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'TaylorMade' bridges generation gap

Johnnie Taylor's daughter brings old-school R&B, blues back with latest release

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

The late Johnnie Taylor left behind some memorable hits, such as "Who's Making Love," "Cheaper to Keep Her," and "Disco Lady."

Now, Johnnie's influ-



Tasha Taylor

ence has passed down to a new generation, as his youngest daughter, Tasha Taylor, is an accomplished singer and actress. The Dallas native recently dropped a CD that is hugely influenced by some other same genres that made her dad's

music a favorite – blues, gospel and rhythm and blues.

The artist said she didn't think about the significance of her dad until age 11.

"I said to myself, 'What is the big deal?'" she joked.

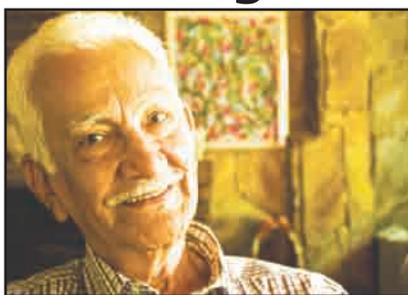
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Rising heat temps raise danger for elderly

Summer in North Texas means sweltering temperatures and potentially unsafe conditions. With no relief in sight, Dallas is in the midst of over 30 consecutive days of over 100 degree temperatures with the forecast for Wednesday expected to reach 108 degrees. Residents should be

mindful of the potential health risks that can result from an increase in temperatures.

The heat can cause heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and even death. People 18 to 50 years old are most affected by heat-related illnesses in Dallas



County, officials advise

neighbors family and friends to frequently check on their elderly family members or friends. Make sure they have access to air conditioning.

Heat health tips for the elderly the Dallas County Health

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Retired veteran helps blind UNT Dallas student through lab

Fernando Adame of Dallas has helped a lot of people. The grandfather retired after a 19-year career with the U.S. Air Force and two stints with the U.S. Army in the War on Terror. So when the opportunity arose to help a fellow student at the University of North Texas at Dallas, Adame didn't hesitate.



University of North Texas at Dallas assistant professor of biology David Tanner, right, speaks as students Chris Mason and Fernando Adame listen during biology lab July 26.

Adame, 49, became friends last fall with Chris Mason during classes at the city's new university. Mason, 39, lost his eyesight in 2004 because of type-one diabetes.

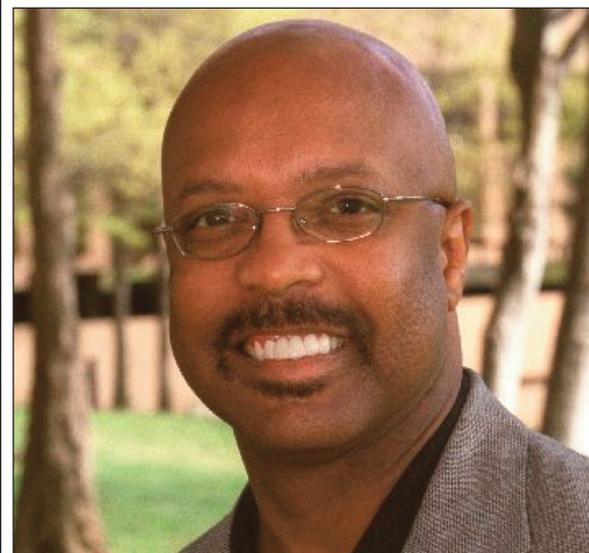
"When I

first came to UNT Dallas I came to finish my education and I developed a friendship with Chris, which has inspired me. We developed a very close friendship because we've taken classes over the last several semesters together. We help each other. I've shared my stories about my disability

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An all White Irving School Board have minorities calling for single-member voting districts



Tony Grimes, NAACP

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COMMENTARY

President Barack H. Obama's Transcendent Leadership

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
NNPA Columnist

Now that the U.S. debt ceiling has finally been raised by the U.S. Congress, there are many who are quick to cast judgment on the leadership performance of President Barack H. Obama. Somehow there is a partisan loss of memory to the fact that the last seven presidents all supported the raising of the nation's debt ceiling to avoid a national default. In fact, President Ronald

Reagan, the popular Republican leader, raised the U.S. debt ceiling 18 times during his eight years as president without polarizing the nation. So the question must be asked: Why did the Republicans in the U.S. Congress so viciously attack President Obama's leadership on this issue to the point of nearly creating another fiscal and economic crisis that would have paralyzed the nation's standing in the global economy?

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Lawrence Watkins

Lawrence Watkins is one of America's leading entrepreneurship and personal achievement experts. His journey has taken him from an ultra-underachiever in high school to the owner of Great Black Speakers, Great Latino Speakers, and Great Gospel Speakers Bureaus, as well as an Ivy League MBA degree. Currently, Lawrence is a money & finance writer for AOL Black Voices and is set to release his first book, "Frame Your Future: 8 Principles to Effectively Focus on the Future and Not Dwell in the Past", in the August 2010. The book will teach the individuals how to remove mental barriers from their

business and personal lives to achieve a greater level of success and happiness. This Fall, Lawrence is excited to venture out on a 52 city, 52 week speaking tour with the goal of inspiring and educating the nation.

Lawrence was born and raised in Louisville, KY to a police officer father and a pregnant teenager counselor mother. Due to lack of self confidence, lack of interest, and pressure to fit in with his peers, Lawrence underperformed in middle school and the early part of high school. He still remembers feeling stupid and worthless when he bought home 4 F's, a D, and an A in gym on his 8th grade report card. It was-



n't until his acceptance into the Math and Science for Minority Students program at the prestigious boarding school, Phillips Academy at Andover, that his academic trajectory changed. Here he

found educators who believed in his abilities, motivated him to achieve, and exposed him to new opportunities that he did not know existed.

After graduating from college in 2006, Lawrence stepped out on a limb and turned down job offers from two Fortune 100 companies to help grow the speaking career of his older brother, Dr. Boyce Watkins. This turned out to be one of the best decisions of his life as he was able to follow his passion for entre-

preneurship. Immediately, Lawrence experienced success booking Dr. Watkins for speaking engagements. Building on this success, Great Black Speakers was born in January of 2007 and has grown from a roster of 12 speakers to one that includes over 200 of the best and well known speakers in the nation. Starting the company wasn't easy as Lawrence experienced entrepreneurial growing pains and almost bankrupted the company within the first six months of starting it. This pain soon turned into pleasure as Lawrence continued to learn and book speakers to over 175 organizations around the world.

In the Fall of 2008, Lawrence decided to take a

break from the day-to-day management of his company to pursue an MBA in Entrepreneurship and Marketing from Cornell University. He is also a proud alum of Management Leadership for Tomorrow. After completing his degree in May 2010, Lawrence decided to dedicate his time to growing his speakers' bureaus and teaching public speakers how to succeed within the industry. Lawrence's mission of becoming a tycoon politically, socially, and economically so that he may have a positive impact on his community is well underway. Through his personal journey and knowledge, he wants to change the lives of as many people as possible.

Marshawn Evans

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She is author of the best-selling book, SKIRTS in the Boardroom: A Woman's Survival Guide to Success in Business & Life, published by Wiley the largest business book publisher in the world. Some of her most popular

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Gender Differences in

Leadership & Communication

As President of EDGE 3M Sports & Entertainment - she quickly built one of the fastest-growing woman-owned professional sports management and branding agencies in the country, successfully elevating the profile of athletes in the NBA, NFL, WNBA, and Major League Baseball (www.edge3m.com). She is Founder and Executive Producer of The Caring EDGE Awards held annually in Atlanta, GA recognizing

the philanthropic contributions of professional athletes and entertainers.

Her successes in the classroom and the courtroom took her to the infamous boardroom as one of Donald Trump's handpicked cast members on NBC's hit show "THE APPRENTICE." Marshawn was the only person to lead Trump's all-women's team to a victory as the Project Manager for an upscale, yet in your face, Lamborghini

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Brenda Jackson

Five Alive Films is proud to announce its first



Nov. 5. Doors will open at 5 p.m. The event will include red-carpet entry, an opening reception, premiere of the movie and an after-party and catering by Chef Andre. Tickets for the event are available at the Florida Theatre and Ticketmaster. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Josiephine Threatt Scholarship Foundation at Florida Memorial University.

In 2002, one of feature film premiere, *Truly Everlasting*, based on a short story written by *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author, Brenda Jackson. The movie premiere will be held at the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville, Fla. on Saturday,

Jackson's books was selected for a made-for-television movie by a major television network. However, the project left her readers disheartened, because it strayed away from the original storyline. She then decided the next time

a book about her beloved Madaris family was made into a movie she would do it herself. "I wanted the movie adaptation to be as close to the actual book as possible. My loyal Madaris readers deserved that," Jackson said. In order to accomplish her goal, she became the sole investor and used her and her husband's retirement funds to produce her first feature film, *Truly Everlasting*, directed by her son, Gerald Jackson Jr.

