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Parkland to Negotiate Agreement with CMS

Parkland Health & Hospital System committed to The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that it will enter into a Systems Improvement Agreement to maintain Parkland's participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. This agreement, which will be finalized no later than Sept. 30, provides



Parkland

Parkland the opportunity to continue to operate fully

and to address the problems identified in the recent CMS survey.

A Systems Improvement Agreement is a time-limited agreement between CMS and a hospital.

In lieu of termination, the

Systems Improvement Agreement requires Parkland to bring in external, third party and CMS-approved quality improvement consultants to implement corrective actions. This consultant will act as an agent of CMS to analyze the Parkland reports, findings and original plan

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COVER STORY

Food stamps for fast food in Texas?



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City leaders kick off fitness program at elementary school: New Balance donates shoes

On September 12, 2011, officials from the MetroPCS® Dallas White Rock Marathon®, including former Dallas Mayor Laura Miller, visited Pleasant Grove Elementary School to introduce students to 3

Months to 3 Miles, a kid-friendly training program. Geared toward family exercise activities – such as bike rides and soccer games – 3 Months to 3 Miles encourages overall fitness and prepares participants for the

Mayor's Race 5K, presented by CIGNA.

"We started the Mayor's Race 5K nine years ago because Dallas was one of the fattest cities in the country, and the obesity epidemic involving our children was,

and still is, unacceptable," former Dallas Mayor Laura Miller said. "The 3 Months to 3 Miles program, developed by Diane Proud, running pro at the Cooper Fitness Center, is our tool to fight

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How Terrance Howard attempts to get even with 'the other man'

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COMMENTARY

U.S. Justice Department attacked for fighting discriminatory lending

By Charlene Crowell
Usually when government is criticized, it's because someone is dissatisfied with a lack of effective performance. But for the U.S. Department of Justice, recent high-profile criticism is due to a series of effective actions.

On August 31, a member of the Wall Street Journal's editorial board publicly criticized DOJ's Civil Rights Division for "intimidating banks" into lending to borrowers of color at below-market

rates – a charge that is simply untrue. The piece ignores facts that the newspaper has reported: the rise of reckless lending during the housing bubble, and the fact that more than 60 percent of borrowers who received subprime loans had credit scores high enough to have qualified for standard conventional loans.

The Justice Department did not let the charges go unanswered. Thomas E. Perez, Assis-

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Saggin Pants

Letter from a college student

The other day, a friend of mine visited me in the lobby of my dorm just to chat while her laundry was drying. As we were chatting, two young freshmen came by. One of the 2 boys wanted to 'talk' to my friend (as in date). She asked him how old they were, and both of the boys

replied 18. My friend and I both laughed hysterically because we are both 22 years old.

After my friend left, the young men were still hanging around and one wanted to know how he could gain her interest.

The first thing I told him to do was to pull up his pants! He asked why, and then said he liked sag-



gin ' his pants. I told him to come over to my computer and spell the word saggin'. Then I told him to write the word saggin' backwards.

S-A-G-G-I-N
N-I-G- G-A-S

I told him the origin of that look was from centuries ago. It was the intent of slave owners to de-

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Dr. Suniya Luthar

The University of Texas at Dallas' Center for Children and Families will host its second annual public forum, examining a range of family issues related to resiliency and how children and caregivers cope with adversity.

Dr. Suniya Luthar from Columbia University's Teachers College is the forum's keynote speaker. Also featured are faculty members from UT Dallas' School of Behavior

and Brain Sciences and experts from other area universities and community organizations.

At the forum's opening session, Luthar will speak on resilience among families at risk and lead a panel discussion. In the afternoon, she will lead a discussion of the unique pressures faced by children from affluent families. The forum concludes with the evening lecture by Luthar on how mothers meet the challenges of

managing multiple roles: "Fostering Resilience: Who Tends the Caregivers? Who Mothers Mommy?"

Luthar, who is professor of clinical and developmental psychology at Columbia University's Teacher College in New York, has written extensively on vulnerability and resilience among various populations, including youths living in poverty and children from families affected by mental illness. Her recent work has looked



at children in affluent communities and, in particular, substance use and anxiety in these communities.

The Center for Children and Families hosts its annual forum to promote greater understanding of how children develop and thrive. The forum is

funded by grants from the Timberlawn Psychiatric Research Foundation and the Meadows Foundation.

Daytime events take place in the Galaxy Rooms of UT Dallas' Student Union Building. The evening lecture is scheduled for Jonsson Performance Hall, JO 2.604. Registration is required for the daytime forum events, which include lunch. Visit ccf.utdallas.edu/ to register. The Sept. 22 event is free and begins at 9 a.m. Luthar's evening lecture starts at 7:30 p.m.

Victoria Snee

It is every woman's favorite time of the year. VISIONS: The Women's Expo has announced its 2011 dates for the largest women's expo in the southwest. The expo will be held on September 24-25 at Dallas Market Hall (2200 North Stemmons Fwy, 75207).

This two-day event combines the best in fashion, health, beauty and more for today's woman and her family. New additions to VISIONS include

mini-studio sessions specifically suited to the interests of women featuring tutorials in hair, makeup, fashion and career advice! Our Geico Main Stage attractions include:

- VISIONS: Women of Dallas Panel: This presentation will showcase a panel of Dallas' leading ladies discussing women's issues and topics re-



lated to fashion, beauty and other relevant discussion areas, including Plano's own beauty analyst, Victoria Snee.

- Frumpy to Fabulous: This year, VISIONS is giving women across Dallas the opportunity to update their look. The general public is invited to submit their friends or family members to transition their outdated looks from frumpy to

fabulous with a full makeover to take place on the day of the expo. Presented by Dillard's.

- Macy's Style Show: Macy's will be partnering with Barbizon Modeling to debut the upcoming fall trends and new styles.

- A special performance by Dallas Power House of Dance: High-energy, crowd-inspiring performances will be on tap for all expo attendees to enjoy.

