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NAACP Praises AT&T/T-Mobile Merger For Help In Closing Digital Divide

A growing legion of elected officials say the benefits of expanded next-generation 4G wireless service from the proposed merger of AT&T with T-Mobile are too good to pass up. Federal and state officeholders of both parties, including 26 state governors and scores of federal



NAACP Senior VP Hilary Shelton

legislators, say the transaction would boost the economy and create jobs. By making the new service available to over 97 percent of the U.S. population, the merger would also bring the country to the edge of President Obama's goal of nearly universal high-speed wireless broadband.

Announced by the companies in March, the merger must be approved by the Federal Communications Commission and the Justice Department.

"For consumers, combining the two companies' infrastructure and spectrum

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COVER STORY

Supporters of the Irving Entertainment Center asking residents to consider the facts and benefits of the project



Tom Trotter

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Department of Justice Objects to Texas Congressional Plan DOJ will join the argument for a new Texas map

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a federal court brief Wednesday objecting to the racially gerrymandered Republican drawn Texas congressional map. The DOJ objection is an important step forward in winning the federal court fight in Wash-

ington, D.C. and forcing a redrawn map that fairly reflects Texas' growth over the last decade.

The DOJ will now argue in alliance with intervenor groups before a three-judge panel in the DC Federal District Court that the Texas map should



be overturned and a new plan drawn. The Lone Star Project and the Texas Justice Fund support the intervenor group led by State Representative Marc Veasey (HD95 - Fort Worth), which was the first

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Tommy Ford visits Dallas

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COMMENTARY

An Open Letter to Congress and the Black Community

By Gary L. Flowers (NNPA) The bombs which burst in Birmingham, Alabama on this date 48-years ago are exploding in Congress today. "Bombingham" as many referred to the city was the hot bed of recalcitrance toward racial equality and civil rights for all Americans. The ultimate low point of civility and cultural disdain was the bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church on Sunday, September 15, 1963, three weeks after Rev-

erend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his most famous speech in Washington, D.C. at the Lincoln Memorial. Just as Sunday School was ending prior to the morning worship a powerful bomb placed by cowards the night before exploded killing four little girls and injuring many more.

Today in Congress are the same type of domestic terrorists except 48-years ago the garb was bib overalls, while today darks

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New report highlights social media, other consumer habits

By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil

Time for you to confess: How many Facebook friends do you have? How many people do you follow on Twitter? How many follow you?! How about LinkedIn connections - how many of those do you have? Don't act as if you don't know what

I'm talking about. My 71-year-old mother is even talking about the number of friends she has and she can barely use the computer (*Sorry Ma, but it's true*).

Social networks have exploded in popularity. Social networks and blogs reach almost 80% (4 in 5) of all active U.S. Internet users - and

account for most of the time Americans spend online, according to Nielsen's latest State of the Media: The Social Media Report, African-Americans spend 37% of their smartphone time on social networking sites. (*Of course, none of us actually visit these sites during work*)

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Tracie Hunter

Nearly one year after the election, while one of two Juvenile Court seats remains vacant in one of Ohio's largest counties, U.S. District Judge Susan Dlott will soon rule whether the Hamilton County Board of Elections (BOE) must count almost 1000 votes that were rejected in last November's election, impacting the outcome of an unresolved judicial race separated by 23 votes. More appeals are expected in the case that: fueled in part Ohio HB 194; symbolizes the fight to end voter suppression; and has already

reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It has been a long time coming, but I will stand as long as necessary to ensure that justice prevails and that voters are enfranchised. I only set out to change the Juvenile Court, a system that has historically over-incarcerated and under-rehabilitated children, especially those of color. I never intended to also challenge and change the electoral system in the process," said Tracie Hunter. "While a grave miscarriage of justice has occurred, I hope that because of my stance, a brighter fu-

ture lies ahead for all voters."

A candidate since the February 2010 primary, Hunter sued the BOE in November for violating the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Constitution when it counted some provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct, but rejected others, tainting the close election.

In a case that could surpass one million dollars in legal fees, according to the prosecutor's office that represents the BOE, many believe Hunter's race is a factor. As most provisional votes



were cast in poorer, predominantly African-Ameri-

can neighborhoods, if the Court orders the rejected votes to be counted, Hunter could become the first African-American Judge in the 107-year-old history of Hamilton County's Juvenile Court.

Hunter's opponent, former director of the BOE John Williams was recently appointed Clerk of

mains in limbo. Williams and the BOE filed joint appeals to prevent counting rejected votes as originally ordered. "It appears politically biased, but as an African-American female from Cincinnati, I accepted long ago that life is not fair or equal," said Hunter.

Hunter seeks a permanent injunction against the BOE and its members: prohibiting them from rejecting any provisional ballots miscast in the wrong precinct November 2; and ordering them to count all provisional ballots miscast due to poll worker error before the

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Monica Newman McCluney

Monica Newman McCluney is national director of strategic alliances and corporate relations at UNCF, the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization. In this role, McCluney is responsible for a portfolio of nearly 45 strategic partner and corporate accounts, including corporations, media, government agencies, non-profits, associations, celebrities and their foundations. She manages a team of consultants, profes-

sional and administrative staff as well as UNCF headquarters directed corporate fundraising and sponsorship efforts.

McCluney developed, launched and oversees the UNCF Empower Me Tour (Tour) marketing platform, which was created to empower a movement among young people, motivating them toward academic excellence and personal and fiscal responsibility through relevant program content and celebrity engagement.



"Our member presidents realized that students were squandering their money away and notable to pay for school and graduating with debt. We leveraged our partnership with Wells Fargo and decided to travel around the country to address these needs on HBCU campuses. The

kids are also excited about the celebrities and the celebrities love giving back. McCluney said she would like to see the Tour, which is in fine states now, grow to include all fifty states.

The Tour delivers holistic touch points, engaging young people at crucial life stages through college and career preparation, self-actualization and financial success messaging. Headed into its fourth year, the Tour has touched more than 35,000 students and has raised more than \$2.2 million.

McCluney has more than 16 years of community relations and fund development experience and has played key roles in major strategic initiatives for a variety of organizations, including United Parcel Service, Bank of America and the national office of the NAACP. Monica graduated from UNCF-member institution, Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, with a B.A. in English.

McCluney is a Maryland native, active in the Junior League of Northern

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Roland Fryer

Tuesday Roland Fryer was named one of the winners of the 2011 MacArthur



Fellows, commonly referred to as the Genius Awards. The recipients receive \$500,000 award with

the honor.