Gerald Jackson Jr., owner of Five Alive Films, has produced several successful book trailers for Brenda Jackson in the past. The first trailer for her book, *Solid Soul*, was so successful resulted in the title's second printing. This achievement was extremely rare at the time. Afterward, Brenda Jackson returned to Five Alive Films to promote her 50th romance

novel - *Slow Burn* and has since worked with the company for the trailers for *Tall, Dark Westmoreland and Intimate Seduction*. When she commissioned Five Alive Films to direct *Truly Everlasting*, she knew that the company would be a great fit for both her readers and her vision.

Gerald Jackson's movie project has also created job opportunities in the local market for some of the most talented professionals in the Jacksonville area as well as internships for students from several colleges in North Carolina and New York, Jacksonville University, University of North Florida, Jacksonville Art Institute and FullSail in Orlando.

Filmmaking is not new to Jacksonville, Fla. A century ago, Jacksonville was known as "Hollywood East," and reigned as the

Winter Film Capital of the World. The city produced scores of silent films and

hosted all the major studios and famous names of the day.

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America's racial wealth gap grows to the largest on record

Black Americans with zero wealth grows to 35 percent

White American wealth 20 times that of Blacks

By Charlene Crowell (NNPA) In the 25 years since the federal government began publishing demographic data on wealth, the worst disparities emerged for 2009. A newly-released analysis by the Pew Research Center found that the median wealth of white households is 20 times that of blacks, and 18 times that of Latinos – a gap that nearly doubled in size for these same three racial groups more than 20 years ago.

Further, when Pew compared wealth gaps for 2005

to those of 2009, the clear conclusion was that the combination of the housing market bubble and the subsequent recession were the underlying causes for these record disparities. In 2005, just before the housing bubble burst, white median net worth was \$134,992. Comparable figures for Latinos and Blacks were respectively \$18,359 and \$12,124.

By 2009, all three groups lost wealth; but Black median net worth was less than half of that recorded for 2005: \$5,677; Latinos fami-

lies were only slightly better at \$6,325. Yet for white households, the median net worth decreased to \$113,149.

According to Pew, household wealth is determined by subtracting all debts owed from the accumulated sum of all assets, including real estate, cars, savings and checking accounts, retirement accounts, stocks, etc.

Since the report was released, much of the extensive news coverage has omitted a key finding. From

2005 to 2009 the number of families with either zero or negative worth grew dramatically as well. For black families, the percentage grew from 29 percent to 35 percent; for Latino families, the negative wealth grew from 23 percent to 31 percent. Yet for white families, negative wealth went from 11 percent to 15 percent.

More plainly stated, African-Americans are becoming poorer at a faster rate than other race or ethnic

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What's really behind these attacks? Is this really just another example of the madness of the current body politic in the United States? Or is there something more fundamental going on today across America that exposes the need for President Obama to keep pushing forward to improve the quality of life in particular for the millions of people who voted for him and danced in the streets of America on the night of his election just three years ago in November 2008? I learned a long time ago, that if you want the right answers, you first have to ask the right questions.

President Obama has to be the leader of all the people, including even those who throw political stones at him no matter how much he tries to represent what is best for all as President of the United States. Black Americans already know and really understand that President Obama has to be concerned for the best interests of all Americans. Later this month, we will all pause to celebrate the unveiling of the national monument in tribute to the life, leadership, dream and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Yes, that will be another great historic day in the history of America.

Yet, as one who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in my home state of North Carolina back in the 1960's as a youth organizer, I wonder how Dr. King today would view or respond to these systematic attacks on the leadership of President Obama? I believe Dr. King would speak out and take a stand to warn all people not to allow the obvious racial and political prejudices and undermining stereotypical attacks on President Obama to trigger a backward bigoted polarization of our nation and society. At a time when the nation should be focusing on rendering the best high quality education for all children in America and to be creating and providing millions of needed jobs so that the economy will rebound, it is sad to witness the ruthless behavior of those whose only mission is to defeat President Obama next year in the 2012 national elections.

Dr. King was a freedom fighter and leader who knew the importance of not allowing the status quo to determine the parameters, goals or objectives of the movement for freedom, justice and equality. Dr King's leadership style was multifaceted including the spiritual, intellectual, moral and visionary articulation of the issues combined with social

action at both the grass roots and national levels. It was a transcendent and transformative leadership that rose above the ignorance and petty prejudices of that time. Now, from a different vantage point, President Barack Obama is defining his own leadership style. In a sense, the election of President Obama was another indication that Dr. King was right about the future changes in American society with respect to the oneness of humanity and the inclusiveness of Black Americans into the American political mainstream. But the current challenges that President Obama faces are real and the forces that are aligning against him are gaining some national momentum.

At the end of the day, I believe President Obama will prevail as a direct result of his transcendent leadership style and significant progress attained during his presidency. Do you remember the passage of the reform of health care when no one thought it was politically possible? Effective presidential leadership made it happen. I am not surprised at all that the prestigious Wall Street Journal got it completely wrong when it recently characterized the President in an opinion editorial as "Barack Obama the Pessimist." The Wall Street Journal went on to stipulate,

"His lack of faith in American exceptionalism has dashed any hope a transformational presidency." Nothing could be further from the truth. The progressive transformation of America will not be contingent on the arrogance or ignorance of the past, but will be accomplished by "optimistic" leaders like President Barack Obama who know how to rise above and to transcend the backward tides of reactionary and negative pessimism of visionless politicians that want to take the nation backward rather than forward.

So let's not be dismayed or confused. Progress is being made. We now should be preparing to mobilize and rally the largest voter turnout in American history for the 2012 elections. Let's focus on the economic development of our communities and most importantly we have to give the highest priority to getting the best education for all our children. It's no time for hopelessness. Let's revive the Civil Rights Movement. Let's work harder to help President Barack Obama.

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Hot weather risks and tips to reduce negative effects

Safety tips and small home repairs program help residents during heat wave

This summer, Texans face the most significant heat wave since the summer 1980, and excessively hot weather can be dangerous or even deadly. For those who do not have access to air conditioning, The Salvation Army, 600 Wilson Creek Pkwy. in McKinney, offers a cool place to visit during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The McKinney Fire

Department offers the following tips for hot weather survival:

- Never leave a person or an animal in a closed, parked vehicle. The inside temperature of a vehicle can climb hundreds of degrees in a matter of minutes.

- Drink at least 5 to 7 ounces of cool water every 15 to 20 minutes. Avoid alcohol and drinks with caffeine. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink.

- Take frequent breaks in cool places.

- When outside, keep your body shaded as much as possible. Wear a wide-brimmed hat, long-sleeve clothing, and use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher rating.

- Young children and the elderly are extremely susceptible to the dangers of excessively hot weather. Check frequently on family, friends and neighbors who are elderly, ill or may

be in need of assistance.

- Familiarize yourself with heat-related illnesses. If you or someone you know begins to experience symptoms, stop working, go to a cool place, drink cool water and seek medical attention.

If your home needs energy-efficiency or minor repairs, the city of McKinney offers eligible homeowners minor repair assistance through its Housing Rehabilitation Program.

This city-wide program offers repairs up to \$12,000 on replacement or repair of an air conditioner, plumbing, electrical, windows or other minor repairs necessary to improve safe living conditions and energy efficiency. The program is funded through the city's Community Development Block Grant.

"We offer repair services year-round but with record-breaking temperatures this summer, we es-

pecially encourage homeowners to contact our department. Many owners are pleasantly surprised they meet eligibility to take advantage of this opportunity," said Shirletta Best, CDBG Administrator.

For more information, contact Christine Lawton at 972-547-2663, stop by the Community Services Department at 314 S. Chestnut St., or visit www.mckinneytexas.org.

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with him, and he's shared his stories about his disabilities with me, so we've developed a very personal relationship. He understands me and I understand him."

They talked about upcoming classes including a biology lab required to graduate. Both men knew it would be tough for Mason to successfully navigate his way through the lab, so Adame volunteered to take the environmental science class with Mason so that he could be Mason's eyes in the lab.

"I said, 'I need this class. Why don't we take this class together?'" Adame recalled. "He said that would be great. Of course he thanked me. I said, 'There's no need to thank me. I'll see you in class.'"

"Sometimes people with disabilities need extra support. I know UNT Dallas has given him some very good service, but I guess he needed a sidekick in class to help him. He's a very motivated young man and he's close to his degree. I told him I'm going to be there at your graduation."

Naturally, the gesture impressed Mason.

"People don't have to help you do anything, but that's the type of person he is," Mason said of Adame. "He doesn't mind helping. We help each other. Something he doesn't understand, he can ask me about, and something I don't un-

derstand, he can help me out."

If Adame had not volunteered to take the lab with him, Mason admitted that it would have been difficult to take the class.