Additionally, VISIONS will showcase exhibitors, shopping, hands-on learn-

ing experiences, consultations and advice from professionals, a special coffee and cupcake happy hour and much more. Adjuvant Expos, LLC, producer of VISIONS: The Women's Expo, is known for producing events that entertain, educate and inspire. Director of Event Management Stefini Sherwood is committed to bringing the best exhibitors and presentations for women.

"We measure our success each year by the experiences of the women who

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Terrence J

Terrence J is a young man with a master plan.



From apprenticing with NASCAR® to working on radio and throwing some of the best social gatherings around, Terrence J has been preparing himself for superstardom and making sure

that his life is the American Dream, blasted out of the box. Now, he's using his hosting spot on BET®'s *106 and Park*, the hottest music program in the world, to take his plan to the next level.

Since taking over as host almost four years ago, Terrence J has watched his plan get bigger and he's been able to do things that most people can only dream of doing. He's interviewed such megastars as Madonna, Will Smith, Har-

ison Ford, Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé and Jay-Z. He's hosting, along with co-host Rocsi, *106 and Park Weekend Countdown*, a syndicated radio program that is broadcast across the country

and throughout the Caribbean. He's also expanding his presence online, with ventures that will take advantage of the importance of cyberspace to young people. Terrence J is doing it and building a career that inspires young people around the world.

As the 2008 face of both the Sean John® clothing line and the Rockport® shoe company, Terrence J has used his easy style and immediate recognition to mass market himself. Terrence is developing TV, film, radio and multimedia projects that embody his visionary entrepreneurial and altruistic spirit.

Much in the way that media mogul Tyler Perry has crafted and branded each of his ventures, Terrence seeks to similarly fashion his budding media empire. Sitcoms, feature films, online enterprises etc. are in various stages of manifestation, soon to be re-

vealed to Terrence's expectant fan base.

As a civic-minded member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, which he joined during his college years at North Carolina A&T, Terrence J has used his community-oriented upbringing to work with McDonald's® and their scholarship program, to empower young people of color to find out about college career funding available to them.

Terrence also speaks on youth panels about peer pressure, drugs and sex. Terrence understands that he's in a rare position, and that position is something he's maximizing for his master plan.

Terrence J knows the importance of taking full advantage of great opportunities and he is using his to prepare himself for the acting career that he knows will soon come. He looks at the careers of Will Smith and Ben Stiller as roadmaps

to the success he foresees.

Terrence J wants to take the big break that he's been given, and the powerful upbringing from his hard-working parents and cata-

pult himself to the next level. He proudly states, "I'm not here to make money. I'm here to make history."

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"Wacky Weather" or Climate Change?

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.
(NNPA) Having just come through a hurricane (Irene) I am getting irritated with the way that some TV anchors and even some meteorologists are talking about the weather. References, such as "wacky weather" makes it all seem odd and a bit funny but not indicative of a deeper problem. Contrary to the nonsense spouted by right-wing ideologues, such as Michelle Bachmann, what we are witnessing is climate change in the context of a larger environmental crisis. This is not "wacky weather"; this is what is called "extreme weather," and unless something is done about it we will have

to get used to dangerous weather patterns.

The right-wing has attempted to dismiss the danger of climate change by challenging the notion of "global warming." They pointed to snow storms in the northeast a couple of years ago as a way of saying that such a thing should not be happening if the world is warming. This was disingenuous. The world is not going to increase in temperature the same way in every locale. What is happening is that with warmth--and, as you might notice, each summer is getting hotter than the last--weather patterns are thrown out of kilter. This is what lays the basis for

extreme weather, such as, intense snow storms in the northeast, and serious drought in the Southwest. It also means that hurricanes will tend to become more numerous, larger, and their course will be less predictable.

Instead of talking about "wacky weather" as if it is weather that cannot be understood, what is needed is some climate education from the mainstream media services. We need to have a little introduction to what is happening to the climate and if the right-wing wants to debate it, let's debate. The overwhelming scientific evidence is on the side of those who are warning of climate change and global

warming. Certainly there are scientists who question this, just as there were for years so-called scientists who questioned whether smoking tended to lead to cancer. These charlatans would point to some person who is now 96 and has been smoking all of their life and say that since this person did not get cancer there is no proof. But that is not science! It is chicanery, and it is the same sort of chicanery that is practiced by the political Right when they point to snow storms in the northeast supposedly proving that there is no global warming.

We need to be demand-

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tant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division responded a few days later with a letter to the Journal that said in part, "All qualified home buyers should have access to sustainable credit without being subject to illegal discrimination. The Justice Department will unapologetically continue to ensure they can do so."

The full text of the Perez response is available at: <http://rspnsb.li/nd5fgA>. Unfortunately the space allowed for the rebuttal did not afford a complete account. There are a series of verifiable and appropriate reasons why the Civil Rights Division is so hard at work.

Had the Journal editorial board been familiar with the considerable body of research on foreclosures, it might have learned how communities of color were targeted and financially abused – particularly in mortgage lending. The research developed by the Center for Responsible Lending spans several years and offered early warnings about foreclosures and a 2010 report that showed how Black and Brown communities lost \$350 billion in wealth through foreclosures.

I suspect that the victims of predatory mortgage

lending are less concerned about editorial rhetoric than they are with more urgent concerns like financially piecing together lives hit hard by foreclosures; the shortage of adequate and affordable rental housing for former homeowners; or their former neighbors who now owe more than the homes are worth. Neighborhoods hard hit by foreclosures have suffered an equity drain on the single most important investment most people make in a lifetime – their home.

Each year, the DOJ's report to Congress on the Equal Credit Opportunity Act Amendments of 1976 provides an in-depth review of the scope and volume of discriminatory lending over the past year. The 2010 report stated that the DOJ Civil Rights Division received more referrals that year (49) in 2010 than it had received in "at least the last 20 years". By comparison, from 2001-2008, the total number of referrals received was only 30.

In terms of governmental accountability, DOJ efforts in 2010 brought actions correcting ill-advised practices and fair lending violations, including the following:

The largest monetary award for victims in a fair

lending case - AIG Federal Savings Bank and Wilmington Finance settled to pay up to \$6.1 million to African-American customers who were charged higher broker fees than non-Hispanic white customers; and

The first time a lender was held responsible for failing to monitor brokers who originated its home loans. The fore-mentioned lenders turned a blind eye to brokers that charged borrowers of color higher fees than other similarly-situated white borrowers.