Fryer is an economist illuminating the causes and consequences of economic disparity due to race and inequality in American society. Through innovative empirical and theoretical investigations, Fryer has opened up a range of topics to quantitative analysis, offering new insights on such issues

as the cognitive underpinnings of racial discrimination, labor market inequalities, and, in particular, the educational trajectory of

minority children.

In an examination of the longitudinal trends of testing gaps among elementary schoolchildren, Fryer and a collaborator determined that, after controlling for background characteristics, black and white children enter kindergarten at parity, but their achievement gap widens through higher grade levels; in addition, they found that traditional socioeconomic metrics could not account for this gap.

In other work, Fryer posited that social network structure could be a contributing factor. Having constructed an index of social status based on a large, national set of demographic data, his analysis suggests that peer-group loyalty sometimes competes with academic performance, par-

ticularly in ethnically heterogeneous environments.

Recently, Fryer led a randomized experiment with well over 20,000 students from more than 200 schools in three cities, testing several models of financial incentives to see if they improve children's academic performance. Results collected to date indicate that incentives payments alone have no statistically significant impact on subsequent state test scores. These studies, among many others, demonstrate Fryer's propensity to tackle difficult, often sensitive, social questions with scientific rigor. His research is informing the work of academics and policy makers alike, and he is playing a singular and influential role in ongoing discussions about the effects of racial

differences in America.

Fryer received a B.A. (1998) from the University

of Texas at Arlington and a

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Building green schools, will help economy grow

By Kathleen Rogers

Despite the political banter of Washington, D.C., President Barack Obama offered a bright solution in his jobs speech: school construction.

As the President noted in his speech, "How can we expect our kids to do their best in places that are literally falling apart? This is America. Every child deserves a great school -- and we can give it to them, if we act now."

As proposed the American Jobs Act would repair and modernize at least 35,000 schools -- creating jobs in communities across the country.

In one groundbreaking example, Dr. Robert Pollin of the University of Massa-

chusetts-Amherst has demonstrated that spending on education generates the largest number of jobs (23.1 per \$1 million dollars in spending) of any government spending.

With such potential investment, we now have the possibility to further increase the rate of return for taxpayers by emphasizing green school construction practices. These efforts have the proven ability to significantly reduce a school's energy, water and other resource needs. Such savings translate into real financial paybacks for cash-strapped school districts.

On average, a green school utilizes 33% less energy, 32% less water, and reduces waste by 74% when

compared to a traditionally built school building. These savings alone can average \$100,000 annually -- enough to hire 2 new teachers, buy 250 new computers, or purchase 5,000 new textbooks. Green schools can also reduce the following pollutants on an annual basis: 1,200 lbs of nitrogen oxide (NOx) -- a principal component of smog, 1,300 lbs of sulfur dioxide (SO2) -- a principal cause of acid rain, and 585,000 lbs of carbon dioxide (CO2) -- the principal greenhouse gas.

Unfortunately, not everyone on Capitol Hill agrees with this industry-standard analysis. The words "environment" or "green" have become anathema to the mainstream Republican

worldview.

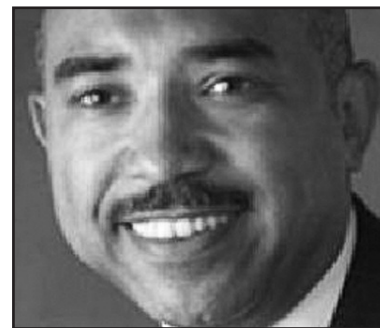
In one draconian sweep, the Appropriations Committee has proposed eliminating all federal funding for the EPA's Office of Environmental Education (just shy of \$10 million). Since 1992, this program has benefited all 50 states with more than 3,400 grants to increase the "public's awareness about environmental issues" and also address "an educational priority such as teacher training, education reform, or health." This lack of foresight and leadership does not have to be the case. Environmental education and "green" school practices provide a solid foundation and investment for any school

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suits are the dress code. Whatever the clothing, the un-civil code is the same—barbarian blockage of progressive policy. Then we called them racists. Today we call them Republicans. The bombastic nature of Republican opposition to every legislative proposal offered by the Congressional Black Caucus and the White House is nonetheless catastrophic. "No to everything" cannot be a constructive chorus to improve the employment rate in the United States.

I am reminded of lyrics to a Rhythm and Blues song of the 1970's, by Billy Preston which said, "Nothing from nothing leaves nothing...." If Republicans do nothing to enact job-producing legislation, then, predictably, nothing will improve for the jobless. However, Republican leaders have shamelessly contended that their jobs plan begins with little or no taxes for the rich, and rolls down to the unemployed in the form of new jobs. Not true. Beginning with Ronald Reagan, through the Bush years, supply-side economics has been refuted with few new American jobs created. In fact, a Bush-era tax break for American companies that located off-shore and hired foreign workers



Gary L. Flowers

has had a deleterious impact on the American economy. In sum, "trickle down" economics does not work for the working class in America. If the Republican argument were factual, American workers would be on the job.

With such an un-civil backdrop to the present political stage President Obama is attempting to create a climate where Americans—all colors and creeds—can return to work and stimulate the economy. This week the White House forwarded to Congress The American Jobs Act, aimed at legislating ways to begin the process of putting America back to work. Some of the main provisions of the proposal are:

- Extension of payroll tax cut for nearly 20 African American workers would place more money in the pockets of workers
- Infrastructure im-

provements for urban school districts and areas hit hard by home foreclosures

- Extension of unemployment insurance for 1.4 African Americans
- Support for summer and year-round jobs for youth
- Tax cut for

business that hire long-term unemployed

While the President has a plan on Congress' table we must deluge Congressional leaders with phone calls and emails to express

the need to pass The American Jobs Act as a first step toward putting America back to work.

Therefore, call your members of Congress on 202.225.3121 (U.S. House) or 202.224.3121 (U.S. Senate) and encourage them to vote "yes" on The American Jobs Act. If ordinary Americans do nothing to influence lawmakers we cannot expect extraordinary progress to be made in the job market.

Gary L. Flowers is the Executive Director & CEO of the Black Leadership Forum, Inc.

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.

Garland's Healthy Living Expo is this weekend

Learn how to improve your personal health, your family's safety and the health of the environment all in one event: Healthy Living Expo 2011 $\frac{3}{8}$ Healthy You, Healthy Earth. The City of Garland, Garland ISD, Baylor Medical Center at Garland and the Garland Chamber of Commerce will join forces on Saturday, September 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the GISD Special Events Center, to look at how caring for both ourselves and the earth creates a healthy lifestyle and has a positive impact on the world around us. And best of all, this family-oriented event is FREE!

