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African-Americans Wield Considerable Consumer Power

Attendees include Che-ryl Pearson-McNeil (4th from left), senior vice president Public Affairs and Government Relations at Nielsen; Susan Whiting, Vice Chair of Nielsen holding the report; and Cloves Campbell, NNPA chair (7th from right holding report).



(NNPA) African-Americans' buying power is expected to reach \$1.1 trillion by 2015, according to The State of the African-American Consumer Report, released collaboratively by Nielsen, a leading global provider of insights and analytics into

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COVER STORY

Local real estate website gives buyers an edge in the market



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Local Church Celebrates Anniversary with a "Weekend to Remember"

Bible Way Community Baptist Church Irving pulled out all the stops to celebrate its 20th Anniversary.

Pastor Timothy Wilbert provided his congregation with a "Weekend to Remember" with three days filled with commemorative



activities and various guest speakers including KHVN radio personality Dr. Robert Ashley, beginning Friday, September 9 with a banquet and culminating with a dedication service Sunday, September 11,

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Former Cowboys got problems

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COMMENTARY

Is it time for the Church to have a Congregant Appreciation Day with a 'Reverse Offering'?

NDG's View

Over the past twenty years, a noticeable trend has emerged, leading to the proliferation of "mega churches" across the country. It is what many call "prosperity ministries." The sermons and books emphasize verses in the Bible that refer to the financial kindness of God. They preach that if we are obedient and "plant a seed" that we will receive monetary security. Despite concerns that this approach overstates the op-

portunity for financial and material possessions from God instead of spiritual and eternal blessings, these ministries have prospered.

Sunday, September 25, 2011, Tim Lucas, the Senior Pastor of Liquid Church located in New Jersey, offered a different message of hope. Instead of taking a financial collection, he gave a "reverse offering." The church distributed envelopes with the words "God Trusts You!"

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AHA offering scholarships to multicultural women

The American Heart Association is offering national scholarships to multicultural women interested in healthcare careers. As part of its Go Red For Women awareness campaign, the association hopes to expand the much-needed pipeline of diverse nursing and medical students and increase cultural compe-



tence in health care. Information about the Go Red(TM) Multicultural Scholarship Fund is at www.GoRedForWomen.org/GoRedScholarship.

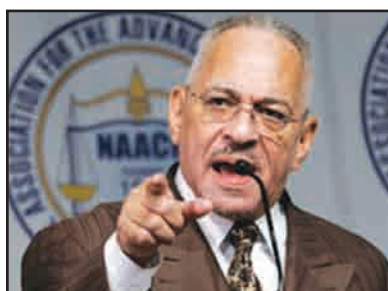
Sixteen females will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to support them in their studies. Deadline for entry is November 30,

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Rev. Jeremiah Wright

Noted theologians, pastors, political officials, student community activists and committed lay leaders from across the country are gathering at Dallas' Friendship-West Baptist Church next week for a two and one-half day national consultation to discuss the ongoing dilemma of mass incarceration, the burgeoning system of the prison industrial complex and how those issues have a tangible affect on communities of color and those who are disenfranchised. Participants plan not only to discuss solutions, but are ded-

icated to looking for effective remedies.

"To Be Free At Last: The New Jim Crow Summit," sponsored by the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc. (SDPC) based in Chicago, Ill., one of the fastest growing, ecumenical social justice networks in the country, has been working in concert with an number of key national figures to bring to light the calculated and organized injustice of the current penal system. Attorney Michelle Alexander, author of the groundbreaking book *The New Jim*

Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, will be one of the featured speakers and has been working closely with SDPC and Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III pastor of Friendship-West.

Workshops will be held on a variety of issues including, Children and Families of the Incarcerated; A View From Within (The Community of Incarcerated Persons); Ethical/Theological Reflection; Mobilization and Community Organization Strategies; Juvenile Justice and Public Education and Privatization of Prisons and Divesti-



ture Strategies.

The Samuel DeWitt strengthen the individual

Proctor Conference (SDPC) is committed to nurture, sustain, and mobilize the African American faith community in collaboration with civic, corporate, and philanthropic leaders to address critical needs of human and social justice within local, national, and global communities. SDPC seeks to

and collective capacity of thought leaders and activists in the church, academy, and community through education, advocacy, and activism.

Featured presenters include: Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, Friendship-West Baptist Church; Attorney Michelle Alexander, Author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*; Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Pastor Emeritus Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago; John A. Powell, Esq., Kirwan Institute, Ohio State Uni-

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Ralph de la Vega

AT&T Mobility and Consumer Markets President and CEO Ralph de la Vega, author of *Obstacles Welcome: Turn Adversity to Advantage in Business and Life*, will be the guest speaker Oct. 5 at the SMU Dedman School of Law Callejo Roundtable presented by AT&T.

Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and de la Vega will speak from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Karcher Auditorium, Storey Hall, in the SMU Dedman School of Law Quad. Reservations are required by Oct.

3 by calling 214-768-1095 or emailing rawebb@smu.edu.

De la Vega has led all consumer marketing, sales, content, converged services and customer care for AT&T's wireless and wire businesses since 2008. Prior to joining the company in 2007, he served as chief operating officer of Cingular Wireless, with responsibility for technology planning, network operations, marketing, sales and customer care. Previously De la Vega, a native of Cuba, served as president



of BellSouth Latin America, with overall responsibility

for its operations in Argentina, Uruguay, Columbia, Venezuela, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Nicaragua, Brazil and Guatemala. His book *Obstacles Welcome* was published by Thomas Nelson in 2009.

The Callejo Roundtable is a new outreach program that provides a forum for the community and its leaders to talk about important issues that affect Hispanic leadership.

"The opportunities and challenges for Hispanic citizens and leaders have never been greater, and SMU Dedman School of Law is committed to playing a key role in training local, national and international leaders who are sensitive to Hispanic issues," said John B. Attanasio, dean of SMU Dedman School of Law.

The Callejo Roundtable is made possible by a grant from AT&T. By sponsoring the Callejo Roundtable, AT&T also makes possible the AT&T Callejo Leadership Scholarship. The full-tuition scholarship will be awarded

to a qualified SMU Dedman Law School student based on academic achievement, interest in the Hispanic community and potential to serve as a leader in an increasingly diverse society and business world.

"As an alumnus of SMU Dedman School of Law and a 27-year employee of AT&T, I am proud that AT&T is sponsoring the Callejo Roundtable and the AT&T Callejo Leadership Scholarship," said Wayne Watts, senior executive vice president and general counsel

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Henrietta J. Burroughs

Henrietta J. Burroughs a skilled journalist who is

rising star and one to watch. Burroughs is



founder and editor of the East Palo Alto Today print and online newspaper, the city's only print news publication. She is also producer and host of "Talking with Henrietta," a one-hour news talk show that airs on the San Francisco Midpeninsula on

accomplished in both print and broadcast genres - is a

Comcast Channel 27.

In recent months, the

highly regarded media professional has been recognized for her outstanding journalistic works. In July 2011, the Alliance for Community Media presented her with its coveted Hometown Award for "Best Informational Talk Show" for her program's episode titled "Strengthening the Bonds Between Fathers and Children." Burroughs was further recognized September 13 when the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors honored her with a resolution commending her for the enthusiasm, professionalism, honesty, and dedication consistently demonstrated throughout her widespread career as a journalist. Santa Clara County District 5 Supervisor Liz Kniss made the moving presentation.

The Alliance for Community Media selected Burroughs' show as the

winner from among 1,100+ entries from throughout the country. During its annual Hometown Video Awards & ACM Leadership Awards Dinner in Tucson, Arizona on July 29, 2011, the organization presented her with its Hometown Award for "Best Informational Talk Show" for her program's episode on which she explored stereotypes about fatherhood in communities of color, and reviewed new statistics that prove that men in these communities are more involved in their families than previously thought.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors made the resolution presentation on the morning of September 13, 2011 in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers during its ceremonial award presentations at its regular meeting. "This is indeed an honor and I am

absolutely thrilled to be standing here before you to receive this [award]," said

Burroughs. (See video excerpt at www.youtube.com/)

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containing up to \$50 for each parishioner. (See story below for more details.)

Liquid Church provided a financial gift with no strings attached. Members could use the money in any fashion they wished. While some Liquid Church members planned to use the seed money for a fundraiser to help those impacted by Hurricane Irene, others were relieved to have money for gasoline for their work commute.

The staff at the *North Dallas Gazette* wonders when local churches will begin to help their struggling members. Have they considered offering a similar financial blessing to their members? In the Dallas community, various ministries take in more than \$30,000 in collections each Sunday. Have these churches considered celebrating a Congregation Appreciation Sunday and give money back to the congregation instead of using their influence to raise money for the next building project?

What is the church doing to help a suffering community? It could change how people interact and participate with the church body. In the end, a simple act of kindness could also change how they see God. Think about how happy you are when you get a quarter on the sidewalk or discover a forgotten \$5 tucked in a pocket.

Leviticus 19:9-10 instructed, "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.... Leave them for the poor and the alien." Later, in the book of Ruth, the young widow took care of herself and her

mother-in-law Naomi by gleaning the grain left by the harvesters in Boaz's fields. When you read about the role of leaders in the New Testament, one of their main assignments was taking care of the poor and widows.