The DOJ annual report

also advised Congress that "Lawsuits challenging redlining and reverse redlining practices are significant weapons in the battle against predatory lending. And we expect that some of the investigations begun in 2010 will lead to suits or settlements in 2011."

Here's hoping that DOJ's Civil Rights Division keeps up the good fight.

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The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center Seek Support

While the citizens of Irving voted for the Irving Entertainment Center years ago, the city has yet to appropriate the necessary funds for the project.

The complex, planned for development next to Irving Convention Center, is not only expected to bring commerce, restaurants and family-friendly entertainment. It is projected to create 2,000 – 2,500 jobs. This is why advocates of the project are going before officials to

form a special purpose political action committee in order to save it.

The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center will be holding a 60-day petition drive and need the signatures of 6,000 Irving residents to present to the Irving City Council.

Irving residents are urged to contact Anthony Bonds at 214-830-6719 or at aebond09@yahoo.com for literature and information about how to participate in the petition drive.

Medical Center of McKinney Earns 'Top Performer on Key Quality Measures' Recognition from The Joint Commission

Medical Center of McKinney today was named one of the nation's top performers on key quality measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. Medical Center of McKinney was recognized by The Joint Commission based on data reported about evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care and children's asthma.

Medical Center of McKinney is one of only 405 U.S. hospitals and critical access hospitals earning the distinction of top performer on key

quality measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. Inclusion on the list is based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the previous calendar year. For example, this first recognition program is based on data that were reported for 2010.

To be recognized as a top performer on key quality measures an organization must meet two 95 percent thresholds. First they must achieve a composite performance of 95 percent or above after the results of all the accountability measures for which they report data to The

Joint Commission were factored into a single score, including measures that had less than 30 eligible cases or patients. Second, they must meet or exceed a 95 percent performance target for every single accountability measure for which they report data, excluding any measures with less than 30 eligible cases or patients.

Medical Center of McKinney was recognized for achieving these thresholds for heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia.

"Today, the public expects transparency in the reporting of performance at the hospitals where they receive care, and The Joint Commis-

sion is shining a light on the top performing hospitals such as Medical Center of McKinney that have achieved excellence on a number of vital measures of quality of care," says Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president, The Joint Commission.

"We understand that what matters most to patients at Medical Center of McKinney – safe, effective care. That's why Medical Center of McKinney has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. Medical Center of McKinney is proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission's Top Perform-

ers on Key Quality Measures," says Ernest C. Lynch, III, FACHE, Medical Center of McKinney President & CEO.

In addition to being included in today's release of

The Joint Commission's "Improving America's Hospitals" annual report, Medical Center of McKinney will be recognized on The Joint Commission's Quality Check website, www.qualitycheck.org.

GOUT and Heart Disease?

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FDA investigates multistate outbreak of listeriosis

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health agencies to investigate a multi-state outbreak of listeriosis.

At least 15 people in-

fectured with the outbreak strain of *Listeria monocytogenes* have been reported in Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

State and local public health officials have interviewed most of the patients and discovered that the ma-

jority of them consumed whole cantaloupes, most likely marketed from the Rocky Ford growing region of Colorado.

FDA investigators along with state health officials are working quickly to determine where in the supply

chain the contamination most likely occurred and where potentially contaminated product may have been distributed.

Both FDA and state public health officials have

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New signs make connections easier for customers "On the Go"

The latest bus information is just a text message away with DART 41411.

The unique stop ID created for each bus and rail stop is the key. By knowing the stop ID customers can find out when the next buses or trains are scheduled to arrive at their stop. It's as simple as texting DART [STOP ID] to 41411. For example, if the stop ID

is 28076, text DART 28076 to 41411. Be sure to include a space in between the word "DART" and the stop ID number.

DART is posting the unique stop ID number that's created for each bus and rail stop on the front of the bus stop sign. More than 1,000 bus stops already have the new signs in place, but with more than 12,000

stops across the Service Area it is expected to take several months to put up all the new signs.

But customers don't have to wait for the stop ID signs to start texting DART 41411 for schedule information. A new "Stop ID Finder" is prominently displayed with a link on the DART Trip Planner on the top right section of DART's

updated home page, DART.org. Simply enter an address and a Google map displays the nearest DART stops with ID number. Customers using the DART Trip Planner or the new desktop version of "Where's My Bus?"® can plug in this number instead of an address.

The DART text message service is free, but cus-

tomers are responsible for whatever charges they have based on their calling plan. For the time being customers will receive the scheduled arrival of the bus. In the coming months DART will be able to provide real time arrival information.

The stop ID number can also help customers who call the Information Center

at 214-979-1111 and use the new automated information line. Customers with questions about schedules may still contact DART's Customer Information Center and speak to a representative. DART route and schedule information is always available at DART.org or on smartphones and tablets at m.dart.org.

Garland Firefighters workshop for civilians

The Garland Firefighters Association is conducting a one-day fire ground operations workshop for civilians, including public officials and media representatives. This program includes hands-on fire fighting and rescue operations under the controlled supervision of Garland's professional fire fighters.

Participants will learn exactly how challenging it is to serve and protect the

community. This workshop will demonstrate some aspects of fire and EMS operations, from suiting up in the proper protective gear to putting out fires. Each scenario will give you the opportunity to do what fire fighters face on a day-to-day basis.

The workshop will be held on October 15 training will be held at the Garland Fire Department Ad-

ministration and Training Center. The training center is located at 1500 St Hwy 66 in Garland. □ For further information you may contact Chad Purcell at 972-824-2585 or via email: cpurcell@ci.garland.tx.us □ Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for you at the training center, along with plenty of water and sports drinks.

Celebration of Mexico and Centro America Independence Day

In an effort to celebrate not only Hispanic diversity but also unite the different cultures represented throughout Irving, everyone is invited to attend a special event. On Saturday at 1 p.m. in Irving a celebration of Controamerica Independence Day is scheduled.