The Expo will offer ex-

hibitor booths, free services, demonstrations and entertainment, all focused on helping citizens make positive changes to their daily lives. Health-related exhibitors will provide health screenings and immunizations, plus information on prevention services, stress reduction, fitness and much more. Safety exhibitors will provide information and special services to help you create a safer environment for your family and business. Meanwhile, environment-related exhibitors will share information about recycling, resource conservation, energy efficiency, gardening and alternative fuel vehicles.

The Expo will also feature interactive games and



crafts especially for the kids. Adoptable pets from the City of Garland Animal Shelter will be available on site for those who are ready to add a furry friend to their family. Flu shots are available for \$20 (adults), \$10 (children) while supplies last.

"We are particularly glad to add exhibitors spe-

cializing in safety issues to this year's Expo," said Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones. "We believe this extra dimension will provide even more value to our citizens and neighbors who join us for the Expo."

Since September is also National Preparedness Month, Garland's Office of Emergency Management will be on hand with handouts and resources to help you create an emergency plan for your home or business. You can also bring your personal weather radio to be programmed to ensure you're receiving alerts that specifically impact your geographical area. The Office of Emergency Management will

also give away several weather radios during the event.

Plan ahead to contribute to a healthier community by donating and recycling several items on site. You can bring personal documents to be shredded, gen-

tly used athletic shoes, eyeglasses, electronic equipment, outdated or unused medications, and plastic shopping bags.

For more information, visit www.GarlandGoesGreen.org.

GOUT and Heart Disease?

North Texas Medical Research is conducting a clinical research study that may advance the knowledge of this disease.

You may qualify if you are 50 yrs or older.

Compensation for time and travel may be provided.

Study-related medical procedures are at no cost.

**Call and find out more:
214 317 8322**

Flu shots and Senior Health Fair

The public is invited to stop by the Senior Activity Center, located at 600 West Avenue A, in Garland on Thursday, September 29 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. for flu shots and health screen-

ings. Services available on a first come, first served basis.

Services offered at the event include:

•Flu Shots - \$20 cash or Medicare Part B (bring

Medicare card)

•Pneumonia Shots - \$65 cash or Medicare Part B (bring Medicare card)

•Hearing Tests
•Blood Pressure Check
•Alzheimers Screening

•Chair Massage

•Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind equipment demonstrations

For more information, call 972-205-2769.

A Petition for Irving

Tell Irving Leadership that You Support & Encourage the Irving Entertainment Center at Las Colinas

- 1) Sign the Petition at www.lascalinasgroup.com & Click Petition
- 2) Check Your Email then Click on Confirmation Link.
- 3) Forward the Website to Others Wanting to Make a Difference.

What Does the Entertainment Center in Irving Mean to You?

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DFW and Love Field awarded grant money

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson recently announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the U.S. Department of Transportation will award two federal grants for over \$7 million to Dallas Love Field and

DFW Airports. The funds will be used to purchase low emission air units at Dallas Love Field as well as to improve runway lighting and design runway rehabilitation at DFW airport.

"I am very pleased to

announce the FAA will award these funds to Dallas regional airports. Dallas Love Field, which I represent in Congress, will receive \$1.978 million for the installation of pre-conditioned air units that will improve air quality at the

airport and reduce reliance on conventional fuel as part of the airport's Voluntary Airport Low-Emission Project," Congresswoman Johnson said.

"Further, DFW airport will receive \$5.026 million for the design of runway

lighting and runway rehabilitation to enhance airport visibility and safety for pilots as they are taking off, landing, and taxiing. As the most senior Texan on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and a member

of the Aviation Subcommittee, I am proud to make these important announcements which will help ensure that Dallas has the finest and safest air service available," Congresswoman Johnson concluded.

McKinney calls special charter election

Proposed city charter amendments put election term length to vote

The McKinney City Council approved an ordinance to call a city charter amendment election for Nov. 8. Proposed changes to the city charter include extending City Council member terms from the current three years to four years.

The amendment election is in response to Senate Bill 100, which was approved by the Texas legislature this year and signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry in June. This new state law had the effect of changing the options for local elections. Changing City Council terms would mean city elections are held only in

odd-numbered years, when Collin County would continue administering the elections and sharing in the expense. If voters do not pass the term length change, elections in even-numbered years will likely mean a higher election cost for the city.

Voters will also choose to approve term limits to define rules for candidates seeking to be elected into a position on City Council they have not occupied after they have fulfilled eligibility in a different seat. For instance, a Council member who has served two full terms representing a numbered district would have to sit out a full

year before running for an At Large seat. However, candidates seeking the Mayoral seat do not have to sit out a year.

The proposed amendment does not allow current Council members to be grandfathered to where they could run for additional consecutive four-year terms. If passed, the proposed charter amendments also update and make minor corrections to the city charter.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Voters may vote at any Collin County locations listed on the website at www.mckinneytexas.org/vote.

Texas Democrats seeking to maintain diversity in delegation

The Texas Democratic Party (TDP) is moving forward on implementing its affirmative action, outreach and inclusion plan. The TDP will aggressively implement an outreach program to recruit, educate, and train our Democratic electorate to participate in the delegate selection process and in our party's organization at every level.

"As one of the largest and most diverse delegations in the country, the TDP will make certain that all voices of our broad constituency are heard at our National Convention," said TDP Chairman Boyd Richie.

The TDP aims at a diverse delegation for the 2012 Democratic National Con-

vention and in order to fulfill these ambitious goals, the TDP will:

- Hold a delegate selection workshops in each of Texas' 31 Senate districts,

- Publish and distribute information on the delegate selection process to state and local party officers, at party meetings, and at meetings of constituent interest groups,

- Create a volunteer speakers bureau to disperse information on the process,

- Outreach to community leaders within the Party's various constituencies, and

- Encourage persons to register to vote and vote as



Boyd Richie, TDP Chairman

Democrats.

"The Texas Democratic Party is the party of inclusion," added Richie. "Texas is truly a unique state, and we want our delegates to represent the diversity within our party."

Dallas Bar Foundation to host journalist David Brooks

The Dallas Bar Foundation will host An Evening with David Brooks, Thursday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Belo Mansion (2101 Ross Ave. in downtown Dallas). David Brooks, who is a political and cultural commentator and has covered some of the most significant events in recent times, will be the keynote speaker.

Brooks is a frequent guest on The Newshour with Jim Lehrer, is a New York Times Op-Ed columnist and was a contributing editor at Newsweek and the Atlantic Monthly. A keen observer and analyst of present day politics and foreign affairs, Mr. Brooks has also contributed to publications such as The New York

Times Magazine, the Washington Post and The New Yorker. His recent book, The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement debuted at No. 1 on the New York Times best seller list.

An Evening with David Brooks benefits the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship Program, which has provided more than \$1.6 million in full scholarships to outstanding minority students at SMU Dedman School of Law.

