation. However, to teach or conduct research, a Bachelor of Science or a Master of Science in Dental Hygiene may be required. You can find local, accredited dental hygiene programs at Texas Woman's University in Denton and Collin College in McKinney. Sanford Brown College, an online institution, also offers an Associate degree in dental hygiene along

with many other Texas colleges.

As a part of the course work, classes in dental anatomy, radiology, pathology, and microbiology are required. The Texas Dental Hygiene Association offers several scholarships. Upon graduation aspiring dental hygienists have turned to less traditional places to look for jobs like: school programs, clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes. Most dental programs require extra expenses for uniforms, tools, CPR certification, and licensing exam costs.

Urban Planners also known as Regional Planners, have helped to create the world we see, one community at a time. Urban Planners help communities cope with steady growth and change in ways that will improve community quality of life. They must consider city laws, state laws, landscape, budgets, diversity of the city, and what

works best for the inhabitants of the city.

Job opportunities for urban planners are lucrative for the city, government, and large and small business campuses. If you work well with tight deadlines, people, and persuasive data then this may be the job for you. Your overall goal, as an urban planner, is to convince the city they need what you are building, that you have considered all options, and will take care of the logistics. You are the team manager who must work with other disci-

plines not limited to, but including: architecture, finance, math, and communications.

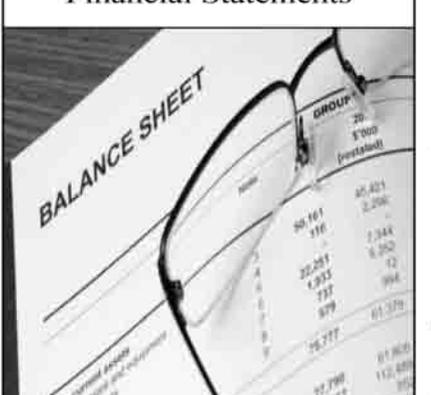
High school students can prepare for a job in this field by taking upper level math courses and sociology related courses. A solid and in-depth knowledge of people and people groups will add a great advantage to your skill set. Land use, cost benefit analysis, and population projection are a few of the college courses taken by people in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning.

Few entry level positions ask for Bachelor degrees only, most require a Masters degree.

An urban planner can earn \$43,000-\$73,000 a year depending on the firm or city employing them. A 19 percent increase in job opportunities is expected for urban planners over the next ten years, because of the rapid growth in city populations and businesses.

Toi Pearson is a former NDG intern and a recent graduate of Texas Women's University.

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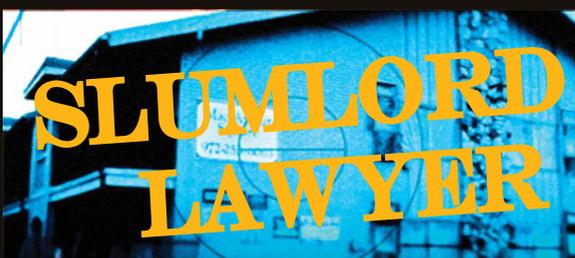
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Photos of Irving Slumlord Apartments - Clients of Slumlord Lawyer Joe Putnam

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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

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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. 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).

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

The **Art Centre Theatre,** 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will hold auditions for its summer productions. *Seussical* on May 7 and May 14; *Into the Woods* on May 21 and May 28 and 13 on June 11 and June 18. All auditions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theatre will also host a slew of summer dances for young children. www.artcentretheatre.com

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 Metho-dist 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.

The **Dallas Theatre Center,** 2400 Flora St., will present *Cabaret* in the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre at the AT&T Performing Arts Center located at 2400 Flora St., in Dallas. Performance times are Tuesday through Thurs-

day evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for standard seating - \$200 for cocktail seating (subject to change) and are available by calling the box office at 214-880-0202 or by visiting www.dallastheatercenter.org.

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.plano-northmetroplexlinksinc.org.