The leaders of the event believe the only way to be-

come one solid community is to learn more about the culture of each other. That is why they are inviting the public to join them for this special celebration, which will feature the Bowie Middle School Band; and the singing of the national hymns from El Salvador, Mexico and the United states.

A month of silence will

be held to honor the 9/11 heroes followed by a few words from Chief Mario Molina IFD as will Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas County Commissioner, representing District 4. The program will close with Folkloric Dances.

For more information about the event contact Father Pedro Portillo 214-287-8590.

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moralize the field workers by forbidding them to wear a belt as they worked in the fields or at any other rigorous job. In addition, men in prison wore their pants low when they were 'spoken for'. The other reason their pants looked like that was they were not allowed to have belts because prisoners were likely to try to commit suicide. And, saggin' pants prevents you from running.

We as young Black people have to be the ones to effect change. We are dying. The media has made a mockery of the Black American. Even our brothers and sisters from Africa don't take us seriously. Something as simple as pulling up your pants and standing with your head held high could make the biggest difference in the world's perception of us. It is time to do right by ourselves. We need to love and embrace each other. No one is going to do that for us.

It all comes down to perception. What people perceive is what reality to them is. We have to change

not only the media's perception of us, but we need to change our perception of ourselves.

Remember all eyes are on you Black Man. All eyes are on you Black Woman. All eyes are on your Black Child. People point the finger at us and expect us to engage in negative and illegal activities, to manifest loud, boisterous behavior, to spend our hard earned money in their stores, buying goods we don't need, or really want. We have allowed not only the media, but the government and the world to portray us as a 'sub-culture.' They have stripped our culture down to the point where the image of Black people is perpetuated as rappers, athletes, drug users, and consumers of junk food, expensive tennis shoes, expensive cars, expensive TVs, cell phones and not investing in homes for our families.

We are so much more!!!!!!

For all our Black Children: We need to love them. We need to teach them. We need to stand up

for them. We need to protect them. We need to show them that there are no 'get rich quick' schemes. We need to tell them that they WILL die trying if they submit to a life of crime and deceit. We need to teach our children that no one will love them the way we can. And being a basketball player, a rapper, or a drug dealer is not real-

ity. It's not realistic and only a small percentage of people ever make it as a rapper or professional athlete. We need to teach our children that we can be more than rappers and athletes. We can be the owners of these sports teams. We can be the CEO's of OUR fortune 500 companies. We need to believe in literacy.

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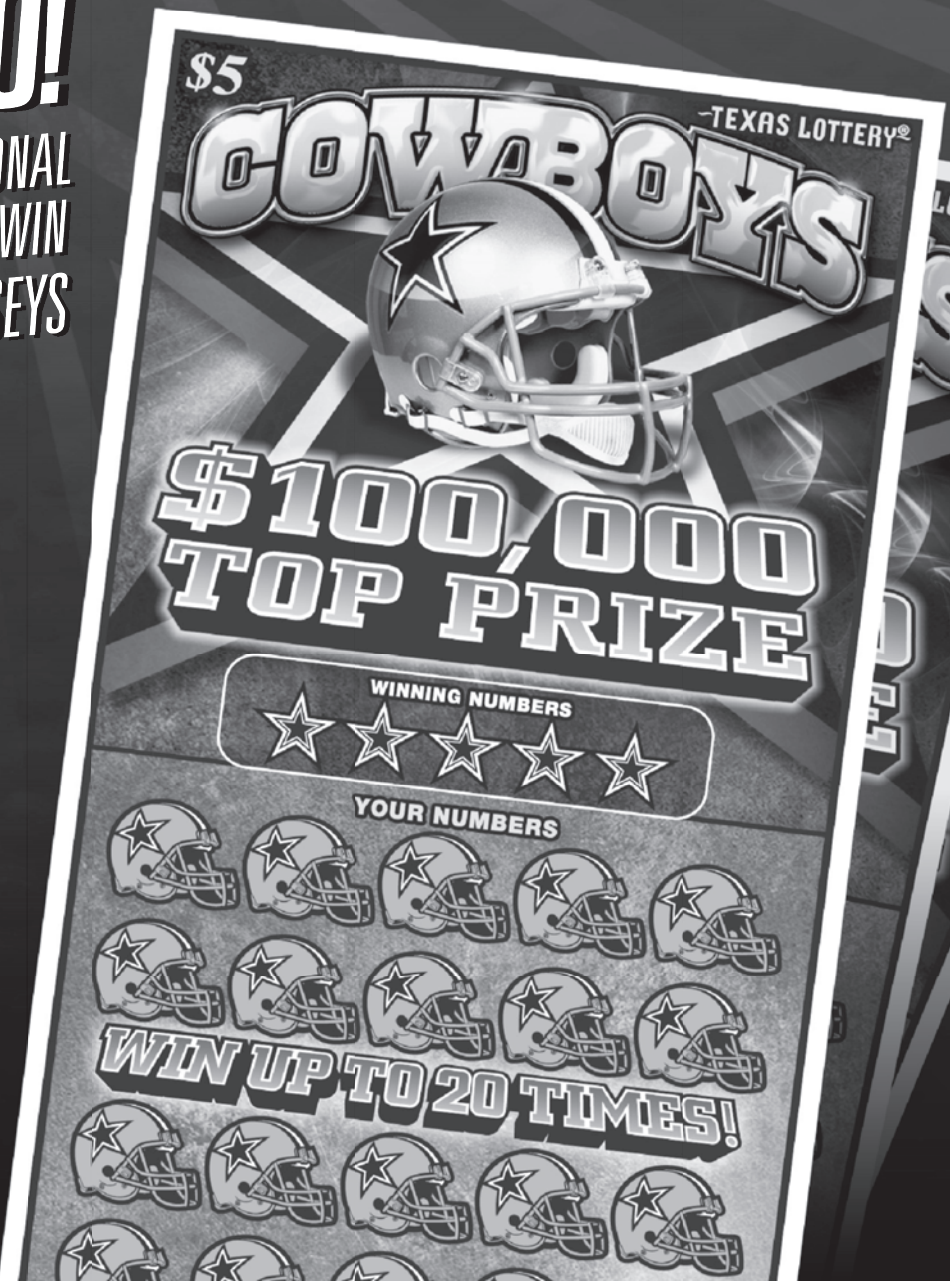
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this looming epidemic. It helps kids and families in- mored SWAT vehicles, for 110 fifth grade stu- dents to tour before an in-



tegrate fitness into their daily lifestyles.”