"It's taken me a lot longer to learn it, but I'm getting there," Mason said. "I'm constantly asking for God's help, and he's helping me out."

Assistant professor of biology David Tanner said that when he heard about Adame's gesture, he was impressed and encouraged.

"Biology can be difficult for anyone, and I worried that this class would be particularly difficult for Chris. Chris, however, has been an excellent student, and I am sure that Fernando's support and assistance have helped him enjoy a greater measure of success.

"Fernando exhibits an altruism that ought to define our society and certainly the culture we are attempting to develop here at UNT Dallas," Tanner said.

Born and raised in Dallas, Adame graduated from L.G. Pinkston High School in 1979. He took some college courses at Fort Hood and at Eastfield College, but his military career took

town," he said of UNT Dallas. He also runs Destiny Bound, working in the inner city with at-risk kids with substance abuse issues, a work he calls very humbling.

Helping Mason take biology lab was no big deal "because college can be difficult at times for everybody, so you can imagine someone with a disability like Chris has," Adame said. "It's been a win-win situation for both of us. Not everybody gets the opportunity to come to college, especially people with disabilities.

"To see Chris, it inspires me so much because he's determined to get his college degree, and that makes me feel good because I've been part of that. Hopefully I'll be at his graduation."

Adame called Mason a beautiful person. "He's just a great guy to talk to. I wish more people would overlook his disability and talk to him because he's a man of a lot of knowledge. I'm very happy to have met this young man in col-

precedence. Adame served in the Afghanistan campaign in 2002 and in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He was forced to medically retire with an honorable discharge in 2005. That is when he decided to finish what he started.

The GI Bill allowed him to go back to college. "I am very proud to have a college in this part of

lege, and I hope that we keep up a long-lasting relationship. He makes pretty good jokes, too."

Mason said Adame is a great person. "He's a hard worker; he's friendly; he's a good friend."

Mason was driving around town one evening seven years ago when he noticed that the headlights from oncoming cars were blinding him. He realized something wasn't right when his eyesight became cloudy. "I was coming toward a stoplight that I thought was green, and if I had proceeded I would have been hit by a DART bus."

Mason went to his doctor who discovered that he was bleeding behind his

eyes. They operated to stop the bleeding, but the surgery damaged the front of his eyes leaving them cloudy. After cataract surgery last fall, Mason can see shadows and forms with his right eye. Doctors say it's the best they can do.

Mason, a sociology major, hopes of becoming a counselor, the fulfillment of his childhood dream of helping people.

For people with disabilities, Mason challenged, "Don't give up because the easy thing to do is give up. It may take longer to do whatever you strive for, but just keep it up and you'll eventually make it to your goal."

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Dallas streetcar project receives \$3 million in federal funding

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Dallas) announced the Federal Transit Administration will award DART an additional \$3 million for the downtown Dallas Streetcar Project. The funds will be administered from Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant program established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which awarded the project \$23 million in 2010.

The Downtown Dallas Streetcar project develops a streetcar line that originates in downtown Dallas at Harwood and Main streets, and continues down Main and Houston streets through the

largest job center in the North Texas area.

The Dallas Downtown Streetcar project was originally selected because it aligned well with the department's TIGER selection criteria of livability, economic competitiveness and sustainability. The project increases livability by improving transit options and linking walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods with employment centers throughout the region. The project encourages the use of energy-efficient transit options rather than less fuel-efficient modes of transportation. The project also increases economic competitiveness by enhancing the ability of the down-

town area to attract transit-oriented development. In addition, it provides sustainability for future riders.

"I am very happy to announce the Dallas Downtown Streetcar project will receive an additional \$3 million from the Federal Transit Administration in order to build a passing track on the originally planned streetcar line that will improve service to riders," Johnson said. "These funds will be added to the original 2010 federal investment of \$23 million from ARRA for this project that will provide streetcar service from Union Station in downtown Dallas to Oak Cliff."

Fix it Plano launches for residents on the go

Call it, Text it, Web it or Snap it wherever you are in Plano. The city of Plano is introducing Fix it Plano to empower residents to submit repair requests or share information with the City anytime from anywhere. Fix it Plano is a citizen response management system, created by Public Stuff. It allows residents to Call it, Text it, Web it or Snap it to the city, regardless of City office hours. The toll-free phone number, SMS texting number, Web interface and free mobile app are now available through Plano's website, www.plano.gov.

Common items that can be reported are potholes, traffic safety issues, high

grass/weed complaints, sidewalk or trail repairs, and found pets. A drop-down menu of these items is available through the app and Web interface. The app is designed to work with the iPhone, BlackBerry and Android. To "Snap it," residents submit a snapped photo of the needed repair along with a brief description through the app or the Web. Callers and texters simply provide the location and a brief description of the issue. Repairs will be added to the regular work schedule. An optional tracking feature provides Fix it Plano users with status updates on the repairs they submit.

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Demographic implications of the 2010 Census

MCOR, Plano International Festival to host panel discussion at upcoming leadership reception

In anticipation of the largest cultural festival in Plano, the Plano Multicultural Outreach Roundtable (MCOR) has partnered with the Plano International Festival to host MCOR's fifth annual Celebrate Our World Leadership Reception on Aug. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Center for American and International Law, 5201 Democracy Drive, Plano 75024. MCOR invites corporate leaders, government officials and community leadership to come together

to celebrate Plano's diversity as well as explore how leaders can work together to support community unity in Plano.

The city of Plano senior planner Steve Sims will speak about changing demographics in Plano and address how they are affecting voting patterns, city planning and other important areas during the event's panel discussion. Other panelists include Timothy Bray from the UT-Dallas Bruton Center; Eric Chen,

owner of Asia World Market; and Fire Chief Hugo Esparza as moderator. Speakers from MCOR will review the group's mission, recent successes and vision for the future.

The Plano International Festival was conceived by MCOR in 2005 to showcase and celebrate the many cultures represented by the people of Plano. It is designed to promote awareness of cultural diversity and facilitate communication between all cultural

groups in the community. It also serves to advance Plano's visibility and standing as an international city. The Plano International Festival is sponsored by the Plano International Festival Corporation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Organizers of the Plano International Festival are

preparing to welcome 15,000 visitors to the 2011 event, set for Oct. 1, in downtown Haggard Park. Now in its seventh year, the festival will once again celebrate Plano's rich tapestry of cultures through multicultural music and dance performances, cultural displays, international cuisine,

children's activities, a parade of flags, a naturalization ceremony, a Multicultural Art Exhibit and more.

This free, family friendly event has grown from year to year in attendance and scope of attractions. Last year's successful

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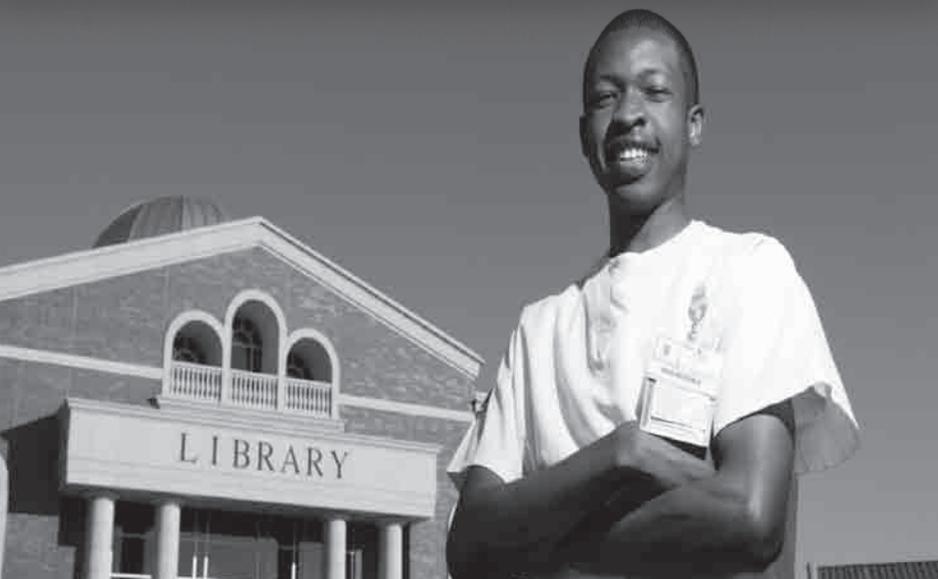
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Mountain View College OKs to offer associate of applied science degree in nursing

The Texas Board of Nursing unanimously approved Mountain View College to establish an associate of applied science degree in nursing.

The free-standing program at Mountain View College is an actual transition from the extension program of Brookhaven College's associate degree nursing education program based upon a 72 credit, two-year curriculum format besides required prerequisite courses.

The program will begin fall 2011 with 40 students who have completed most support courses.

"The nursing faculty and staff have worked diligently during the last 18 months to prepare a quality nursing program to meet the needs of the students from the local area to reach the mission of Mountain View College, to empower people and transform communities," said Nancy Breed, coordinator for nursing at Mountain View College.

tain View College.