The **Bath House Cultural Center** will hold an opening reception for the Loteria, Loteria tres art exhibit from 7 to 9 p.m. Night of Loteria starts on May 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Events are open to the public. Exhibit ends June 4.

Alpha Merit’s Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee’s located at 3426 West Illinois Avenue, Dallas, TX 75211 (shopping center on SW corner of Westmoreland & W. Illinois Ave) Food is served from 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m., tickets are \$7. Info: 469-441-9677, d.boggs@netzero.com

May 1

Johnson Chapel Community Church of DeSoto is hosting a **School District Candidate Forum** at the church located at 1400 N. Hampton Rd., DeSoto from 4-6 p.m. followed by Meet the Candidates.

May 5-May 15

The **Art Centre Theatre,** 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will present *The Princess Bride*. Several shows are planned, including matinee performances. To purchase tickets, visit www.artcentretheatre.com.

May 6-May 7

The **Black Academy of Arts and Letters** presents Poets ‘n’ Jazz #3 at the Clarence Muse Café inside the Dallas Convention Center, located at the corner of Akard and Canton streets. Starting time is 8 p.m. Admission is \$10. www.tbaal.org

May 6

First Fridays - Music Under the Dome 7 p.m. – 12 a.m., hosted by the Dallas African American Museum and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter. The event features Jimmy and the Crew. \$15 admission includes live music, a DJ, finger food and beverages; plus, parking.

The **Dallas African American Museum and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter** co-sponsors **First Fridays - Music Under the Dome** featuring "Jimmy and the Crew from 7 p.m. to midnight. The \$15 admission includes live music, a DJ, finger food and beverages; plus, parking. This event promotes local talent and the arts while helping the African American Museum to become more visible in the community and to increase museum membership.

May 13-May 14

Eddie Griffin will perform shows at the Arlington Improv. Friday and Saturday shows are scheduled for 8 and 10:30 p.m.

May 14

All-day **free asthma screening** in Plano from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6565 Independence Parkway.

May 15

Chamber choir **The Texas Voices** concludes its eighth season of public concerts with *My Soul’s Been Anchored: A Tribute to Spiritu-*

als at 6:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. This concert features vibrant, uplifting choral arrangements of this beloved art form, including *Walk Together; Children* by Robert DeCormier, Joshua Fit the Battle by Moses Hogan, Motherless Child by Adolphus Hailstork, and *Follow the Drinking Gourd* by Dallas composer Tom Council. Tickets are \$22 regular, \$15 for seniors (65 and older), and \$10 for students and may be purchased online at www.thetexasvoices.org, at the door, or by calling 214-384-6336 or 214-384-6336.

May 17

Bruno Mars and Janelle Monae will perform at the Verizion Theatre in Grand Prairie. Tickets \$35.

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 Ex-po 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 20-May 21

The **Black Academy of Arts and Letters** will host *A Handsome Woman Retreat* starring Kim Wayans as part of its **Dress Performance Theatre Series** on Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Theatre in the Dallas Convention Center at

the corner of Canton and Akard streets. Admission is \$15. www.tbaal.org

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://freetobreathe.com/>

May 26

McKinney ISD and the **Care Van** will offer free immunizations for infants to 18 year olds from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lawson Early Childhood Center, 500 Dowell St. in McKinney. Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian. A copy of child’s immunization record necessary for immunizations and no is appointment necessary.

May 27

Comedian **Sinbad** will perform at Centerstage at **Choctaw Casino** in Durant, Okla. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$75. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. www.choctawcasinos.com

Devin The Dude brings his show to Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville Ave. in Dallas at 7 p.m. Individuals 21 and older admitted. Tickets are \$20. 214-824-9933.

June 3

McKinney High Graduation scheduled for 10 a.m. at Prestonwood Baptist Church, 6801 West Park Blvd, Plano. Info: 972-820-5000, prestonwood.org

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 teri@anyevent.org. Register online at www.anyevent.org.