Individual tickets are \$300 and include a seated dinner. Tables of 10 start at \$3,000 and include a seated dinner. Gold level (\$5,000) sponsors are invited to a VIP reception with Brooks followed by a

seated dinner. For ticket information call (214) 220-7487 or log on to www.dallasbarfoundation.org.

Heart Attack

Heart health should be important to everyone regardless of their medical history. However, every year, about 785,000 Americans have their "first heart attack."

Local physicians are conducting a research study of the investigational use of a medication in its ability to reduce your risk of future heart attacks and other cardiovascular events such as a stroke.

You may qualify to participate if you have had at least one heart attack. Participants may continue their current medications throughout the study. All study-related care and study medication will be provided at no cost.

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Second Fair Day added to 2011-2012 calendar

For public safety reasons, the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees has revised the district's 2011-2012 calendar to provide separate Fair

Days for elementary and secondary students and staff.

Elementary students and staff will be out of school for their Fair Day on Friday,

Oct. 7, which will be a regular school day for secondary students and staff. Secondary students and staff will be out of school for their Fair

Day on Friday, Oct. 14, which will be a regular school day for elementary students and staff.

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to be approved by the federal court. Other intervenor groups supported by Hispanic and African American advocacy organizations are party to the suit as well.

Lone Star Project Director Matt Angle stated, "No one should be surprised by the DOJ opposition to the Texas Republican map. Texas Republicans ignored the Voting Rights Act to draw an overtly partisan racial gerrymander. It is an assault on the Voting Rights Act."

He added, "Over and over Republicans show they would rather destroy minority voting strength than work to earn minority votes."

The three-judge panel in Washington, D.C. will set a trial schedule to hear formal arguments from all parties to the suit and make a final determination whether or not the Texas plan violates Section 5 of the US Voting Rights Act.

After the DC Court rules, the focus will shift back to Texas, where the

San Antonio Court will make its decision on possible Section 2 violation and then order redrawn maps if required.

"The DOJ's position is further proof that Texas leaders have failed the voters. Their map will cost Texans hundreds of thousands to defend before it is ultimately found to be illegal and redrawn," according to Angle.

Last week, a Federal District Court in San Antonio completed a trial hearing arguments that the Texas Congressional and State House plans violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act requiring state plans to reflect the voting strength of citizens. The three-judge panel in Texas will hold off on issuing an opinion on that trial until the DC Court rules whether the Texas plans violate Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act preventing plans from reducing the existing opportunities of minority voters.

Ausenbaugh Memorial 5K and Fun Run set for Oct. 15

The second annual Cory Ausenbaugh Memorial 5K and Fun Run in Prosper will once again wind its way through the Town on Saturday, Oct. 15 starting at 8 a.m., according to Assistant Police Chief Gary McHone.

"For those not familiar with Cory, she was a devoted wife and mom who valued her family and the education of her two chil-

dren very highly. Her husband, Prosper Fire Marshal Bryan Ausenbaugh has kept alive her memory by being a large part of the Prosper community," said the Chief.

The race will benefit the annual Cops for a Claus program whereby the Prosper Police Dept. collects funds to purchase gift cards and awards them to needy families right before the

Christmas holidays.

"The Cops for a Claus program is always a big hit in the community. People who might not be able to celebrate Christmas in the traditional way get to do so because of the generosity of people in Prosper," he said.

In addition to the Christmas program, the race will set aside funds for educational scholarships to wor-

thy individuals.

The race will start and end at Frontier Park, 1551 W. Frontier Pkwy. Participants can register at www.runontexas.com, which is organizing the chip-timed run.

Various local organizations have committed to either donating their time or refreshments during the event, said Chief McHone.

TWU welcomes prospective students and guests to Oct. 15 open house

Texas Woman's University (TWU) will host an open house for prospective students from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday, Oct. 15, on the TWU Denton campus.

Prospective students

and their guests will have the opportunity to meet faculty and students, participate in a campus tour and attend sessions on admissions, financial aid, housing, student life, commuter

information and more.

Prospective students also could win \$1,000 to be applied to fall and spring 2012-2013 tuition and fees at TWU. Three awards of \$1,000 each will be pre-

sented to one freshman, one transfer and one graduate student at the Denton Open House. Students must be eligible for admission to

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Together we'll go far



Commissioner Garcia meets with Irving leaders



Dr. Garcia briefs Irving ministers



Dr. Garcia discusses the Parkland Hospital situation.

By Hope King
NDG Staff

Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas County Commissioner met with Irving pastors and community leaders on Thursday, September 15 to thank them for their support in her recent election. In addition, she spoke about the importance of continuing her offices' strategic partnership with the community.

Dr. Garcia explained

that during her campaign when going door to door, she found that constituents did not know who their county commissioner was, what they did, and when the meetings were held. So she created a presentation that explained what is Dallas County and what the commissioners do. She shared this presentation to an attentive audience. Also, Dr. Garcia shared vital statistics and a

progress report on how challenges at both Dallas County jails and Parkland Hospital were being addressed and fixed.

In closing, Dr. Garcia encouraged attendees to visit her website that she uses to help provide transparency in county government including, campaign finance reports, videos of commissioner court meetings, and a master calendar online for the public.

Parents and educators come together at Irving NAACP Education Summit

By Hope King
NDG Staff

Parents, teachers, administrators and community members met at Jack Singley Academy on September 17, for the sixth annual Education Summit. The Irving/Carrollton Branch of the NAACP hosted the summit, with several members in attendance helping with registration, navigating breakout sessions and comments by Tony Grimes, President, Irving/Carrollton NAACP. Dr. Dana Bedden, Irving Independent School District (Irving ISD) Superintendent, shared vital statistics, opportunities, and challenges with the audience.

Program participants included Ruby Walker, a teacher at Thomas Haley Elementary School, facilitated the summit, challenging the parents to take an interest in their children's education. David Saenz, Principal of Jack Singley Academy greeted attendees

followed by comments from Heather Ashley, the President Irving ISD Board of Trustees.

Dr. Kenyon Godwin, a parent, shared his story of being the product of a single-mother home and a lit-

erate father. Dr. Godwin focused on how paramount education was in his household throughout his children. This was true despite his mother not having

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Ongoing

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

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

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

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

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. www.nbwenorg.ning.com.

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

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

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

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

Oak Cliff Cultural Center, 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wed-nesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. www.tango-canyen-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 27
Concerts in the Garden at the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, Garland, TX, features different bands every Thursday from 7pm-9pm. Tickets \$16/Adults and \$9/Children. Info: info@dallasarboretum.org or 214-515-6524.

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

September 24

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 friendscarrolltonlibrary.org/book-sale.htm.