"We appreciate the leadership of President Felix A. Zamora to establish an associate degree nursing program at Mountain View College. There has not been a nursing program in the southern half of Dallas since the closing of Dallas Baptist University in the 1990s," Breed said.

The mission of the program will include preparing and educating, competent, ethical and professional

nurses who provide scientifically based, compassionate nursing care for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of diverse individuals within the community. The nursing program will support the general vision, values and mis-

sion of Mountain View College by preparing National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses ready graduates who will positively impact the community.

Prospective students are invited to attend upcoming

Nursing Information Sessions on Aug. 2, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11 from 5 to 6 p.m. inside the Science and Allied Health Building for more information on Nursing Information Sessions contact Rochelle Self-Drake at 214-860-3694.

TWC moves to revoke approval for all ATI-owned schools in Texas

The Texas Workforce Commission recently issued a notice of Intent to Revoke Certificates of Approval for career schools and colleges in Texas owned by ATI Enterprises Inc.

The notice of revocation requires ATI to immediately cease enrollment of new students and initiate plans to complete the training programs of current students at all 16 ATI-owned schools in Texas, including eight ATI Career Training Centers, six South Texas Vocational Technical Institutes, the ATI Technical Training Center and Dallas Nursing Institute.

This action by TWC is the result of ATI's failure to comply with the Texas Education Code that requires TWC-licensed career schools to submit accurate and verifiable documentation about students' completion and graduation rates annually. That important information is used by TWC and students to make decisions about the school's quality and effec-

tiveness in ultimately preparing students for employment in their field of training.

The findings of a third-party review of ATI's FY 2010 student outcome reports to TWC indicated that ATI failed to place the required 60 percent of its graduates into training-related jobs for the majority of their

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ZocDoc launches free app for android

ZocDoc, a free online service for patients to instantly book doctor appointments, recently introduced a mobile application specifically for Android™ users. The free ZocDoc App for Android offers Dallas-Fort Worth users the ability to find local doctors and book appointments instantly from their phones.

Additional features include:

- Search for doctors by specialty, insurance plan and current location, using Android geo-location technology to find the nearest doctor
- Browse doctor search results, including doctor photos, credentials, descriptions and verified reviews written by patients
- View doctors' calendars in real time and book an appointment instantly while on the go

"Patients look to ZocDoc for instant access to doctors no matter when or where they need an appointment," said Cyrus Mas-

soumi, ZocDoc CEO and co-founder.

"Dallas-Fort Worth's Android users can now make an appointment with a doctor anytime, anywhere - whether they're traveling in a new city, or simply too sick to get out of bed."

There are more than 448,000 available appointments in Dallas-Fort Worth via ZocDoc.

The ZocDoc App for Android allows users to instantly find and book one of the 5 million available appointments in major metropolitan areas including New York, Washington, DC, San Francisco, Dallas-Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia and Atlanta. ZocDoc offers appointments with primary care doctors and specialists, including dermatologists, OB/GYNs, dentists, pediatricians and many more.

The ZocDoc App for Android is available for free in the Android Market™ or by visiting <http://www.zocdoc.com/mobile-apps>.

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debut of Reading Around the World, a storytelling tent with local authors, will return with more authors and story times. "Reading Around the World was a great success last year," Katzer said. "So this year, we're adding more authors in a bigger space. We want to help foster a love of reading by exposing kids to stories they may otherwise never hear." Reading Around the World will be held in partnership with Barnes and Noble.

Applications are being accepted for festival sponsors, the cultural booth area, on-stage performers and volunteers. Application forms and details can be found at www.planointernationalfestival.org. Deadline is Aug. 20.

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TRMC-Sunnyvale in the midst of its second summer baby boom

More than 200 babies born during June and July, and expectations are high as the traditional August baby rush gets under way.

Dallas-Fort Worth is suffering through a heat wave, but that's not stopping storks from swarming Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale. For



the second summer since it opened in March 2010, The Women's Center at Sunnyvale is in the midst of a baby boom.

"There were 118 babies born in July, 10 more than last year's record-breaking month in July," said Julie Martin, TRMC-Sunnyvale's director of business development. "June is traditionally a slow month for maternity wards, but The Women's Center at Sunnyvale still saw 89 babies de-

livered." There were 281 babies born at TRMC-Sunnyvale between June 1 and Aug. 31 last year.

More babies are born in

the summer, and births peak in August, according to The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So, expectations at TRMC-Sunnyvale are high that new records will be set this month and this summer.

"We are off to a good start with five babies born as of 3 p.m. Aug. 1," said Amber Mullins, director of women's services, who attributes the rise in deliveries to the colder temperatures last fall.

To track the summer deliveries, TRMC-Sunnyvale has Stork Watch, a daily update of the babies born in August. To keep count, go to <http://www.TexasRegionalMedicalCenter.com> and click on the news section.

Methodist Charlton to host First Ladies and Women in Ministry brunch

Methodist Charlton Medical Center will host its second annual First Ladies and Women in Ministry Brunch on Aug. 6 on the Methodist Charlton campus. Special guest speaker for the event will be Pastor Tiz Huch of the DFW New Beginnings Church.



Pastor Liz Tuch

"The brunch is an op-

portunity for Methodist Charlton to express its appreciation to the women who serve at the head of our community of churches and to bring awareness to the programs and services that help build bridges between faith and medicine at Methodist Charlton

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Fact:

1.2 million registered dogs in DFW produce an estimated 900,000 pounds of waste daily. Pet waste can pollute the storm drainage system, including area creeks, lakes, and the Trinity River, potentially harming plants and aquatic wildlife.

Tips:

- +Pick up after your pet during walks.**
- +Choose at least one day a week to collect pet waste in your yard.**
- +Dispose the waste by flushing it down a toilet or double bagging it as trash.**

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Free VNA Bereavement Luncheon set for August 25

The Visiting Nurse Association will be hosting its monthly bereavement luncheon on August 25 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation on 3966 McKinney Avenue in Dallas. Funeral director Melinda Gaulden will be speaking on "The University of Grief."

There is no cost to at-

tend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made through August 23 by calling (214) 689-2633.

VNA's bereavement luncheons offer supportive company from friendly and understanding people to individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

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lth and Human Services includes encouraging them to stay indoors during peak daytime temperatures and to seek immediate medical attention if you notice a change in their health.

The county is offering assistance for those who do

not have a working air conditioner. Call 214-819-6001 to see if you qualify for assistance. Officials have consistently stressed the importance of only requesting assistance if you do not have any aid available.

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 meeetup.com/378.

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

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.NoLimitNetwork.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. 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-fri-ently 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 Wed-nesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. www.tangocanyenguedallas.com

Through August 7

The **Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus** will bring its 200th anniversary show coming to American Airlines Center. www.ringling.com

Through August 15

Registration for the **Black Academy of Arts and Letters 2nd Annual Golf Tournament** to take place on September 22, 2011 at Cowboys Golf Club, 1600 Fairway Drive, Grapevine Texas 76051. Individual golf spots are \$150.00. All proceeds go to the Black Academy of Arts and Letters. Contact Tina Love at 972-679-2720 or tlove@myeventcentral.org or visit myeventcentral.com/even2.asp?id=451.

Dallas Theater Center and Dallas Black Dance Theater present **The Wiz**, the Tony Award winning Broadway musical that starts with a tornado and doesn't come down from there. Potter House Performance Hall, 2100 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201. Info: 214-526-8210 or dalastheater.org.

Through August 30

Plano Children's Theater performs Disney's **Mulan**. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$9.00 at the door. 1301 Custer Rd, Suite 706, Plano,

TX 75075. Call 972-422-2575 or visit planochildrenstheater.org.

August 5-7

Lewisville Summer Musicals hosting four performances of **"Hello Dolly"** presented by Texas Family Musicals at the Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater. Ticket prices for individual shows are \$35, \$33 and \$28, depending on the seating. Discounts are available for groups of 12 or more. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Info: www.Texasfamilymusicals.com 800-547-4697

August 6

Maze featuring **Frankie Beverly and Boys II Men** will play the Verizon Theatre. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8.

Aug. 1-Sept. 2:

"**Citizens at Last: The Women's Suffrage Movement in Texas,**" at The Women's Museum, Dallas

August 3 – September 6

"Seen and Unseen" Pastel Exhibit by Sue Parks at the Garland Granville Arts Center Gallery is a retrospective collection of pastel and watercolor paintings created from 1990 to 2011, from Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during all performances.

August 6

Butterflies and Bugs! Second Annual Family Festival comes to the Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75210. Admission is \$8/adults, \$6/seniors 60+, and \$4/children 3-11. Free for children under 3. Contact (214) 428-7476 x 341 or TDG@TexasDiscoveryGardens.org.

August 11

Irving Police Community Meeting will be held at 7

p.m. at the Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson St., to inform residents and businesses about the Police Department Problem Solving Team's plan to create a safer southeast Irving.