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Tough issues facing candidates for Irving City Council Place 3 and Place 5

By Jackie Hardy

NDG Contributing Writer

On May 14, Irving voters of Place 3 and Place 5 will go to the polls to elect their next city council member. This election marks the second time voters will have the opportunity to elect candidates under the new voting system adopted by the city of Irving in September 2009. Early voting will begin May 2 and continue through May 10.

U.S. District Judge Jorge Solis ruled the existing voting system in Irving violated Section 2 of the Voters Right Act of 1965; therefore the city was ordered to adopt a single-member district election process. Under the new election system, single-member districts now include places 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 with places 2 and 8, and the mayoral post remaining at-large.

Allan Meagher, the current city councilman for Place 3 is stepping down; therefore, making it an interesting race for first-time candidates Dennis Webb, Kensley Stewart and David Gutierrez. Webb is a Grand Prairie firefighter and the founding pastor of Bear Creek Community Church in Irving; Kensley Stewart is a healthcare professional; and David Gutierrez is a local business owner of Can Do Wood Projects and Repair Company.

Place 5 candidates are Julie Grant, a local business owner of a pet transport company; and incumbent Rose Cannaday, owner of Cannaday and Associates, a mediation company. Grant is facing a tough challenge in defeating Cannaday, a name more recognized with the voters of Place 5.

Geographically, Place 3 covers the western edge of the city from Rock Island north to State Highway 114 including the eastern area of D/FW International Airport; and Place 5 consist of the areas from Belt Line Road and Northgate Drive, east to the former Texas Stadium site, south along Loop 12 to Irving Boulevard.

Irving is now home to 216,290 residents giving it a

population growth of 12.9 percent, according to the 2010 U.S. Census. It is a city recognized for its ability to attract Fortune 500 companies such as Citigroup Incorporated, Verizon and Nokia.

Over the past six years, crime has continued to decline, visible improvements have been and continue to be made to the main corridors within the city, and there are several Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) under construction.

CIP is a program initiative that focuses on creating economic development within Irving. Projects such as the DART Orange Line Light Rail Transit, Irving Convention and Entertainment Center and the Redevelopment of Heritage Crossing are a few of the many CIP initiatives in place to promote economic growth.

Some of the challenges facing the incoming council candidates involve maintaining a sense of transparency with respect to fiscal decisions on high-profile city projects and developments; working to change public perceptions over some of the city's CIP initiatives; and continuing to provide important city services while dealing with the reality of major budget constraints.

The lack of fiscal transparency is a stigma that continues to plague city hall. In



Kensley Stewart

the past, voters have publicly expressed their dissatisfaction with the council's failure to properly communicate the details relating to high-profile and, at times, controversial projects.

"With the exception of

the three newest council members, no one on the city council likes me. The reason why is I have spoken out on numerous occasions on the topics of taxes, transparency, water rates and the proper role of government, Stewart said.

"Citizens have lost trust in our current city council and it will take time to win it back. To see that trust is restored with our constituents, I am dedicating one day each week for communicating with our residents in Place 5.

Grant advises: "They can make an appointment for a face-to-face meeting or call and talk with me about their concerns and suggestions. Our citizens are our most valuable resource and we need to trust their input."

Voters of Place 3 and Place 5 are one of several districts anticipating the significant financial benefits city officials boast the CIP programs will bring to Irving. The recent news about the Irving Entertainment Center has definitely made this a hot-button issue among voters.

The proposed 5,200-seat concert and entertainment venue is a project the city touts will brand Irving as the premier entertainment destination in the country. Presently, many voters feel this project has become more of a liability than an asset.

City officials continue to face questions from the media and voters regarding expenditures paid for by the city to the Las Colinas Group that were not related to the construction of the Entertainment Center Project.