To kick off this year’s 3 Months to 3 Miles program, Dallas White Rock Marathon sponsor New Balance gave 30 Pleasant Grove Elementary School students new pairs of running shoes. Additionally, members of the United States Marine Corps and officers from the Dallas Police Department drove official vehicles, including Hummers and ar-



teractive session with Assistant Police Chief Floyd Simpson and Major Karl Tinson of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Simpson rallied the students by saying, “Our hearts and muscles are two of the most important things that help us do our jobs – so running is one of our favorite exercises. If we run, we’re able to chase faster, jump higher and keep you safer. We hope you start running and stay healthy with us!”

Dallas Police Academy fitness trainers and members of the U.S. Marine Corps concluded the event by leading the students in warm-up activities and stretching.

For more information on the 3 Months to 3

Miles program, visit www.runtherock.com/3-months-to-3-miles. And for more information or to register for the Mayor’s Race 5K, visit www.runtherock.com/mayors-5k-presented-by-cigna.

TYPE 2 DIABETES RESEARCH

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

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. 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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Business Empowerment Sessions. Learn to grow a successful small business. 1st Thursday of each month at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dallas. Info @ 214-942-6698.

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

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

Through September 24
Funny, Money, Honey, a new Black comedy, plays at the Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue, Plano, TX on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm with a matinee Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 2pm. Info and ticket prices: roverdramawerks.com.

Through October 9
Dallas Theater Center performs Shakespeare's **The Tempest** at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Wyly Theatre, 2403 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201. Tickets start at \$15. Show times vary. Info: 214-880-0202 and DallasTheaterCenter.org.

September 15
The upbeat Gospel comedy state play **Is There a Hater Among Us?** comes to Johnson's Chapel, 1400. Hampton Rd, DeSoto, Tx. Play starts at 7:30pm. Tickets start at \$20.00. Info: 469-371-1172 and hater.eventbrite.com.

September 16 – 17
Diary of Black Men, the longest running play in Black American Theater comes to the Majestic Theater,

1935 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75201 for three shows. Admission starts at \$22.50. Info: 800-285-1466 or diaryofblackmenontour.com.

September 15-18
Addison Oktoberfest GrapeFest in downtown Grapevine

September 16 – 18
The Plano Balloon Festival hits the skies above Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas 75074. Admissions starts at \$4. Info: planoballoonfest.org or 972-867-7566 or email jessica@planoballoonfest.org.

September 17
Garland NAACP 21st Annual Freedom Fund Brunch and Silent Auction begins at 9 a.m. with brunch starting at 10 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 1981 N. Central @ Campbell Rd., Richardson. Info: 972-381-5044, voice box #5, or www.garlandtx-naacp.org

Carrollton Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association Garage Sale at the St. Andrews Christian Church (3945 N. Josey Lane) at 8 a.m. benefits Team Texas, a group of area police officers whose mission is to raise money and awareness for the families of local police officers who have been killed in the line of duty. See team-texas.org.

September 19 – 20
Artisan Center Theater is holding **auditions for Scrooge: The Musical** at 7pm Barbara's Dance Studio located at 204 West Holloway Drive, Hurst, Texas 76053. To audition please call 817-284-1200 or email Lindsay@artisanct.com with your name, phone number, and day/time you wish to audition.

September 23-24
Jazz by the Boulevard in the Cultural District in Fort Worth

Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklórico "Mexican Influences"; 6:30 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center - Brownlee Auditorium Tickets \$15 general admission and \$12 seniors and children under 7 years old. Info: Alex Palencia at 972-429-1082

The 14th Annual Carrollton Public Library Book Sale will be held 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs Road). See friend-scarrolltonlibrary.org/booksale.htm.

September 24
Smithsonian Day: In the spirit of Smithsonian Museums, the Irving Arts Center will offer free admission to "Genghis Khan: The Exhibition" from 9 to 11 a.m. Capacity is limited and a special Museum Day ticket must be presented to enter. To print a ticket, visit www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/ticket

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September 30 – October 28
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Irving International Women's Consortium Presents International food, dance & musical event featuring Chinese, Cambodian, Philippine, Indian, Laos and Texas Dancing - Thai Music at The Oasis Ballroom, 3225 W. Airport Freeway, Suite 200, Irving, event is free. Info: www.iwcc.com

September 30
State Fair of Texas opens at Fair Park

October 1
Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus is hosting the **second annual Harvest Fest Health Fair** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The campus is located at 802 S. Buckner.

It's Time To Laugh at 7 p.m. A comedy for the entire family to enjoy featuring Ms. Vickie, Brenda Garza, Antonio Johnson and Al Fike at Irving Arts Center - Dupree Theatre, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving; \$20 Advance/\$25 Night of Performance. Info: www.irving-artscenter.com, www.irving-blackarts.com or call 972.252.ARTS (2787)

October 4
Prosper's Health and Safety Fair will be held at the Reynolds Middle School multi-purpose building, 700 North Coleman Street, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

October 7

The Center for Government Contracting is hosting a special Awards Ceremony Breakfast based on the evaluation of fiscal year, October 2010 - September 2011. The guest speaker is Margo Posey, President of DFW Minority Supplier Development Council. The event is scheduled for 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Bill J. Priest Institute, located at 1402 Corinth St. #1530 in Dallas.

October 15

Free concert at Dallas of Art - Dallas Symphony Brass Quintet

Plano Community Forum gala at the Southfork Hotel, Plano at 6:30 pm with a Silent Auction. Tickets/Info: single tickets are \$60.00 and tables of 8 are \$480.00; Fran Richardson, 469-675-0002; Barbara Simpkins, 972-964-0867 or www.planocommunityforum.org

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Food stamps for fast food in Texas?