August 12 - 13

Youth Conflict Resolution Center, Inc is inviting you to a girls overnight mini conference for girls 10-14 at the Eloise Lundy Recreation Center. Info: 214-220-9510 or 214-670-6781 www.youngmediators.org

August 12-14

Suspicion! Lies! & Sweet Potato Pies starring Jennifer Holliday is slated to play at the Naomi Bruton Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster. www.tbaal.org

August 12 – 14

Comedian **Bruce Bruce** hits the Arlington Improv at 309 Curtis Mathes Way, Arlington, TX 76018. Tickets are \$25. 817-635-5555.

August 13

5th Annual "Do the Write Thing" Writing Workshop 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Tarrant County College – Northeast Campus, 828 W. Harwood in Hurst, Texas. The cost is \$50.00; includes meals and workshop materials; On-site registration is \$75.00; \$25.00 for students

Teens Reaching Teens' **"8th annual Keepin' It Real! Youth Empowerment Summit"** for youth in grades 6th-12th; Saturday, August 13th from 8:30 am -3:30 pm., Mountain View College, 4849 W. Illinois Avenue in Dallas. To register, visit www.keepinitreal.org or www.teengraffiti.com or call 972-496-9457. Registration is FREE. Pre-registration is required.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce is hosting **"Leadership Roles and Responsibilities"** Workshop. The guest speaker is LaShon

D. Rossthe Deputy City Manager, City of Plano, Texas from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Reel Thing Catfish Café, 600 E. Main Street, in Allen phone number is 972-396-5000 the cost is \$10. RSVP online at CCBLACKCHAMBER.org

Steve Harvey to host the **2011 Ford Hoodie Awards** at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas

Amon Carter Museum's 50th Anniversary Bash in Fort Worth

Senior Center Garage Sale will be held at the Lewisville Senior Activities Center at the Memorial Park Recreation Center, 1950 S. Valley Parkway, from 8 a.m. to noon. To purchase booth space (\$15) or for info contact Emily Huntington at 972-219-5052

August 13-14

Garland Civic Theatre has scheduled auditions for "Pillow Talk" adapted by Christopher Sergel from the movie classic by Stanley Shapiro and Maurice Richlin on beginning at 1:00 p.m. Callbacks begin at 5:00 p.m. on the August 14. Info: www.garlandcivictheatre.org or 972-485-8884

August 14

Hatch Chile Festival on Market Street in Colleyville

"It's Our Time Concert" at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Church located at 316 Watt Street McKinney, TX, Winston F. Douglas, Pastor – Info: Kenneth McGowen @ 214-504-8188

August 19-21

Tax-free weekend

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.

August 25

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra presents **Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers** for an evening of bluegrass and jaw-dropping harmonies. Tickets start at \$60.00. Go to dallassymphony.com/season-tickets/single-tickets/live-at-the-meyerson/productions/steve-martin.aspx

August 25 - 28

The Arlington Improv presents comedian **Guy Tory**. 309 Curtis Mathes Way, Arlington, TX 76018. Tickets start at \$15. Info: 817-635-5555.

August 26 – 27

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents **The Jazzy Sounds of Jeniffer Criss** at the Clarence Music Café Theater located in the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex. Tickets are \$10. Info: 214-743-2400.

August 28

Renowned, African American chefs feature their talents to benefit scholarships for local students at the 3rd Annual National Hookup of Black Women North Texas Chapter **Iron Chef Cook-off** at the Milestone Culinary Arts Center, 4531 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, TX 75205. Tickets are \$50. Info: Denise Woodson at 215-906-2480 or lynwood5@att.net

September 10

It's My Park Day 8 a.m. – noon hosted by City of Dallas

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An all White Irving School Board have minorities calling for single-member voting districts

By Jackie Hardy
NDG Contributing
Writer

For those who are living in Irving, it is no mystery why there is tension within the minority community after the recent city and Irving Independent School District (Irving ISD) board of trustees' elections. Steven Jones of Place 1 and Gail Wells of Place 2 narrowly beat incumbents Nancy Jones and AD Jenkins, the only two African Americans who were serving on the Irving ISD board of trustees. Former Irving ISD board member Ruben Franco is the only Hispanic ever to serve in the district's history.



Father Pedro Portillo

Irving ISD toward a single-member district.

Over the past month, the board of trustees in closed executive sessions has been meeting with legal council to discuss what its

next course of action will be. According to school

as well as adding more financial challenges to the already strained budget. A few city leaders have expressed their confidence that the board will come to a decision of single-member districts thus avoiding further legal cost on this issue.

"We feel confident the board will approve a single-member district and will continue to show our public support of this change," said Tony Grimes, president of the Irving NAACP.

Data from the 2000 U.S. Census and 2007 American Community Survey were two critical components in the case brought against the school board by Benavidez.

representation thus violating Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The U.S. District Judge Sidney Fitzwater ruled in favor of Irving ISD, but did leave the legal door open if 2010 U.S. Census data showed a majority of Citizens Voting Age Population (CVAP) among Hispanics.

Fitzwater ruled Benavidez was unable to prove the Hispanic minority group in the school district is "sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority in a single member district." Based on 2000 census numbers, Fitzwater said, 60 percent of Hispanics residing in the district were non-citizens making Hispanics only 17.3 percent of the CVAP.

"The children of those families whose parents were not born in the United States are U.S. citizens and out of the 77 percent I think that 45 percent are children who are older than 18 years old and they are the ones who are going to make the difference, but how can we make it if we don't have nobody representing on the school board," said Father Pedro Portillo, Pastor of Santa Maria de Guadalupe church in Irving.

Portillo said he feels confident the 2010 US

Census data will show these increases among Hispanics who are within the CVAP and therefore; prove single-member districts are warranted.

Emotions also ran high with voters over the recent proposed changes to the district's Bilingual Education Programs. Steven Jones and Wells campaigned to implement a structured English immersion alternative to the BEP for pre-K through grade five and wanted to change the 50/50 bilingual program where 50 percent of classes are taught in English and 50 percent taught in Spanish to an 80/20 split for the 2011-2012 school year. The board voted against both changes.

"The reason we voted for the 50/50 bilingual program because we had received reports from school administrators that our students were still struggling as they went on to the next level (i.e. middle school)," former Place 1 board member Jones said in a telephone interview. "I work in education and have worked with English as a Second



Nancy Jones, former Irving ISD Place 1 Board of Trustee

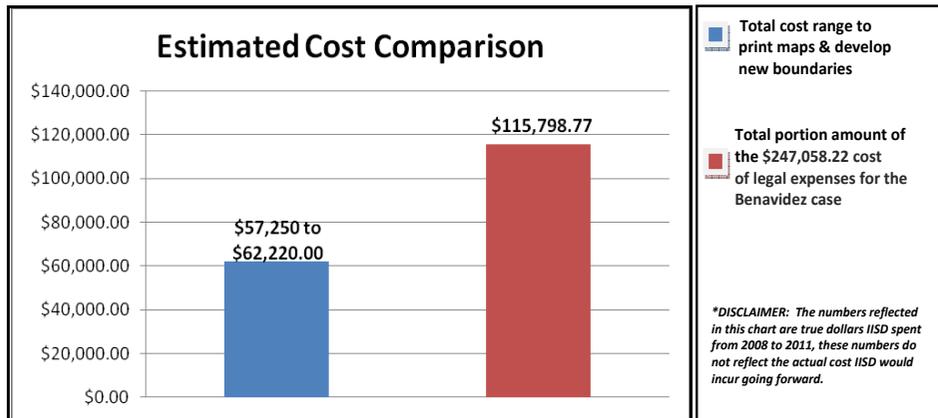
Language students for many, many years and I know that students perform better when they have a better grasp on their native language."

Jones said, "Being a minority definitely will give you an advantage of understanding the culture," Jones said "If constituents have somebody like them – for lack of a better term – on the board it might make that person more willing to come out, ask questions and get involved — I have seen that happen with me."

"I think the most important things you are going to be willing to embrace as a culture, race, group...because ultimately what is important is educating our students."

Ashley said, "Personally, I believe a diverse board would help us to make sure we include all aspects of our community. I encourage a community where everybody will talk to each other and shares what they are concerned about."

Irving minorities are doing just that: sharing their concerns of having more local government reflect the human landscape of the community. Many community leaders have shared that they believe the time has come again where Irving ISD must respond and warn officials they are watching to see what will be the legacy left to future generations.



The demographics of Irving are as diverse as the corporate headquarters that call the city home; but what some residents are questioning, particularly in the Hispanic community, is how an all-white school board can make decisions in the best interest of a district when more than 80 percent of its students are minorities with Hispanics making up 71 percent of that student population.