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

An Evening of Stars® Educating our Future watching party at Edison's Dallas (downtown Dallas) at 1724 Cockrell Avenue 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The Dallas Green Festival celebrates environmentally positive living with activities and demonstrations for the whole family at Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas, TX. 10am – 4pm. FREE. Info: 214-428-7476 or greendallas.net/green_events

Urban Vibe Entertainment presents **The Classic Comedy Explosion** at the Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 1st Avenue, Dallas, TX at 7:30pm featuring DL Hughley, Adele Givens, Damon Wayans and more. Ticket prices vary. Info: 214-694-7386 and 800-745-3000.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Dallas Fire Department host the CF Climb

for Life at the Bank of America Plaza, 901 Main Street, Dallas, TX where starting at 10am volunteers will race to the top of the highest building in Dallas to raise awareness for CF followed by music, food and awards. 9am registration. Info: 214-871-2222 or tgarcia@cff.org.

September 24-25

Visions: The Women's Expo brings beauty, fashion and hands-on fun to the Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX from 10am – 7pm Saturday and 10am – 5pm Sunday. Tickets start at \$10. Info: visionsexpo.com and 972-499-7500.

September 27

The Marketing Lady presents **M.I.N.G.L.E Lunch and Learn**, a professional networking luncheon, at Black Finn Restaurant, 4400 Belt Line Road, Addison, TX 75001, from 11:30am – 1:00pm. \$20. Sponsorships available. Info 972-985-5056 and tmarket-inglady@yahoo.com.

Rocking the 50s at the Plaza Theatre (521 West State Street in Garland at 1:30 p.m. Your \$7 admission gets you the chance to enjoy creative entertainment, live stage performances, door prizes and raffles, and meeting other Red Hat gals from across the Metroplex. Info: greatgalsofgarland@gmail.com.

Sept. 28 – Oct. 2

The Servant's House's 12th Anniversary Celebration featuring a youth rally (9/28), Christian comedy night (9/29), Celebration musical (9/30), open air ministry (10/1) and commencing with the anniversary celebration (10/2) comes to The Servant's House, 911 West Round Grove Rd, Lewisville, TX 75067. Info: 972-316-3395 or theservanthouse.org.

Sept. 30 – Oct. 28

Sharing the Journey: Coping with Grief will meet Fridays, at the Visiting Nurse Association of Collin County office on 2414 West University Drive, #200 in McKinney. The meeting time is 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No cost to attend, RSVP at 214-733-5500 or harrisonm@vnatexas.org.

September 29

Technology: Opportunities & Risks in Corporate Governance from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. will include various speakers: Dan Burrus, author of "Flash Foresight", D. Wayne Watts, SVP & general counsel at AT&T, Stephen F. Schuckenkrock, president of Dell Services, Philip L. Asmundson, managing partner, telecommunications sector, Deloitte. Event will be held at UT Dallas, School of Management located at 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, MTBC members receive 30% discount, Original price \$495, with discount \$347 Register on UTD's site, use code GR2011

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.iiwc.com

September 30

State Fair of Texas opens at Fair Park

R&B Artist **KEM** performs in live in concert with Chrisette Michele and El DeBarge at the Verizon Theater at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place, Grand Prairie, TX. Doors open 7pm. Show starts 8pm. Advance tickets \$59.50 - \$85. Info: AEGLive.com.

October 1
Southwest Airlines State

Fair Classic - Grambling State University vs. Prairie View A&M University kicks off at the Cotton Bowl at Fair Park, 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd, Dallas, TX at 6pm. Tickets valid for entry into the State Fair. Ticket prices vary. Info: 214-670-8400.

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.irvingblackarts.com or call 972.252.ARTS (2787)

October 1 -2

The Cottonwood Art Festival comes to Cottonwood Park, 1321 W. Beltline Road, Richardson, TX, 9am – 6pm. The event is FREE and features Artstop, the festival's interactive children's area. Info: 972-744-4580 or cottonwoodartfestival.com.

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.

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Supporters of the Irving Entertainment Center asking residents to consider the facts and benefits of the project

By: Jackie Hardy, NDG Contributing Writer

Residents of Irving and North Texas witnessed the implosion of Texas Stadium on April 11, 2010. Irving citizens and leaders felt more than just a little bit of history was demolished. But a little of Irving's strong economic presence was also demolished on that historical day.

Many consider the project



Ryan Pafford

posed Irving Entertainment Center an opportunity for the city to maintain the economic value Texas Stadium brought to the city during the 30 plus years of the stadium's operation.

"We really do not have anything to offer right now and I think it would be a good start to be able to have a world-class performance arts center where they can spend their leisure time or bring their families back to. I think the companies expect that of the businesses they locate here, said Tom Trotter, Chairman of the Board for Irving Healthcare Foundation and Vice-Chairman of Governance for the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce."

"In 2010, Irving ranked

lion in sales. The Entertainment Center would further improve Irving's retail sales market, increasing Irving businesses revenue streams, and would encourage visitors to play, shop, dine, and do business in Irving," a written statement by Ryan Pafford, Director of Communications and Technology for Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce.

The completed structure for the Entertainment Center will be a state-of-the-art facility consisting of a concert hall with a maximum seat capacity of 7,500; public spaces to include a plaza and promenade equipped with stages for live entertainment and kiosks for food and art; and restaurants and concessions with diverse styles, flavors, and pricing.

This project would create jobs in construction along with establishing permanent jobs in the service, entertainment, and retail industries. According to the Las Colinas Group (LCG), Project Developer and Partner, the project will create 2,000 new jobs and bring more than 3.5 million visitors. This is the equivalent of increasing sales tax revenue base for the city.

The Irving Entertainment Center's overall design will foster an atmosphere of cultural diversity in the areas of arts, food, and entertainment. Eleven original restaurant concepts will celebrate the international flavors and décor with superior first-class service. The



from steakhouse, Mexican, Italian, seafood, sushi and more.

Entertainment will serve as the main attraction for the diverse audiences this project is designed to target. Attracting a diverse audience will not be a problem for Irving as it is home to resi-

dent Gears by pointing out issues related to the project financing, delays, and questions over LCG's alleged improper spending of public funds. LCG has been vigilant in working to dispel what they called false claims and untruths in recent media reports. They

gible for reimbursement in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the Development Agreement.

The controversies associated with the Entertainment Center continue to be the dark cloud looming over this project. Those in opposition of proceeding with

how the \$22 million was spent by LCG on the development of this project.

"The folks over at the Center have a very strong desire to be a good corporate citizen. They want the leverage and core resources of that center to help the community as well as the youth of Irving," added Trotter.