When will the ministries in the community leave a gleaning of their financial harvest for those in need among them?

Even in these financially challenging times, the churches are still receiving a substantial amount of financial support from their members despite published reports that general unemployment nationally hovers around nine percent. On Monday, unemployment for African Americans reportedly reached a 27-year high at 16.7 percent. Many in the community believe when the numbers include those unemployed so long they have given up looking, the estimate rises to 25 percent within the African American community. In the white community, August unemployment fell to eight percent.

Pastor Lucas indicated the idea for this "Spiritual Stimulus" is a result of Americans losing faith in the government's ability to provide real help. Historically, prior to integration, the African American church was more directly involved in the daily needs of their members. The church was the foundation of the Civil Rights movement, leading the charge for not only equality on the bus but in the classrooms and employment offices. They also helped financially and through activism.

Even today, within the African American commu-

nity, during a meeting sometimes they will take up a collection and give all of the money to someone among them in need. Also, when a tragic situation such as a house fire or death of an uninsured family member occurs, African American churches respond.

But what about the everyday emergencies of the unemployed Dad or the quiet desperation of the Mom working three jobs and the ends still do not meet. Will \$50 solve their problems? No, of course it will not. But will it offer them a moment of hope and the relief we find in our soul when we feel someone cares? Imagine the empowerment they will have when they begin to believe again that God does indeed care about them.

Yes, large and small

churches offer limited assistance today. As the holidays approach, there will be appeals to provide donations for holiday food baskets. This is great, needed and appreciated. However, hunger is a not simply an opportunity for a feel good moment on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. It is a year round problem. Also, these efforts rely on the generosity of the congregants through financial or can good donations.

Hosting an Annual Congregants Appreciation Day and giving members of the congregation a donation could have a far more lasting impact beyond finances. It could provide hope.

Tell the *North Dallas Gazette* what you think of this idea by email at Publisher@northdallasgazette.com.

New Jersey church offers \$90,000 'spiritual stimulus' to ailing economy

Last Sunday Liquid Church of New Jersey did something unprecedented during its six Sunday morning church services. With the economy stalled and congregants struggling financially, the church conducted a "Reverse Offering" -- giving away the usual Sunday collection of \$30,000 cash to all in attendance. The church is also in the process of releasing an additional financial injection of \$60,000 into local community projects in all three New Jersey counties where it conducts services: Essex, Middlesex and Morris counties.

"Washington is broke, people are broke, and

folks have lost faith that government can provide a lasting solution to economic issues," said Tim Lucas, Lead Pastor of the 2,000-member church. "We believe our current economic crisis is a spiritual issue, which is why we are moving forward with God's recovery plan." Each congregant in attendance received an envelope emblazoned with the words "God Trusts You!" containing varying cash portions of the Reverse Offering with \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills.

"Every dollar in our economy is printed with the words 'In God We

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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 Coun-

cil.

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.

Parkland urges adults to keep immunizations current

With the start of a new school year it's easy to remember to update a child's immunizations but Parkland Health & Hospital System staff reminds adults about the importance of keeping their own immunizations current.

"We can put our communities at risk," said Jill Strachan-Batson, MD, staff physician, Parkland Youth & Family Centers. "In this country, we tend to take our health for granted and assume we are protected against illness. But there are places where some of these diseases are still quite prevalent."

Adults don't need as many shots as children, but there are still preventive measures that can be taken to protect yourself, your family and your community. Women who are pregnant need to be extra vigilant.

The following adult immunization schedule is recommended by the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention:

Center: 214.266.4200

deHaro-Saldivar Health

Center: 214.266.0100

Southeast Dallas Health

	Age Group (Years)				
Vaccine	19-26	27-49	50-59	60-64	>65
Influenza	One dose annually				
Tetanus, diptheria, pertussis	Substitute one-time dose of Tdap for Td booster; then boost with Td every 10 years				TD booster every 10 years
Varicella	Two doses				
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Three doses (females)				
Zoster				One dose	
Measles, mumps, rubella	One or two doses		One dose		
Pneumococcal	1 or 2 doses				1 dose
Meningococcal	One or more doses				
Hepatitis A	Two doses				
Hepatitis B	Three doses				

Parkland's Community Oriented Primary Care health centers provide adult immunizations. For more information about adult immunizations or to schedule a low-cost appointment, contact one of these locations:

Bluitt-Flowers Health

Center: 214.266.0500

East Dallas Health Center: 214.266.1000

Garland Health Center: 214.266.0700

Irving Health Center: 214.266.3000

Oak West Health Center: 214.266.1450

Pediatric Primary Care

Center: 214.266.1600

Vickery Health Center: 214.266.0350

"If people stop taking their immunizations, it will become a larger problem," said Dr. Strachan-Batson. "People come here from all parts of the world. We are in this together."