According to recent 2010 U.S. Census data, minorities in Irving make up 69.2 percent with Caucasians comprising 30.8 percent of the total 216,290 population. The data shows a minority-majority and what remains to be seen is will this new data move

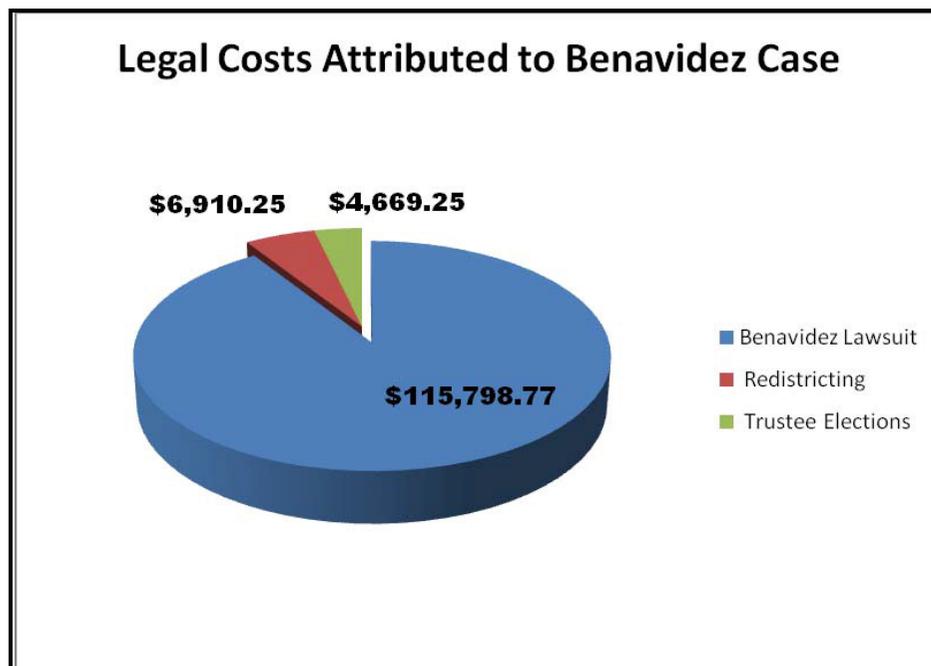
board president Heather Ashley, there is no set timeline of when they will have a decision.

"We are in the process of gathering as much information as we can and asking our lawyers questions and talking to demographers before making our decision. I don't see this as a very fast decision," Ashley said in a phone interview.

According to the Irving ISD Public Records Office, \$247,058.22 was paid to Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP for legal expenses related to the Manuel Benavidez lawsuit from July 2008 to June 2011.

To pursue this case in the courts could mean taxpayers absorbing more cost

The plaintiff claimed the current at-large voting system denied Hispanic voters



NDG Gossip: Another Eddie Long accuser comes along, yet the blind stays

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

First there were Spencer LeGrande, Jamal Parris, Anthony Flagg, Maurice Robinson and now Centino Kemp. I wonder how many other men are going to come forward with accusations of inappropriate conduct with **Bishop Eddie Long**. As more "victims" surface, some members of his flock at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church continue to stand behind Long. I am not in the position to judge anyone, but what will it take until these people see there is a problem. It seems they are trying to turn this man into a demigod. Are they putting more faith in Long over God? Now, in the beginning I kinda understood their unwavering support because, in America, we are innocent until proven guilty. But, since Long decided to settle out of

court with the first four accusers, we will never know if he was guilty as sin or the victim of a witch hunt. Since Long did not fight to defend his name, it seems he is admitting guilt. Remember, silence is not always golden. With Kemp's revelation, it would not surprise me to see some of those who are not so blind to take their tithes elsewhere.

Rowland take different route

Former **Destiny's Child** member **Kelly Rowland** recently released her third solo album, *Here I Am*. Wonderful, but it behooves my why she would have to stoop so low to get record sales. Instead of resting on talent, Rowland has decided to rest on sex. Rowland decided to bare all for the cover of *Vibe* magazine's JUICE issue. Her last CD,



Bishop Eddie Long

Ms. Kelly, was not exactly a flop, so why do whatever it takes to sell a record? It is sad. At the BET Awards 11 in June, she was censored during her performance of *Motivation* with Trey Songz. Since the cameras zoomed out on the on-stage action, it is believed that she was being spanked by Songz. Since Mathew Knowles is no longer her manager, she has to do something to sell records and pay those bills, bills,



Thanks to Jayne Kennedy for the new breed of sportscasters who are beautiful, blonde, buxom and a fixture on your television stations around the country. They are equipped with degrees in kinesiology, international affairs, while others have been beauty pageant participants. Gone are the days of watching the all-American male sportscaster from Kansas with the Grecian formula hair dye that he combs in each night while giving us his opinion.

Kennedy is one of the pioneers for this new wave of female sportscasters and sport reporters who resemble a centerfold playmate in *Playboy*. Kennedy got the NFL Today job in 1978 and fit the billing by being beautiful, articulate, and sexy and could go toe-to-toe with the best of them.

Executives and station managers are searching for

the next Chris Berman wearing Via Spiga heels while competing with cable channels and social media to attract the 26-54 male viewers. Research departments has informed their executives that the generations of male viewers are looking for a hot body and someone who can talk about the west coast offense, and have a beer.

In the North Texas area, Gina Miller is that type of reporter. A sportscaster at KTVT and TXA21 is expecting her first child in October and is a very good reporter. At 5-foot, 11-inches tall, her height is a tall order of duties from sports anchoring and hosting the Texas Rangers, the Dallas Stars and the Dallas Mavericks pre- and post-game shows on TXA 21.

There are others female reporters that have graced sports casts in the DFW including, such former Fox 4 reporter Nita Wiggins, former WFAA reporter Erin Hawksworth, who is now in Seattle.

Sex sells

Pam Oliver, who was born in Dallas, is one of the top reporters in the country as she continues to work for FOX Sports and TNT.

The newest addition to the area is NBC 5 sports reporter Rontina McCann, a talented brunette who worked in Cincinnati and had stops with stations in Birmingham, Ala.; Johnstown, Penn.; and Charleston, W.V. Her delivery is precise, enthusiastic, and you her feel the passion has she reports the topics. She is called an "out-of-the-box" sports anchor who comes from behind the desk so the viewers can see her body, dress code and warmth.

ESPN does a great job with this when it opens its show with Cindy Brunson's short skirts and sleeveless tops. We hear about women being disrespected as sex objects but when it comes to sports reporting neither female anchors nor the Amer-

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Garland Civic Theatre to Offer Audition Workshop for Youth

Garland Civic Theatre will offer a special audition workshop for youth actors ages 8 to 18 at the theatre's facilities at 108 North Sixth St. in downtown Garland. Learn some basic singing techniques and choose audition pieces. The first session will take place Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. The second session will be Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee for each session is \$40 which must be paid to reserve a place in the work-

shop.

Kirk Crider will teach the workshop. He holds a bachelor's degree in music and is working on a master's degree in voice performance and composition. He has been a member of the Opera East Texas chorus, the Tyler Chamber Chorale and has performed with the Fort Worth Symphony in Bass Hall many times. Crider currently teaches voice and theory lessons and has served as a

manager of a local School for the Performing Arts helping underprivileged children discover and hone their artistic talents. Besides attending local music performances, including the opera and symphony, Crider also enjoys chess, hockey, reading, and spending time with his wife, three kids, and miniature schnauzer.

Call 972-485-8884 to register for the workshop.

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advertising campaign. She has worked on marketing initiatives for global corporations such as HP, Delta Airlines, Tiffany & Co, Rolls-Royce, Vitamin Water, Gatorade, Kraft, Bally Total Fitness, Dairy Queen, and Best Buy.

As Miss District of Columbia, she finished 3rd runner-up at the Miss America Competition winning talent and interview. Using the power of expectation to surpass "problem-child" stereotypes, Marshawn, who is also a Harry S. Truman Scholar and a former U.S. ambassador

to the International Summit of Achievement in Dublin, Ireland, received over \$200,000 in scholarships and graduated magna cum laude from Texas Christian University with honors and distinction, where she joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She launched a new ministry called Marketplace Women™ focused on equipping women of faith to thrive in the workplace, and has held several international business summits in Nigeria, Ghana, the Bahamas, and Mexico.

Named one of Atlanta's Power 30 under 30, she is a

graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, a member of the State Bar of Georgia, and is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Marshawn has been featured by *Glamour Magazine*, *ESSENCE Magazine*, *Upscale*, *Diversity Business Magazine*, *USA Today*, *The Big Idea* on CNBC, *Fox News*, *MTV*, the *Paula White Show*, and *Christian Living Magazine*. She regularly contributes for *Fox Business Channel*, *PINK Magazine*, *Black Enterprise*, *CNN* and *ESPN*.



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Seven Tax Tips for Job Seekers

Many taxpayers spend time during the summer months updating their résumé and attending career fairs. The Internal Revenue Service reminds job seekers that you may be able to deduct some of the expenses on your tax return.