Trotter shared how the Entertainment Center can offer Irving educational, as well as, economic advantages. The schools will be able to utilize the facility for events; also, they can offer internships for students

studying in the arts, entertainment and culinary fields.

Petitions by both supporters and opponents of the management and/or continued development of the Entertainment Center were launched. The initiators of both petitions want to send a message to City Council, as well as, ensure their issues are heard as the council goes forward with this project.

"I think the Entertainment Center is necessary if we are going to have a successful Convention Center. City Council seems to think there is no reason to have an audit because it will cost more money and not find anything wrong and I am not going to disagree with the Council," said Jim Widener, retired attorney and local supporter of the project.



dents representing 17 different races and cultures according to the Irving International Women's Consortium (information based from 2000 Census Bureau). The Irving Entertainment Center has an opportunity to become an international hub with respect to the world of arts and entertainment; where cultures of all race and ethnicity can come to celebrate the rich and diverse heritages that not only make up the city, but the surrounding DFW-Metrolplex.

This project has not been met without opposition. In the recent Mayoral election, newly elected Mayor Beth Van Duyne ran her campaign against former Mayor Her-

dispute the claims that a total of \$4.2 million paid to LCG for operating costs were unallowable expenses.

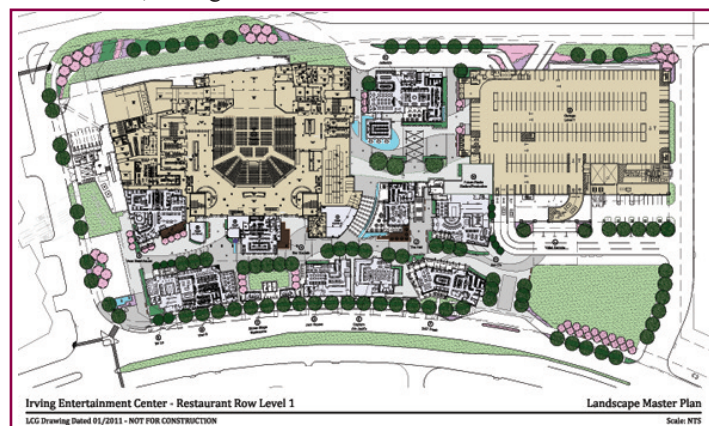
According to the Dallas Morning News, James Smith, CPA from Smith, Jackson, Boyer and Bovard Accounting Firm, conducted an investigation and provided a report to the Irving City Council. Smith's report indicated more than the \$269,000 paid by the city to LCG were not reimbursable expenses. Ultimately, LCG credited \$136,000 back to the city. The report also denoted a total of \$132,900 is what the developer is to refund or credit the city of Irving.

According to LCG, the audit showed only \$133,000 comprising less than one percent disputed reimbursements; therefore, verifying all other expenses were eli-

the project have expressed their strong belief that an independent audit of LCG must be conducted before moving forward with the Irving Entertainment Center.

Irving citizen Joyce Howard has been one of the voices speaking out in favor of the city approving an independent audit on LCG. Howard is in favor of the independent audit. She believes more transparency is needed to regain the trust of the taxpayer and eliminate concerns that this project could become an enormous financial burden to the taxpayers.

The Irving City Council voted on August 4 against seeking proposals from independent accounting firms to conduct an independent audit. The council considered an audit to determine



number 13 of Texas' Top 50 city retail markets, accounting for more than \$2.2 bil-

intent is to provide a diverse selection of culinary choices for the customers ranging

Diary of Black Men strikes a cord with viewers

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

Dallas residents were treated to a powerful play on the black male experience, as the international smash The Diary of Black Men hit the stage of the Majestic Theatre in Dallas on Sept. 16 and 17.

Those who saw the play applauded its truthfulness and the attention it paid to the relationship between men and women.

The play was enlightening and entertaining," said Karl Banks, vice president of sales at KHVN Radio.

Prior to the play's Dallas

premiere, Tommy Ford, best known for his role as Martin Lawrence's buddy on the show Martin, stopped in to KHVN to discuss the play. The play also featured Ford's fellow Martin alum, Carl Anthony Payne.

The Diary of Black Men, described as a choreopoem,

is touted as one of the most successful stage plays in black theatre history. It centered on the relationships between black men and women through the eyes of six male stereotypes: the player, a blue collar worker, a militant, an urban professional and intellect, a black

Muslim and a pimp. The subtitle of the play, How Do You Love a Black Woman?, adds to the inquisitiveness of the play. While there were no female speaking parts in the play, the black female in the play is telling of the black male-black female dynamic.



Tommy Ford

Lone Star Idol: fulfilling dreams and making a difference



3rd Pl. Crystal Cameron

The first round of the Lone Star Idol competition held at the Granada Theater on September 18 was a considered great success, featuring competitors from all areas of Texas. Marie Ornelas, the founder of Lone Star Idol, indicated the see-



Ernie Johnson

ing the competition kick off was a dream come true for her as well.

She stated, "We need to somehow showcase talent from Texas" and Lone Star Idol was born. The showcase benefited the WEW (Women Empowering Women) Gro-



Idol participants

up, which was created to provide channels and opportunities for those who are suffering from the effects of domestic violence. <http://www.wewfoundation.org/>

Lone Star Idol displays a wide array of talent from different genres such as gospel,



Tuskegee Airman Lt. Calvin & Mrs. Spann

hip hop, and country. The judges were either professional musicians or singers such as local Blues singer air personality (730 AM KKDA) Ernie Johnson and Stephen Pride, a country artist. During intermission, the crowd was entertained

by judges. It was some unbelievable talent in the showcase with aged from eleven and up.

Neutral Sister wowed the crowd with her positive reggae sound and Salero sang salsa. The three placeholders were Jason Ashley in first



Finalists announced

place, Taylor Heard second, and Crystal Cameron was third. All three place holders were country artists with great talent and skills.

Details of the competition can be found at; <http://unsignedtexasartist.com/>

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The cost of Texas' severe drought

By Tom Pauken

Devastating wildfires across Texas in recent weeks have been the most visible evidence of a year-long drought that Texas officials have declared to be the worst on record. Behind the highly visible carnage caused by the fires, the drought also has inflicted a toll on the Texas economy that will have long-term ramifications across the state.

The dry, hot conditions have placed severe strains on the ranching and farming industry, as well as threatening our recreational hunting and fishing sector. Experts with the Texas AgriLife Extension at Texas A&M University estimate that the drought has cost Texas \$5.2 billion in crops and livestock. In fact many Texas ranchers may be forced to go out of business as a result of the devastating weather conditions in our state. The drought has killed much of the grass used for grazing, and ranchers are faced with a choice. They

sell off their starving cattle before they've fully matured, pay unusually high prices for hay in order to keep their herd alive, or move their herd out of state where conditions are better. Almost all the hay for Texas ranchers is coming from out of state, and officials with the Texas Farm Bureau say that the cost to transport a bale of hay is now more expensive than the bale itself. Meanwhile, some out-of-state hay producers are using the shortage to charge exorbitant prices.