Four states have allowed it, but debate goes beyond access

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

Just imagine being in line at one of the numerous neighborhood Taco Bells, McDonalds or Wendy's, and a customer pulls out a Lone Star Card to purchase a meal.

While this is not a reality for the 3.5 million Texans who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, it hails true for food stamp recipients in Florida, Michigan, Arizona and California. In these states, recipients are able to make food purchases at restaurants such as Subway, KFC and Taco Bell.

Yum Brands, parent company of Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, have recently embarked on the lobbying the Kentucky legislature to allow its residents on SNAP to use their benefits for purchases at their restaurants. Critics of the move are skeptical of the vendor's motives, claiming it is only attempting to cash in on government money. Given high unemployment and eco-

"luxury" such as dining at a restaurant might seem extreme. But the issue goes beyond economics. Medical professionals in North Texas have no problem with states

Health and Paul Quinn College have worked together to develop community gardens in southeast Dallas. These are efforts to create better food choices for indi-

view.

"Implement a program with some type of reward or incentive system, along with education for those who receive the benefits. That



allowing SNAP beneficiaries to use their benefits at fast-food establishments, as long as nutrition education accompanies the policy.

"I don't think there is a straight yes or no answer to this issue," said Richard Kurz, dean of the School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. "The issue needs to be considered thoughtfully before racing out to make a decision to do this."

Kurz said if food stamp recipients in Texas are ever allowed to use their benefits in restaurants, the policy

must incent people to make healthier food choices.

He said several fast-food restaurants now include healthier items on their menus. Those who purchase those items should be rewarded.

In south Dallas and areas in Fort Worth, for example, Kurz notes there are several food deserts. Food deserts – areas in a city without regular food areas or major food stores – usually possess convenience stores as the only source for grocery needs for its residents.

According to Kurz, the UNT School of Public

viduals in the area.

"It won't solve the whole problem, but it is a start," he said.

Tammie Beaumont, director of Methodist Weight Management Institute in Dallas, said those who are quick to say the food stamps/fast food restaurant mesh will lead to more obesity are mistaken.

"If you are going to make a poor choice you can make it in a grocery store too," she said. "It boils down to nutrition education."

Beaumont believes if Texas attempts to consider a similar policy, the policy should be follow the model of the Healthy Incentives Pilot program. The Farm Bill of 2008 authorized \$20 million for pilot projects to evaluate if incentives would encourage recipients to purchase healthier foods.

There should be minimal

would be beneficial. It would help the obesity problem if people who make better food choices."

Have and have not

Today in some homes, the ability or opportunity to enjoy a home-cooked meal is disappearing. For some SNAP recipients – especially the elderly, homeless and disabled – the ability to prepare a meal is rare.

Abigail Tilton is the program director of the social work program at Texas Woman's University in Denton. Tilton said the states that have allowed recipients to use the their benefits on hot food are allowing the poor to gain some type of nutrition.

"I hope that governments are taking into consideration that it benefits those who are unable to cook, elderly, disabled, no electricity or gas in their home and homeless. Essentially, in Texas, the change would have to come from the business community."

The associate social work professor has seen areas of Denton where food deserts exist. Tilton said stores with the ability to sell produce and leaner

Good eats

Here is a list of the current states and the restaurants that welcome food stamp benefits for food purchases:

Michigan

Church's Chicken
Kentucky Fried Chicken
McDonald's
Subway
Grandma's Famous Chicken
Eight Mile Pancake House
Mr. T's BBQ
Vito's Pizza

California

Jack in the Box
Subway
El Pollo Loco
Papa Murphy's Pizza

Florida

KFC
Taco Bell
Pizza Hut
Papa Murphy's Pizza

Arizona

Domino's Pizza
Golden Corral
Southern Cuisine
Rally's Hamburger



nomic woes of last three years individuals have less money to spend on fast food today. Others say it will only contribute to the growing obesity problem in this nation. Health and advocates for the poor say allowing SNAP recipients to spend their money in fast-food restaurants will benefit individuals who cannot produce home-cooked meals, such as the elderly, disabled, and the homeless.

Food of choice

Many are concerned about the idea of individuals on a government program using taxpayer dollars on a



regulations regarding food choices, in Beaumont's

meats to individuals on SNAP – such as Wal-Mart and Kroger – are found in Denton's more affluent neighborhoods.

Tilton said provisions in the food stamp program for

hot, prepared meals for all Texas SNAP recipients is not being considered in Austin. But, Goodman said the federal program does make an exception for someone who is homeless and a disability.

"No state is immune to the lobbying," Tilton said. "I would not immediately scratch Texas off the list."

Beaumont, Kurz and Tilton agree that extending the use of SNAP benefits would prevent individuals from going hungry. In addition, a program that includes nutrition education on the government's part would curb unhealthy eating habits that plague some SNAP benefit recipients.

"For change to take place, it would have to come from the business community," Tilton said. "As soon grocery stores that offer as vegetables, fruits and lean meats come to these areas, we will begin to see change in the eating habits of the residents in these communities."

NDG Gossip: How Terrance Howard attempts to get even with 'the other man'

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

If you are a man and you found out another man was calling your wife, wouldn't you be upset? Well, that is exactly what happened with actor Terrence Howard. The Oscar-

nominated actor thought another man was trying to get his groove on with his newlywed wife. According to talk show host Wendy Williams, Howard decided to call the dude up and give him a piece of his mind. Radar Online got wind of



the tape, and released it.

To learn more about Howard's crazy message visit www.northdallasgazette.com.

Auditions – so you think you can sing DFW?

Do the birds stop chirping when you start to sing?

Then you need to attend the next auditions for the "So You Think You Can Sing DFW" Competition on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 Fitzhugh. The competition will be held on Saturday,

November 12.

The competition, sponsored by Urban League of Greater Dallas Guild and Young Professionals, will also hold auditions on the following dates:

• October 4 at 8:00 p.m. at Embargo, 210 E. 8th Street in Fort Worth

• October 15 at 8:00 p.m. at Urban Café at 1500 Jackson Street in Dallas.

There is a \$10 charge per audition.