According to a WFAA-TV (Channel 8) news report, an internal memo from Irving's Senior Assistant City Attorney to Irving's Chief Financial Officer dated on Nov. 12, 2010, indicated the Entertainment Center project costs must be limited to "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of capitalization of costs." In January, the city paid an outside auditing firm to audit all expenditures paid to the Las Colinas Group and found of

the \$21 million spent by the city current-to-date, \$4.2 million were not capitalized.

"I am the only candidate in the Place 3 race that is on record after Brett Shipp – reporter with WFAA-TV Channel 8 News – found egregious misspending on the part of the entertainment center," Stewart said in written statement. "I will fight for transparency in all of Irving's financial affairs."



David Gutierrez

"I want to insure the city has in place a system that provides specific oversight of each project. I will work to develop solutions to the inadequacies discovered in the Entertainment Center Project. Insuring oversight is provided by project-specific managers and not General City Management is the key, concludes Webb, a candidate for Place 3.

"A forensic audit must be conducted regarding the entertainment center to find out where the city stands financially. The entertainment center must be paid with private funding, which is available and no building commenced until all funding is in place.

Grant said another look at the restaurants scheduled for placement inside the building needs to take place to ensure that the Restaurant with Alcoholic Beverage 60/40 Ordinance can be utilized for all restaurants in and around the Entertainment Center without exception. The ordinance requires a ratio of a minimum of 60 percent food sales and a maximum of 40 percent alcoholic beverage sales is maintained.

The Heritage Crossing Redevelopment Project is another CIP initiative approved by the city to stimulate economic growth, but frustrations exist over the delays in redeveloping this area. In December 2009, the city council agreed to extend the contract for another three years with McDougal Companies, a property management, real estate, construction and land development company based in Lubbock.

"The current city council has endorsed Mr. Delbert McDougal's blatant lack of action," Grant said. "The original contract was signed in June of 2006. Five years later, we still have little accomplished, although he has been receiving his \$12,000 a month retainer payment. Mr. McDougal knows that his company has delayed too long and has breached the contract.

"The project now needs to say goodbye to Mr. McDougal and his company. The project needs to be placed for bids, and the company (ies) who are eligible for consideration must have a long history of stability, completing projects on time, and sufficient monies to complete the project."

In a Fiscal Year 2010-11 Proposed Budget Revenue and Expenditure Review presented to the city council, Assistant Chief Financial Officer Bret Starr reported a proposed budget gap of \$20 million. Irving is facing budget constraints like many other metropolitan cities. Although the council has committed to keeping public safety a top priority, they understand the challenge these budget constraints can and will pose in their efforts to sustain exceptional public safety and other municipal services.

"I have been employed in the public safety field for 28 years as a firefighter. I understand how important providing the man power, training and tools for fire and police officers to be able to protect the public. I have the internal motivation based on my history in the public

safety arena to push a little harder so potential budget cuts do not hamper public safety needs," Webb said.

In 2011, the city council voted to increase property taxes to help address the budget shortfall. According to City Hall, property taxes were increased to offset a second year of revenue reductions.

Maintaining public safety in an ever-growing community, as well as addressing the city's water demands are two key challenges facing the city.

In the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Proposed Budget Revenue and Expenditure Review, the city is proposing a 5.1 percent increase in water rates to replace neighborhood water and sewer mains; address key infrastructure needs (booster pump); provide the required bond covenant coverage; and handle the overall cost of service for water maintenance.

"Resources from various departments can be pooled together and coordinated. I will be approaching schools and the courts for community service options, Stewart said.

Many voters feel education is one effective way to having a safe, strong and economically stable community. Statistics show communities with strong schools typically have lower crime and a stronger workforce. Candidates for Place 3 and Place 5 pledge their commitment to partnering and sharing resources with the Irving Independent School District to create a community that provides residents a great quality of life.