Here are seven things the IRS wants you to know about deducting costs related to your job search.

1. To qualify for a de-

duction, the expenses must be spent on a job search in your current occupation. You may not deduct expenses you incur while looking for a job in a new occupation.

2. You can deduct employment and outplacement agency fees you pay while looking for a job in your present occupation. If your employer pays you back in a later year for em-

ployment agency fees, you must include the amount you receive in your gross income, up to the amount of your tax benefit in the earlier year.

3. You can deduct amounts you spend for preparing and mailing copies of your résumé to prospective employers as long as you are looking for a new job in your present occupation.

4. If you travel to an area to look for a new job in your present occupation, you may be able to deduct travel expenses to and from the area. You can only deduct the travel expenses if the trip is primarily to look for a new job. The amount of time you spend on personal activity compared to the amount of time you spend looking for work is important in deter-

mining whether the trip is primarily personal or is primarily to look for a new job.

5. You cannot deduct job search expenses if there was a substantial break between the end of your last job and the time you begin looking for a new one.

6. You cannot deduct job search expenses if you are looking for a job for the first time.

7. The amount of job search expenses that you can claim on your tax return is limited. You can claim the amount that is more than 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. You figure your deduction on Schedule A.

For more information about job search expenses, visit www.irs.gov or call 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Methodist Health System named among Best Places to Work in North Texas

For the eighth consecutive year, Methodist Health System has been named among the Best Places to Work in North Texas through an employee survey conducted by the *Dallas Business Journal*. Winning honorees and specific rankings among the finalists will be announced Sept. 22, during a gala awards luncheon in Dallas and will be featured in a special edition of the publication at that time.

"Methodist is once again honored to be selected among the best places to work in the

Dallas/Fort Worth area," says Methodist Health System President and CEO Dr. Stephen L. Mansfield. "This recognition for workplace excellence is a proud accomplishment for our employee family. It reflects our mission to not only serve our patients and their families, but to create and maintain a work environment that serves our family of employees."

Methodist employees voted their workplace as a 2011 Best Places to Work site through surveys conducted by the *Journal* in the regional

employer recognition program. Participation is open to companies across Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Denton, and immediately adjacent counties.

"We firmly believe that every day and every year, Methodist is a great place to work and also a great place to serve," Mansfield said.

Selection is based on employee responses to surveys and hundreds of Methodist Health System employees voted in the competition by completing an extensive online survey. Surveys reflect

topics such as work environment, innovations and new ideas, people practices, personal growth and development, leadership in the organization, employee recognition, and how things work day to day. Competition is divided into three different categories: small businesses (one-99 North Texas employees); mid-sized businesses (100-499 local employees); and large businesses (500 or more local employees).

To earn the prestigious

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Texas Comptroller's Free Seminar Answers Business Owners' Questions About State Taxes

A diverse economy, growing work force and friendly business climate attract more businesses to the Lone Star state every day. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' office regularly presents free taxpayer seminars throughout the state to help new and exist-

ing business owners understand their state tax responsibilities.

The next seminar in the Denton area is coming up on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Comptroller's Denton Field Office, located at 400 Carroll Blvd., Suite 1000.

At the seminar, taxpayers can learn about sales tax forms, filing and paying taxes electronically, taxable goods and services, e-services to help taxpayers manage their accounts online, the Comptroller's e-mail subscription service that alerts taxpayers when

new tax information is posted online, and the array of other services and information available from the Comptroller's office to assist taxpayers. Comptroller representatives will answer questions and provide as-

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group in the country. The additional burden we bear as a people is that we possessed less wealth than others before the Great Recession. Our forefathers may have worn the shackles of slavery. But this generation is wearing shackles of a different kind: poverty and debt.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), America's black unemployment level is double that of white America. After comparing unemployment data to that of Core Logic, a pri-

vate research firm, among the nation's top states for underwater mortgages – states with homeowners owing more than their house is now worth – the top five of those states also have the nation's highest unemployment: Nevada (12.4 percent), California (11.8 percent), Florida (10.6 percent), and Michigan (10.5 percent).

If these trends are allowed to continue, America's 'haves' and 'have nots' will move even further towards the two separate

Americas first warned by the Kerner Commission Report in the 1960s. Named for then-Illinois' Governor Otto Kerner, the report told a tale of two Americas were emerging – one black and the other white. In 2011, the divide is not just about race but wealth as well.

All of America should feel uncomfortable about the growing concentration of poverty in black and brown communities who together represent 28 percent of the nation's population.

It is time for leaders – public and private – to stand up and insist that our nation create new and sustainable jobs with incomes that lift this country's poor into self-sufficiency and hopefully one day – sustainable prosperity.

Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's communications manager for state policy and outreach. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org

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programs. Furthermore, ATI failed to accurately report employment outcome information to TWC and prospective students.

The latest findings result from prior TWC action when ATI submitted student outcome reports that TWC found to be inconsistent with TWC-collected wage data. TWC issued a Notice to Place Conditions on the Certificate of Approval of three ATI schools March 31, 2011, effectively placing all ATI-owned schools on probation. ATI was then required to hire an approved third-party Certified Public Accountant to verify the graduate employment data for all ATI-owned schools in Texas and submit those findings to TWC.

"Schools that misreport employment information about their programs potentially exploit vulnerable individuals with false hopes for job-placement after completing the program," TWC chairman Tom Pauken said. "TWC's role is to ensure that students who make a decision to attend a career school

receive reliable information so they can make an educated choice."

Effective immediately, TWC requires that ATI suspend enrollment of new students. ATI must immediately provide TWC with information on all currently enrolled students, their program of study and scheduled date of completion. Subject to TWC's approval, ATI must provide a plan for students to complete their studies at ATI or through another school offering comparable training for which the students will only pay the outstanding balance on their contract.

"Students invest large amounts of money and time to train for a career," said Ronny Congleton, TWC commissioner representing labor. "We must ensure that schools don't take advantage of them with inaccurate data and claims."

TWC will determine the effective revocation date of each school's Certificate of Approval upon review of completion dates for each vocational course currently

under way.

TWC licenses and regulates more than 500 career schools and colleges in Texas, which provide vocational training to more than 150,000 students annually. TWC makes annual site visits to campuses and monitors the qualifications of faculty, quality of facilities, class size, student completion rates, student employment rates and other criteria. In addition to monitoring by TWC, certain programs are co-regulated alongside Texas agencies. TWC also investigates student complaints and reports of unlicensed schools.

TWC encourages anyone considering enrolling in a career school to carefully research all options, including programs at both public and private colleges.

Prospective career school students can access a list of schools with current Certificates of Approval on the TWC Directory of Licensed Career Schools and Colleges at <http://csc.twc.state.tx.us> or by calling (512) 936-3100.

Keepin' It Real! 2011

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Youth get empowered, educated and motivated at youth conference. Keepin' It Real! a **FREE** one-day youth empowerment conference provides our teens with "real life" solutions to problems they face and in the process help build their self-confidence as they prepare to return to school. Keepin' It Real 2011 will be held **Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Mountain View College, 4849 W. Illinois Avenue in Dallas, Texas, from 8:30 a.m. a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

As with previous Keepin' It Real! youth empowerment conferences, the 2011 event is lining up to be just as lively, educational, and fun. Teens grades 6-12 can count on being inspired by this year's keynote speakers, **Felix A. Zamora, President, Mountain View College** and motivational speaker and author, **Cheryl "Action" Jackson** — Minnie's Food Pantry and The Giving Movement. All teens will participate in six inter-

active workshops which include: bullycide, engineering the world, HIV/AIDS awareness, college financial aid and scholarships, and much more. Beat-blasting musical entertainment will be provided by local artists including **Rumill (R&B/Soul/Pop/Hip Hop - Artist); Dacia Kings; Acoustic Soul Artist, Elliott Skinner accompanied by Contemporary Pianist, Dylan Cantu; Rachel Webb, P2 Mimes - Greater Mt. Calvary COGIC**, and more. Teens will also have an opportunity during a moderated panel discussion to meet local leaders and to ask challenging questions of their own. The youth summit is totally FREE and is designed to inform, prepare, and empower today's youth for tomorrow's demanding society as they prepare to return to school.

For the eighth year, Backpacking for Education (BFE) also returns. BFE is a program that supplies the attending youth with back-

packs filled with school supplies and well wishes for a safe and productive school year.

Keepin' It Real! 2011 will be held at Mountain View College, 4849 W. Illinois Avenue in Dallas, Texas 75211. Teens, youth organizations, YMCA's, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex are invited to make plans now to attend. Additionally, sponsors and vendors are invited to contact Teen Graffiti magazine to secure their participation in this highly successful event.