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attend and their overall satisfaction," said Sherwood. "We will continue to make VISIONS fresh and inspiring this year with our new mini-studio sessions and other enhancements to in-

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An Evening of Respect Celebrates 70 Years of Otis Redding with Star-Studded Musical Tribute and Awards Ceremony

Proceeds from Event Benefited Foundation in Honor of Legendary Singer

Via Press Release: On September 10, 2011, the Estate of Otis Redding, the City of Macon, GA and scores of celebrities, dignitaries and fans from all over the world gathered to celebrate the 70th birthday of the late, great Otis Redding at An Evening of Respect. Known for classic hits such as "Dock of the Bay," "These Arms of Mine," "Try a Little Tenderness," "Satisfaction," and "Respect," which was



Dexter & Otis Redding III, Karla Redding Andrews, V. Bozeman and Timothy Bloom attend 'An Evening of Respect' Celebrating 70 Years of Otis Redding in Macon, GA.

also recorded by Aretha Franklin, Redding was killed in a plane crash at the young age of 26 in 1967.

Since his death, Otis

Redding's widow Zelma and the Redding family have worked tirelessly to keep his legacy alive. Sev-

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Sports Talk with Spider

From California to Maine the motto is "We do things big in Texas" and those who observe are amaze when they see the things Texans do. There is Big Tex, a 52-foot tall icon, greeting you at the State Fair of Texas each year. Then the largest jumbo screen was showed off during the last Super Bowl at Cowboys Stadium. These are just a few things that seem so far out to others but normal to Texans.

Texas high school football is what some outsiders

cannot get a grasp on. They cannot understand why the Saturday morning sport sections features three to four pages of scores, features and tidbits from Friday night.

"In the New Jersey newspapers high school football is on the back page with only scores," says, Leon Chadwick a former wide receiver at Georgia Tech from the early nineties.

It's the way of life that takes center stage every Friday night from the small towns in West Texas to the metropolis of Houston, where suburbs are king. The stadiums are cathe-

drals with private suites and turkey legs that can feed two and requires 24 hours to cook. Where can you spend ten dollars and get two high school football games, to see an offense that is on the level of a Division III college program. And don't forget the halftime show, which is worth the price of admission itself.

Lone Star Sports in Desoto, Texas and the Kirk Herbstriet Classic are the new players in high school football who showcases high school football games with teams from Tennessee, Florida, and Louisiana, against the best

of the best in Texas.

What a evening on last Saturday when 18,000 fans witness four of the top ranked 5A schools convene at John Kincade stadium as Desoto defeat Cedar Hill by the score of 48-14 and

Dallas Skyline defeat Arlington Bowie 40-13, of a two game set. Die-hard fans line up at the ticket counter at 8:00 a.m. on game day to purchase tickets for family and friends.

"Its all about the kids,"

says Henry Boar, President of Lone Star Sports who is in the planning stages of bringing the top team from Mississippi, South Panola High School to Texas in

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of corrections. From this, and their own comprehensive review of Parkland's compliance with the CMS Conditions of Participation, the consultant will craft a plan for improvement. The consultant will oversee the implementation of that plan and report back to CMS as Parkland improves. The timeline for this process will be addressed in the agreement.

Parkland remains fully accredited and is accepting Medicare and Medicaid. The agreement will abate the notice of termination of Parkland's participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs that Parkland received today.

"We are grateful for this opportunity to work with an outside expert to address the problems identified by CMS. This allows Parkland

and CMS to be jointly engaged in an aggressive improvement process," said John Jay Shannon, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. "We are committed to successfully meeting CMS expectations and to continually serving the people of Dallas County. I can guarantee we will be a stronger, more capable, safer hospital system."

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ing of media outlets that they stop treating us as if we are soft in our heads and instead engage us in a discussion about climate change and what we can do to block it. Treating the weather as if it is totally

out of the control of humans--when humans are contributing to climate change and environmental devastation--only promotes despair when now is the time for action.

Bill Fletcher, Jr. is a

Senior Scholar with the Institute for Policy Studies, the immediate past president of TransAfrica Forum and the co-author of "Solidarity Divided." He can be reached at papaq54@hotmail.com.

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Zelma A. Redding, Timothy Bloom and V. Bozeman

eral years ago they created the Otis Redding Memorial Scholarship Fund and in 2007, the family created the Big "O" Youth Educational Dream Foundation, which fosters young people through education and the arts.

Highlights of An Evening of Respect included performances from R&B songbird Ledisi, sizzling hot newcomers Timothy Bloom & V. Bozeman, legendary musician,

songwriter and Otis Redding collaborator Steve Cropper, Jimmy Hall (Wet Willie front man), violinist Ken Ford and Redding's sons Dexter & Otis Redding, III. Guests also saw Roderick Cox, a young man who has benefited from the support of the foundation conduct Mercer University's Robert McDuffie Center for Strings Ensemble for two special pieces written in tribute to 9/11.

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2014 and 2015. Boar confirms, "I get calls from schools from around the country who wants to play a Texas high school team."

True high school fans are committed from August to December each Friday night as alumni from years back are in the bleachers as small towns business closed the doors at sundown. Allen High school the number#1 ranked team in the state created a lot of buzz with a *Wall Street Journal* article about the construction of their \$60 million stadium. This palace seats 20,000 and was approved by 63

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TWC Extends Reach of WorkInTexas.com

Texas.jobs search engine enhances TWC's job-matching website

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has enhanced its powerful on-line job-matching website WorkInTexas.com with the comprehensive search engine, Texas.jobs. TWC worked with nonprofit employer group DirectEmployers Association (DE) and the National Labor Exchange on Texas.jobs, which will link more job seekers to the approximately 96,000 job openings viewable on WorkInTexas.com.

Texas.jobs allows job seekers to look for work according to their individual job parameters and priorities, including location and occupation, such as engineering, manufacturing or education. It lists only available jobs from employers verified by WorkInTexas.com or DE's JobCen-

tral.org. This new web tool and others will open more pathways for job seekers and employers to the state's leading job-matching website, WorkInTexas.com.