"IISD is committed to providing the very best education and the city of Irving is committed to providing the very best quality of life. They both work hand-in-glove and you need collaboration, open dialogue, partnership and goals to make it happen," said A. D. Jenkins, current Irving school board trustee and a Place Two candidate up for re-election.

Gazette Gossip: Off-the-court drama courtesy of Howard, Reed

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG staff writer

Off-the-court drama courtesy of Dwight Howard, Royce Reed - Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard ain't playin' with his baby momma, Basketball Wives gal Royce Reed. TMZ reported Monday Howard is trying to get \$521,606 (interest included) settlement from Reed. He won the half-a-million-dollar judgment in a Florida court last year because Reed vio-



Dwight Howard

lated an order, banning her

from talking about the NBA star. Reed has not shown Howard the money. In an effort to get his money, the 2011 NBA all-star has filed a settlement violation injunction suit in California that could possibly give him the right to seize Reed's assets. Does Howard really think he is going to get a dime from Reed? Common now! I know ole girl ain't got no cash. Why does Howard think she had a baby for him? Cha ching!

I got a new attitude - Singer Jennifer Hudson is everywhere showing off her new, slimmer body. However, she had to explain herself recently after a comment she made to a British magazine. A reporter for the magazine asked the Oscar-winning actress if she would ever pose nude for Playboy magazine. Her response (and I quote): "... I won't take my clothes off - no way at all. Beyonce and Rihanna can have that. I like

to cover up more." I know she just didn't say that. Hudson went on Twitter to clarify her statement, attempting to place ALL the blame on the Brit magazine claiming they were trying to be messy (rolling my eyes).

Taking care of business - Flavor Flav had to play health inspector at the Iowa location of Flavor Flav's House of Chicken. According to Young, Black and Fabulous.com, the rapper was not happy with the

way Nick Cimino was running the restaurant. Sources say checks were bouncing everywhere and stale food was the meal of day. Flav said upon a visit to the restaurant on April 2, he found potato salad that expired Feb. 28. "I really hope nobody ate those potatoes," Flav said. Me neither, bro. Disgusting! My stomach is turning as I write. BTW, Flav's attorney pulled the franchise license on this location.

'Round About DFW

Through May 1
The **Greater Lewisville Community Theatre**, 160 W. Main St. in Old Town Lewisville, will present *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. The entrance is in the rear, on Elm Street. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for patrons 65 and older and 18 and younger. For reservations, call 972-221-SHOW

(7469). The show is rated PG. www.glct.org

The **USA Film Festival** will host opening night programs for the **41st annual USA Film Festival** on April 27. Programs will run through May 1 at the Angelika Film Center Dallas, 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane. Advance tickets are available exclusively through Ticketmaster for \$10.

April 29-May 1
D.L. Hughley will

tickle funny bones at the **Arlington Improv**, 309 Curtis Mathes Way, on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

April 30
The **Plano Children's Theatre**, 1301 Custer Road Suite 706, will hold a free modern and lyrical dance workshop from 10 a.m. to noon. There are only 20 open spots available. Email

Mike Epps

stheatre.org for reservations.

May 6
The **Dallas African American Museum** and **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.**, **Alpha Sigma Lambda** chapter co-sponsors *First Fridays - Music Under the Dome* featuring "Jimmy and the Crew" from 7 p.m. to midnight. The \$15 admission includes live music, a DJ, finger food and beverages; plus, parking. This event promotes local talent and the arts while helping the African American Museum to become more visible in the community and to increase museum membership.

May 6
Comedian **Mike Epps and friends** will take over the Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Place in Grand Prairie 8 p.m. Doors open at 7. Advanced tickets start at \$39.50. www.aeglive.com.

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The Texas Lottery invites small, historically underutilized, and minority-owned businesses to participate in a spot bid fair held in conjunction with the DFW Minority Supplier Development Council's ACCESS 2011. Businesses will have a unique opportunity to compete for bid awards and network with state agencies and institutions of higher education.