Registration is FREE! However, pre-registration is required! Registration Deadline is August 10, 2011.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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August 21, 3 p.m.
Join us for an Annual Elders and Deacons Appreciation Day. Our Elders are Bowditch, Hodridge, Kelly and Strong; our Deacons are Batts and Spencer.
Brother Ramon Hodridge, Minister
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August 7
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August 10, 7 p.m.
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August 7, 7:45 a.m.
You're invited to our early morning worship service as we praise and worship God.

August 19 & 21, 5 p.m.
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August 6, 12 Noon
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August 12, 7-10 p.m.
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August 10, 7 p.m.
Join us for our Midweek Service as we worship and praise God.

August 13, None-2 p.m.
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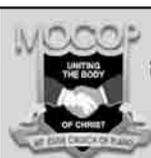


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A Christian Week:
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Tuesday is Ironing Day: Dear Lord, help me to iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice that I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.
Wednesday is Mending Day: O God, help me to mend my ways so that I will not set a bad example for others to follow.
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Friday is Shopping Day: O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so

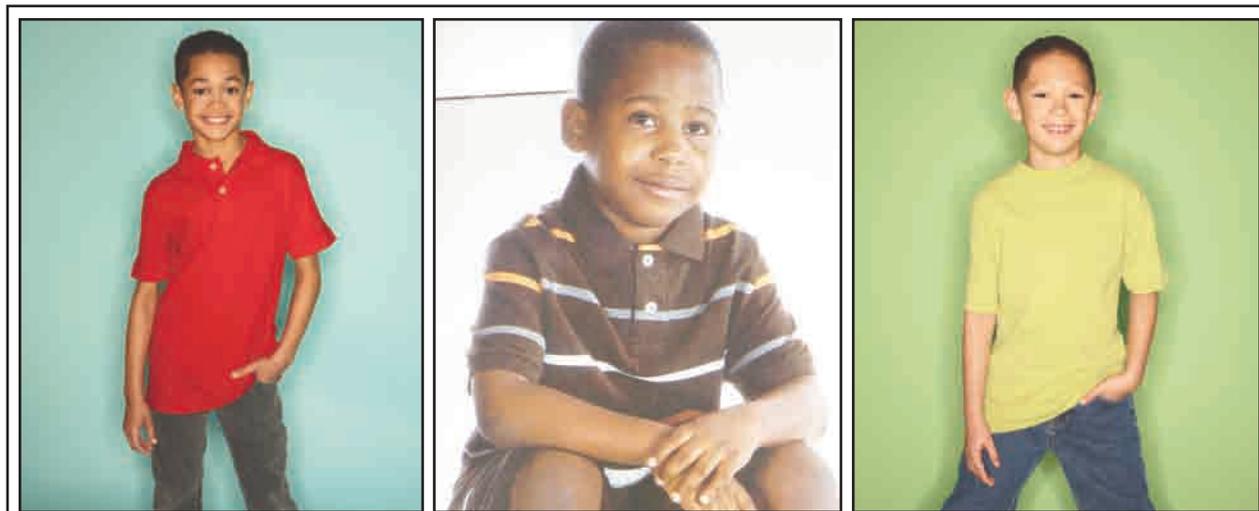
that I may gain eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love. **Saturday is Cooking Day:** Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean and sweet bread of human kindness. **Sunday is The Lord's Day:** O God, I have prepared my house for You. Please come into my heart so that I may spend the day and the rest of my life in Your presence.

Why God Gave Us Friends: God knew that everyone needs companionship and cheer; He knew that people need someone whose thoughts are always near; He knew they needed someone kind, to lend a helping hand; Someone to gladly take the time to care and understand. That's why God gave us friends.

God knew that we all need someone to share each happy day; To be a source of courage when troubles come our way. Someone to be true to us, whether near or far apart. Someone whose love we'll always hold and treasure in our hearts. That's why God gave us friends.

Everything I Need to Know about Life, I Learned from Noah's Ark:

Things To Ponder



Sister Tarpley's three grandsons that she is thankful for (L to R): David Lott, 10; Deven Tarpley, 9; and Philip, 5; Summer 2011

One: Don't miss the boat. **Two:** Remember that we are all in the same boat. **Three:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark. **Four:** Stay fit; when you're 600-years-old, someone may ask you to do something really big. **Five:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done. **Six:** Build your future on high ground. **Seven:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs. **Eight:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs. **Nine:** When you're stressed, float a while. **Ten:** Remem-

ber, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals. **Eleven:** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Be kinder than necessary when you meet others, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

May your troubles be less; may your blessings be more; and may nothing but happiness come through your door!

Patience and Prayer: When we offer up our prayers to God, we want answers without delay. But, sometimes God will take His time and answer in His own way.

Learn to have more patience and wait for Him to speak. We know not what we'll hear from Him, but His guidance we should seek. Don't pray for earthly things, the Bible says to seek ye first the Kingdom of God . . .

and don't forget to thank God for His care. Thank Him for His constant love and for always being there. Thank God for the hope we have through His wonderful salvation plan, the plan He masterminded before He ever created man.

Be patient and wait on the Lord, He'll answer all our prayers. Just accept His answer and obey His will, and we can overcome our earthly cares.

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Medical Center," said Methodist Charlton president Jonathan Davis, FACHE. "Our goal is to create an atmosphere that fosters partnerships and collaborations within the faith community. We believe that through partnerships and

collaborations, we will touch and impact the lives of people at a greater level bringing healing through the loving hands of others."

In addition to an inspiring message from Huch, attendees will also enjoy an elegant brunch, fashion

show, entertainment, and an opportunity to receive free screenings. The emcee for the event will be Marilyn Mansfield, wife of Methodist Health System CEO and President Dr. Stephen Mansfield.

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ican Civil Liberties Union are not complaining.

"You've come a long way, baby" was the slogan in the 70s for women as they fought for women rights and equality. They are still

looked at sex objects in the sports but now it's accepted because the viewers are now their fans and the stations are making money.

You can listen to Donald "Spider" Willis on Sport

Talk with Spider each Sunday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. CST on fishbowlradio.com. For suggestion and topics call 469-335-6668 or email dwillisdw@yahoo.com

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sistance to attendees.

"A strong and diverse business community is the key to Texas' economic strength," Combs said. "We are committed to assisting Texas businesses by making taxes simpler, smarter, faster and, above all, trans-

parent. We owe it to our taxpayers to provide the best customer service possible."

For more information about the seminar, call the Comptroller's Denton Field Office at (940) 891-4790.

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"It has always music, maybe for a week in third grade I wanted to be a lawyer."

The 13-track CD was released June 14, and it has already developed a following.

The first track on *Taylor-Made* is one of her dad's signature songs, *Who's Making Love*. Interestingly, although the 1968 Stax Records release was geared toward males, the tune is equally relevant to women. No single lyric was changed in Tasha Taylor's version.

"The cover of *Who's Making Love* is an interesting juxtaposition when a woman sings it. The song worked as it was. It was an empowering thing. Not sexist, it was interest to bring to something to an old-school song that is relevant from generation to generation."

Queen is receiving a lot of airplay in the southern market, Tasha Taylor said. In addition, the track is on the rotation on BB King's Bluesville on Sirius Satellite Radio and Stevie Wonder's KJLH 102.3 FM, an urban

contemporary station in Los Angeles.

The track is a throwback to pure love songs. *Best Friend* allows lovers to appreciate the smaller moments in a relationship. *Wonder Woman* has a heavy base backdrop and a message of female empowerment. And, what is a CD without a few jams about love gone wrong, such as *Bad Man* and *Re-fund*.

"The CD is soul music that leans toward blues. It is a tribute to my family. I worked on it for three years. I worked hard to incorporate everything into it, metaphors of relationships in my family. What comes from the Taylor family is what I sing about on *TaylorMade*."

She ends the CD with a tribute to her late father, *Daddy's Girl*.

"I was very close to my father. My father was a true musician. He taught me a lot about the business. Traveling with Johnnie on tour stops was nothing out of the ordinary for our family, she

reminisced.

"I was fortunate to have him while he was still around. I learned from my dad that you have to sing



Tasha Taylor

from a place of truth."

The entire CD was written and arranged by Tasha Taylor and produced by Noisy Neighbors' Rob Arbitier and Gary Adante, and Stuart Benjamin. Adante worked on Wonder's 1973 masterpiece *Songs in the Key of Life*.

"It was refreshing to have real musicians to work with," she said.

Tasha Taylor, who plays

the keys and guitar, said her intent for the album is to bridge the generations and rejuvenate people's love for old-school music. Also, she

said artists such as Sam Cooke, Otis Redding and her father used music to overcome the social issues of the day.

"So many younger people learn about the classics through sampling. It is important for this generation to know where that sample came from. Soul music is a part of our history. The more we know about it is so important because of all the

technology, but I think sometime the soul of the music is taken out of it. Technology is a blessing and a curse."

Tasha Taylor said originality is the key to success in the music business.

"You cannot copy it

when it is art. Being organic is important. Hopefully people will come to my music and others because it is quality."

To learn more about Tasha Taylor, visit www.tashataylor.com.

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