"If you're an employer, you want the right candidates to have easy access to information about the positions you seek to fill," said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. "Texas.jobs puts the jobs posted at WorkInTexas.com just a click or two away."

TWC and DE also partnered to create WorkInTexas.jobs, which expands the reach of WorkInTexas.com by allowing its job postings to also appear in online searches. WorkInTexas.jobs is easily viewable on smartphones and other mobile devices. In addition, WorkInTexas.jobs features social media links,

allowing users to quickly share job postings via Facebook, Twitter, email and more.

Additionally, the new WorkInTexas-veterans.jobs helps Texas veterans translate their military skills to jobs in the civilian world.

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September 21, 7:30 p.m.
Join us for Bible Study as we

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October 21, 7 p.m.
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September 17, 12 Noon
For those in need, come to our Grief Recovery Support Group. Call Tera McFarland at 972-437-3493, Ext 111 or email her at tmcfarland@ndcbf.org for details.

September 24, 8 a.m.
Join us for our Man 2 Man Summit. Call the church for details.

September 30, 8 a.m.
Don't miss Operation Oasis Golf Classis at the Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson. Call Juanita Lee at 972-437-3801 for fees and details.

October 1, 6 p.m.
Join us for an evening of Poetry & Praise "Called to be Resistant" featuring Jazz Artist Dean Miller at the Courtyard Theatre, 1509 H Avenue, Richardson, TX 75074. Call the church for tickets and details.

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September 21
You're invited to our Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and our Family Ministries at 7 p.m.

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September 21, 7 p.m.
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Someone once asked why a football never gets deflated in a game. There are huge, burly men that kick the ball, throw it, pounce on it, fumble it and yet it never gets "squashed" or loses its size. It is the law of physics; the internal pressure of the ball is much greater than all the pressure that 22 men can place upon it externally.

Christians are the same; with the power of the Holy Spirit residing in their hearts and lives, the internal pressure is greater than all the pressure of the external world and their spiritual enemies.

Think about the different opponents who come to impede or block your progress. Satan's strategy is to deflate you and render you inoperative, but the Holy Spirit gives you confidence or Holy boldness. You can roll with the punches. It may seem that at times that you are being tossed around by circumstances, but with God's power within, you will always bounce back.

Christians who are pressured by trials can take comfort in the Word of God. It constantly reminds them of God's sustaining grace, Christ's resident peace and the Holy Spirit's indwelling power. Greater is the power within you than the pressure upon you. Hang in there Christians; in spite of all the pressure, trials and tribulations, you win in the end! "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." **1 John 4:4 (KJV)**

Take Time: Take time to THINK, the Bible says that if a man lack wisdom, let him ask God, it is the source of wisdom. Take time to DREAM, it is the fountain of the future. Take time to PLAY, it is the way to stay young at heart. Take time to REFLECT, it is the way to know God.

Take time to SMILE, it is the road to happiness and you will use less muscles. Take time to LAUGH, it is the music of the soul. Take time to LOVE, it is God's

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Champion:

It has been said that the "Force of Faith" has the power to rejuvenate your physical body. You can see that in the life of Sarah. Most people don't understand the full extent of what God did in her life. All they

when King Abimelech saw her, he wanted her for his wife. At 90 years old, she was so beautiful that a king wanted her in his harem. After she gave birth to Isaac, the Bible says, she nursed him till he was weaned. Then she kept right on living until that boy was raised!

If our faith life is not validated through our behavior then one must question if we even have a genuine relationship with Christ. The apostle Paul didn't like what he saw in the believers on the island of Crete. They proclaimed Christ with their mouth, but their behavior looked no

different than those who did not claim Christ. You must believe God for renewed strength and the health that He will provide for you. In fact, Psalm 103:3-5 (KJV) says that is one of His benefits. It says that God will

fill your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles. God's desire for you is that you are a powerful, experienced champion of the Word with your strength renewed by faith.



Philip Lott, the youngest of Sister Tarpley's grandsons, presenting her with her grandparent's card that he made in school; he also asked her nine questions and wrote the answers himself, for his class report about her elementary school days (like she could truly remember!)

greatest gift. Take time to PRAY, it is the greatest power on earth.

Ponder this: Mahatma Gandhi once wrote that there were seven sins in the world: 1) Wealth without work. 2) Pleasure without conscience. 3) Knowledge without character. 4)

know is that He enabled her to have a child in her old age.

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Fundraiser for learning center Friday evening

The Good Street Learning Center, located at 3126 Hatcher St., presents its inaugural Signature Event; a fundraiser benefiting the Good Street Learning Center and our community's children, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The event will be held at the African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave., the evening will include noted motivational speaker and author, Dr. Fran Harris. Tickets are \$50 dollars each and include a buffet dinner and

beverages.

The Good Street Learning Center has a proud history of providing disadvantaged Southern Dallas youth a safe haven of education, nutrition and character building. The late Dr. C.A.W.

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Calling the Good Street Learning Center at 214-421-7054 can purchase tickets for the Signature Event.

For more information contact Mr. Jasper Daniels, Board of Director Chair, at 972-296-0204.

Plano Fire Crews Rescue Woman from Burning Home

Plano Fire crews rescued a 61-year-old woman from her burning home Tuesday morning. The woman was home alone and called 9-1-1 herself, but was unable to give her address or make her way from the home.

When the first fire engine from Plano's Fire Sta-

tion 12 arrived at the home in the 3800 block of San Mateo Drive, firefighters entered the home to find fire in a bedroom and heavy smoke throughout the house. The woman was carried from the home and transported by ambulance to The Medical Center of Plano.

Despite the woman's inability to state her address, the 9-1-1 operator quickly dispatched fire crews to the home after hearing the victim coughing and smoke alarms sounding in the background. Soon after dispatching fire crews, Plano dispatchers received a call transferred from Dallas 9-1-

1 from the woman's husband stating his wife had called him reporting the house on fire and giving her location in the home. This information was relayed to responding fire crews and aided in their locating the victim in the home within six minutes of the start of the call to 9-1-1.

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those skills. The system also translates military occupation codes into skills employers are looking for in potential employees.

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