Understandably, many Texas ranchers have opted to sell their cattle under these circumstances. One survey by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) found that ranchers have sold off 40 percent of their cattle this year compared to an annual average of 5 percent to 10 percent. Officials with the Texas Farm Bureau believe that percentage has gone up even higher in the last

month. The Farm Bureau also reports that they are hearing from many ranchers who plan to leave the business for good after they sell off their herd. TSCRA's survey confirms that 1 in 10 ranchers have left the industry this year.

Farmers also have suffered. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples reports that cotton farmers have lost \$1.8 billion due to the lack of rain; lost revenue from hay is \$750 million; and corn losses are \$327 million. Officials with the Lower Colorado River Authority recently announced that they may be requesting permission to cut off water to farmers downstream of Austin because water reserves are so depleted. If that happens, rice farmers in Matagorda, Wharton and Colorado counties could see losses of \$75 million and the elimination of 1,000 farm labor jobs, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman.

The economically harmful effects of the drought are compounded by the fact that it is taking place as we face the most serious recession since the Great Depression. The stagnant national economy is driving up unemployment across the country, including Texas. Making matters even worse is that some of the regions of Texas with the highest unemployment – the south Texas counties near the Rio Grande – are regions where farming and ranching play a large role in the local economy.

The economic damage done by this drought will be long lasting even if rain comes soon. Ranchers forced to sell off cattle before reaching their peak value can never recover that loss and replenishing their lost inventory will take major capital investments. The farmers and hunting-related businesses who lose income can't make it back when the rain returns.

The \$5.2 billion of losses

in crops and livestock that the drought is said to have cost is a conservative estimate. It doesn't include fruits, vegetables, or peanuts. Nor does it include the indirect impact of the drought, which has been especially pronounced in regions where agriculture is the largest sector of the economy. Businesses that sell feed, fertilizer, seed, heavy machinery, and other agricultural supplies are ad-

versely affected by these negative conditions.

One out of every seven jobs in Texas is tied to the agriculture sector. But this devastating drought has imparted serious and real damage. Texans must be prepared to deal with the long term economic and human costs of this drought for years to come.

Tom Pauken is Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission.

The importance of networking to grow your business

Many believe the only time networking is important is when job-searching, but there are many benefits to it if you're a business owner. Networking is the key to finding out who your ideal clients are and positioning yourself in front of them so they know who you are and what products or services you offer.

"Networking not only puts you in front of other business leaders in the community, but it also helps you meet potential clients face-to-face so you can sell yourself and your company to them," explains Jim Terrell, Senior Vice President of Business Banking with Comerica Bank.

Terrell offers the follow-

ing reasons why it's important to network as a business owner.

Opportunity to meet face-to-face. Today it's common to do the majority of our communications over the Internet, but it is important to meet other business owners and potential clients face-to-face to establish a personal relationship. Visi-

bility creates recognition and awareness and lets you connect on a more meaningful level.

"It's important to be present and explain to people what it is that you do. Oftentimes clients will hire you when they see you in person and see your professional-

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hours, right? Shhhhh, I won't tell a soul.)

Okay, back to this week's topic: social media. The top 10 U.S. social networks and blogs are: Facebook, Blogger, Twitter, Wordpress, MySpace, LinkedIn, Tumblr, Six Apart, Typepad, Yahoo!, Pulse and Wikia. (Don't feel bad if you haven't heard about all of these, some of them were even new to me!) Here are some stats you might find interesting:

- 33% of all African-Americans own smartphones.
- Americans spend more time on Facebook than they do on any other website (140 million visitors and 53.5 billion minutes in May 2011 alone).
- African-Americans are

30% more likely to use Twitter than any of the nine other social networks.

- Nearly 40% of adults (2 in 5) who are social media users access their sites of choice on their mobile phones.

- People over 55 are driving the growth of social networking on their mobile phones. This group's visits are up a whopping 109% this year over last.

- Although all age groups visit social networks and blogs, the most frequent visitor is female and is 18-34 years old with a Bachelor's degree.

- 47 % of men are more likely to visit LinkedIn and Wikia.

- 32% of adult social net-

workers follow a celebrity.

- 28% of African-American social networking fans engage in giving advice or their opinions on entertainment

The bottom line: Your use of social media, as with your use of any other product, has tremendous influence and

impact on the people and companies who want to reach you, either with their messages or for your business.

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holdings promises clear benefits in service quality. Added spectrum capacity and greater coverage will help address network congestion and should result in fewer dropped calls," Connecticut's Democratic Governor Dannel Malloy said in a letter to the FCC.

Last month, 76 Democratic members of Congress said the enhanced services

flowing from the merger would "create thousands of jobs, including many good paying union jobs with solid benefits." The letter, whose signers represent 31 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and includes 19 members of the Congressional Black Caucus, noted that "the potential for ubiquitous, wireless broadband throughout our nation

would be a significant benefit for millions of Americans that may not otherwise see those benefits, including our constituents living in rural and underserved communities."

The merger also has won the backing of most of the nation's leading civil rights organizations, as well as advocates for lower-income groups, rural organi-

zations, educational groups, and business organizations. The merger "stands to bring much needed relief to the African-American community by helping close the digital divide and increasing access to vital services in urban and rural communities," NAACP senior vice president Hilary Shelton told the FCC in a recent letter.

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ism, mannerisms and commitment," says Terrell. "It can boil down to the fact that you want to do business with people that you like and you go out of your way to help people you like."

Promote your business. During these tough economic times, business owners are cutting costs to save money. Advertising and marketing budgets are usually the first to be scaled back, but obtaining new clients and maintaining steady business does not have to be negatively impacted. By networking, you

can maintain your company's revenues and even grow your customer and client base while conserving funds. Networking is a great way to sell your company and what it is that you do.

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Networking can be intimidating at first, but it can be beneficial in growing your business. Make sure to stay in touch with the people you meet because your next client might be them or someone they referred to you.

FRYER,

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Ph.D. (2002) from Pennsylvania State University. He was a Junior Fellow in the Harvard Society of Fellows (2003-2006) prior to his appointment in the Department of Economics, where he is currently Robert M. Beren Professor of Economics. He is also founder and director of the Education Innovation Laboratory at Harvard University and a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

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Virginia and is a member of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She, her husband and son reside in Leesburg, VA.