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Minority Business Expo at new Irving Convention Center

More than 45 state of Texas agencies will conduct spot bidding during the *Easy ACCESS for Real Results*, the annual Business Expo for minority

owned businesses presented by the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council on May 9 and 10 at the Irving Convention Center. The

annual event also features more than 30 major corporations seeking suppliers.

"This year we are trying to make it 'real easy' to connect minority suppliers

with state agencies and major corporations who seek their goods and services," said Margo J. Posey, council president. "We encourage our buying entities and suppliers to come and get real results."

The state agencies will have live event time announcements for on the spot contract awards.

The two day event, the largest in the Southwest, will also feature a procurement seminar with the

state agencies as well as programs titled *Meet the Primes and Meet the Buyers* where companies will bring their major suppliers to meet certified minority

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directly that doesn't mean we didn't include your neighbor, Mrs. Williams from the church's usher board, your personal trainer or even your college roommate in Atlanta. Clients count on us to provide them with an accurate ethnic representation that looks like America. So let's not get it twisted: Nielsen's television measurement sample is representative of the U.S.'s diverse population. Another thing you should know: we don't care how much or how little TV you watch or even if Cousin Pookie installed your cable box. As long as you have at least one television set in your home your household has an equal chance of being randomly selected. Seriously. And only after you have voluntarily accepted our invitation is your household included in the sample - so there's no big brother spying going on. But I do need to clarify: only households that have agreed to be a part of our sample directly impact the ratings. OK, wanted to make a few of those points. Now back to the State of The Media Report.

First thing to know: African Americans as a group still watch more TV than other demographic group. We turn on our TVs an average of 7 hours 12 minutes each day, compared to the U.S. average of 5 hours 11 minutes. As a group, we also use DVD players and video game consoles more, and more than one-third (38%) of our homes had a DVR. White households have more DVRs than average (40%) and have the highest usage.

And, what have we been watching? It's no secret that we Americans love our football, across the board. (I am apparently in the minority -- paying attention only when a player is involved in some juicy scandal. Hey, at least I'm honest.) NFL football is an event that unifies the nation, cutting across all ethnic groups. Network broadcasts of regular season games took the top ten spots for African Americans and half of the top ten for

Whites and Asians. For cable, ESPN's NFL Regular Season grabbed the top spot among African Americans, Whites and Asians; and ranked second place with Hispanics.

Nielsen has divided the country into 210 geographic markets, we call designated market areas. (DMA). A DMA does not just include the large metropolitan counties, but surrounding collar counties too. (Chicago's DMA for example includes 16 counties). Why? Because people in the suburbs and rural America watch TV too y'all! So while the top three TV DMA's for the total U.S. are New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, if we rank the top DMA's based on highest African American population, things would shake out a little differently:

1. Atlanta (27.6 percent)
2. Raleigh-Durham (26.8 percent)
3. Washington, DC (23.9 percent)
5. Philadelphia (18.3 percent)
6. Houston (17.4 percent)
7. Chicago (16.8 percent)
8. New York (16.7 percent)
9. Dallas-Ft. Worth (14.2 percent)
10. Los Angeles (8.4 percent)

Regardless as to whether you live in the city or a rural area your views matter, so if you are ever asked to be a Nielsen home, please say yes! (And check with Mrs. Williams from the usher board, you might be surprised to discover how many people like her have actually been Nielsen homes at one time or another).



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Millions of Jobs Shipped Overseas: How to Reverse the Trend

By Tom Pauken
U.S. multinational firms are shedding millions of American jobs while adding millions overseas. According to a recent Wall Street Journal story, newly released data from the U.S. Commerce Department showed that from 2000 to 2009, big firms eliminated 2.9 million jobs in the U.S. while creating 2.4 million jobs in other countries.