McCluney is scheduled to speak during the 2011-

2012 Paul Quinn College Voices That Matter season at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27. Voices That Matter events occur in the Grand Lounge of the Student Union Building at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, Texas, 75241.

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Proposals must be received no later than 5 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on Friday, October 14, 2011, to Kathy Yu, Senior Transportation System Modeler, North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available at www.nctcog.org/trans/admin/rfp by the close of business on Friday, September 16, 2011.

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September 25

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September 28, 7 p.m.

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September 28, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for Bible Study as we study the Word of God; and give Him honor and praise.

October 21, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our "Evening to Elevate" at the North Dallas Hyatt Hotel in Richardson, Texas. Call the church for details.

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Park, 701 Angel Pkwy in Allen for fun, food, games, great fellowship with other Christians, bouncy house and more. Call the church for details.

September 28, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday Night Live in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive. Also, come to our Corporate Prayer and our Kidz Zone (an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.)

October 7, 8:30 p.m.

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September 25

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September 23, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Single Parent Support Group. Call Pastor Cooper at 972-437-3493, Ext 104 or email him at rcooper@ndcbf.org for details.

September 24, 8 a.m.

Join us for our Man 2 Man Summit. Call the church for details.

September 24, 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 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 28

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September 25, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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September 28, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Midweek Service as we worship and praise God for His blessings.

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September 25

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September 27, 8 p.m.

You're invited to our Pastoral Care Night as Pastor Voss bring the Word of God; and we worship and praise God.

September 29, 8 p.m.

Join us in our Gift Stirring Night as Saints of God bring God's Word and reveal their God-giving talents.

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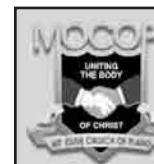
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He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the fist-sized rocks. He then asked the students once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered. Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the

sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel.

you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all.

have transportation. God won't ask the square footage of your home; He will ask how many people you helped who didn't have a home.

God won't ask how many fancy clothes you had in your closet; He will ask how many of those clothes you gave away to the needy. God won't ask what social class you were in; He will ask what kind of "class" you displayed during your trials and tribulations. God won't ask how many material possessions you had; He will ask whether those material possessions dictated your life.

God won't ask how much money you have; He will ask if you trampled over any one to obtain that money. God won't ask how much overtime you worked; He will ask you if you worked overtime for Him and your family. God won't ask how many promotions you received; He will ask what you did to promote others.

God won't ask what your job title was; He will ask did you perform your job to the best of your ability. God won't ask how many promotions you took to chase a dollar bill; He will ask how

many promotions you refused to advance your family's quality of life. God won't ask how many times you didn't run around on your spouse; He will ask how many times you did.

God won't ask how many academic degrees you had; He will ask how many people you thanked for helping you to get those degrees. God won't ask what your parents did to help you; He will ask what you did to help your parents. God won't ask what you did to help yourself; He will ask what you did to help others. God won't ask how many friends you had; He will ask how many people

you were a friend to.

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights; He will ask what you did to protect the rights of others. God won't ask what neighborhood you lived in; He will ask what other neighborhoods you visited. God won't ask how many times you told the truth; He will ask how many times you told a lie.

God won't ask about the color of your skin; He will ask about the color of your heart. God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words; He will ask how many times they didn't. --Author Unknown



Sister Tarpley with two of her favorite maternal aunts, L to R, Mrs. Jessie Baker Green, living in North Carolina with her son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Green and Mrs. Willie Mae Baker Thomas, she lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim.

He looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!" No," the expert replied, "That's not the point." The truth that this illustration teaches us is: If

What are the "big" rocks in your life—time with your loved ones, your faith, your education, your dreams, a worthy cause, teaching or mentoring others?"

Remember to put the BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in a all." So, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the "big rocks" in my life? Then put those in your jar first. -- Author Unknown

WHAT GOD WON'T ASK! God won't ask what kind of fancy car you drove; He will ask how many people you gave rides to who didn't

HUNTER, continued from Page 2

BOE conducts the automatic recount required due to the closeness of the election.

Hunter won the May 2010 primary against the

endorsed Democratic candidate by over 60 percent. After final votes were tallied in November's election, she allegedly trailed Republican opponent John

Williams by almost 3000 votes. After winning over 65 percent of all provisional votes counted 10 days later, she closed the gap to 23 votes.

For the most up to date legal coverage of Tracie Hunter's case, go to: <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/electionlaw/litigation/Hunter.php>

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community -- regardless of the community's political affiliation.

In the past, the topic of education used to be beyond partisan bickering. Today should be no different. In fact, the future of the nation's 55 million school-children and our economy is depending on it.

A sound, 21st century education is one that investigates and emphasizes the relationship between the economy and the environment. Congress can begin to advance such an agenda by protecting the EPA's Office

of Environmental Education and supporting President Obama's school construction plan with an emphasis on cost-saving, sustainable construction practices. With efforts like these, the classrooms of tomorrow will again be filled with students eager to share their personal experiences of a world filled with innovation and wonder.

As President Obama noted "we have to look beyond the immediate crisis and start building an economy that lasts into the future". Green schools are a great place to start.

Rogers is President of Earth Day Network. Earth Day Network today launched the Green Schools Leadership Center (www.earthday.org/education), a

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The recognition included the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at a ceremony held Monday, September 19, at DART's Hatcher Station.

In 2006, Johnson's support helped DART win its largest award ever -- a landmark \$700-million Full Funding Grant Agreement from the Federal Transit Administration.

Johnson's effort led to

DART's \$1.8 billion Green Line, which provides light rail access to areas of Southeast Dallas and Pleasant Grove, Fair Park, the American Airlines Center, Dallas Market Center, Southwestern Medical District, Love Field airport, and the cities of Farmers Branch and Carrollton.



DART President/Executive Director Gary Thomas looks on as Board Chairman William Velasco congratulates Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson after dedicating a plaque in her honor at Hatcher Station on the Green Line.

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a high school diploma while raising he and his siblings. Dr. Godwin shared with parents that education of their children begins at home, an approach that is helpful to teachers.

After all the poignant comments and remarks, parents were dismissed to attend breakout sessions focusing on a variety of topics. They included: positive parenting, how to navigate the Irving ISD

systems, school transitions, and several programs offered within Irving ISD.

At the close of the summit a drawing was held for a free laptop and printer. An excited Irving

ISD student won the giveaway. In the end, all participants and organizers in attendance was a winner, with the ultimate winner being the children served throughout Irving ISD.

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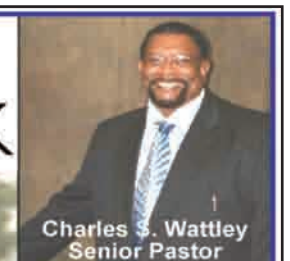
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