These new numbers underscore that the persistently high unemployment rate the U.S. currently faces is not simply the result of the most recent recession. Rather it's part of a decade-long trend in which there has been zero growth in private sec-

tor jobs nationally. Our onerous business tax system, with its 35% income tax rate and its 6.2% employer portion of the payroll tax, makes it clear why this is happening. This system rewards debt – which is deductible – while punitively taxing the engines of economic growth – capital investment, employment, and savings.

Over the past four decades, every other major trading country in the world has put into place a border-adjusted business consumption tax which places our companies, on average, at an 18% tax disadvantage with our trading competitors. Meanwhile, foreign manufacturers of

goods shipped into the United States don't have to pay our corporate taxes and simultaneously receive a tax credit on their business consumption tax back home. As an example, Germany enjoys an advantage of 19% under this system.

That means that a 19% tax is added to the cost of a Cadillac when GM exports it to Germany. And when a Mercedes makes its way to the U.S., not only does the German manufacturer not have to pay a similar tax, it also receives a refund from its own government on the 19% tax it paid for the goods and services that went into building their car. This same scenario gets played out over and over

with all our trading competitors with the only difference being that the advantage changes based on each country's business consumption tax rate. For China it's a 17% advantage, Mexico's is 16%, and the U.K.'s is 20%, just to give a few examples.

Eliminating our onerous business tax system and replacing it with an 8% border-adjusted business consumption tax will level the playing field with our trading competitors and will give U.S. multinationals an incentive to create jobs in America.

Tom Pauken is the chairman of the Texas Workforce

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Goodman, Chairman and CEO of minority owned Goodman Networks are the event co-chairs. State Senator Royce West recruited the state agencies to participate for the fourth year.

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shadows of Dallas and Fort Worth far too long. Our residents are our most valuable resources. Irving needs to be known for more than just the past football team and has much to offer without going into the retail business. If we listen to our citizens, we can move forward in a balanced fashion, with a higher resident satisfaction and a more steady growth, including jobs and revenue.

What do citizens deserve from this public office? Our residents deserve respect and fair treatment no matter the issue. They deserve to be heard and not passed off as not being knowledgeable about the City's dealings. They deserve to have leadership that works for them, rather

than for awards and accolades. They deserve to have City water, sewer services, electricity at a fair price, and swimming pools, libraries and services for the disabled close to their neighborhoods. The public needs to have emergency services in the event of weather related disasters, i.e., a shelter nearby rather than Place 5 area residents handling their disaster without help in the event of evacuation, fire or tornado. Their concerns deserve to be taken seriously.

How does your character, work ethic or expertise match citizen needs and expectations? Place 5 citizenry have every level of income, every lifestyle within its borders, and a diverse ethnicity. Cit-



izens need someone who has an understanding of their specific circumstances to represent them.

Residents of Place 5 have the right to have City Council promises kept. They should have full trust in the integrity of their Council by having a representative that has a long history of honesty and hard work on their behalf, as well as someone experienced in many facets of

community service. I've served our residents in many capacities successfully. In addition to those listed, My qualifications match these needs.

What, if any, are your campaign promises/pledges to the electorate? Restore taping and implement original Citizen's Forum at City Council meetings, timely and fair responses to residents' concerns, due representation without regard to personal agendas, and encouragement to input ideas for the betterment of Place 5. I will be a conduit to the City Council and speak up for our residents.

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tics expert, informed the court that "two separate firearms fired the discharged shells..." Therefore, Natale's testimony was in direct con-

flict with Smith's testimony that she saw Cash shot by one person.

Despite reliable and undisputed facts showing

that Hamilton is innocent, he remains in prison. His motion for a new trial has been before Kings County Second Judicial District Judge Ray-

mond Guzman for two years. He is expected to rule soon.

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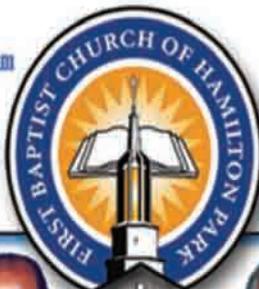
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