Second-annual Mammogramathon offered Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 at TRMC-Sunnyvale

Whether a high-powered executive, a teacher or a homemaker, every woman lives a busy, stress-filled life with little time for medical tests. So, Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale is making it easier for every woman to get a mammogram.

TRMC-Sunnyvale will offer mammograms for \$99 throughout the month of October, filing necessary paperwork with each patient's insurance provider. In addition, the hospital will host Mammogramathons from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26, where women who receive mammograms also will be

offered chair massages, gourmet coffee and snacks and giveaways. Appointments are expected to fill quickly.

"Mammograms are necessary for ensuring good health," said Julie Martin, director of business development. "We don't want inconvenience or expense to be why even one woman does not get the mammogram she needs."

Call 972-892-4646 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to schedule an appointment.

American Cancer Society recommends women 40 or older receive screening mammograms once a year.

Enliven Magazine announces national faith and fitness contest

"Bear Witness to Your Fitness" Video Contest with Cash Reward

Enliven Magazine, an online Christian-based health and fitness magazine announces a faith and fitness

video contest dubbed "Bear Witness to your Fitness." The contest began on Friday, Sep-

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

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Dallas Bar Association Legislative Forum

The public is invited to a forum on the new legislative changes recently put into law. The one-hour discussion will be held on Monday, October 3, and will focus on topics and trends related to the local, state and national legislative agendas.

Speakers for the event include:

•Representative Rafael Anchia, District 103, which covers a western corridor of Dallas, including parts of North Oak Cliff, West Dallas, Love Field and additional areas. Rep. Anchia serves as the Chairman of the Board of The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Of-

ficials. Rep. Anchia is an attorney at Haynes and Boone, LLP, where he specializes in public and corporate finance.

•Senator John Carona, District 16 in Dallas County. In his fifth term in the Texas Senate, Sen. Carona serves as the Chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee. Sen. Carona is President and CEO of Associa, which handles association and financial management issues.

The forum will begin promptly at NOON in the Pavilion at the Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Avenue in downtown Dallas (garage parking available; enter from Olive Street). The



Rafael Anchia

event is free. An optional \$13 lunch buffet will begin at 11:30 a.m. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to sevans@dallasbar.org so adequate seating is available.

McKinney Planning Department wins excellence award

The Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) has presented the Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence to the City of McKinney. This certificate recognizes the professional planning standards demonstrated by the city's planning staff as well as the funding and support exhibited by the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.

Each year, about eight to 10 communities throughout

Texas receive this award. This is the tenth time that the City of McKinney has been recognized for Planning Excellence.

"We strive to demonstrate excellence in all that we do, so we are proud to be honored for the hard work of our planning staff as well as our city leaders," said Jennifer Cox, AICP, Director of Planning for the City of McKinney.

As a recipient, the city has met the Texas APA chapter goals for increasing aware-

ness of professional planning, meeting certain professional requirements such as professional certifications, enhancing neighborhood and citizen recognition of planning efforts, encouraging the funding of professional training for commissioners and staff, and aiding in economic development and community image.

For more information about the McKinney Planning Department, please visit www.mckinneytexas.org/planning.

Dallas DA's office investigates, apprehends suspects in retail theft ring

Beginning in July 2010, a joint investigation began involving multiple individuals who allegedly were working together as part of a theft ring. This theft ring is responsible for losses in the hundreds of thousands of dollars for area retail businesses. The case was jointly investigated by the Dallas County District Attorney's Office Check/ID Theft Division and investigators from the parent company of a national retail chain. The case was presented to the Dallas County Grand Jury on

September 16, 2011, and as a result, indictments were returned against 17 defendants.

Over a two-day period (September 27-28, 2011), DA investigators and the aforementioned retail investigators conducted a warrant sweep and successfully apprehended 12 suspects. After the suspects were thoroughly interviewed by DA investigators, they were booked into the Lew Sterrett Justice Center. The charges that the members of this theft ring will face will include Engaging in Organ-

ized Crime which is a third-degree felony and is punishable by two to 10 years incarceration and a fine not to exceed \$10,000; and some of the suspects will also be facing a charge of Fraudulent Use/Possession of Identifying Information, which is a state jail felony and punishable by confinement in a state jail facility for not more than two years or less than 180 days and a fine may also be assessed not to exceed \$10,000.

The investigation remains ongoing.

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what consumers watch and buy, and The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a federation of more than 200 Black community newspapers across the U.S. This growing economic potential presents an opportunity for Fortune 500 companies to examine and further understand this important, flourishing market segment. Likewise, when consumers are more aware of their buying power, it can help them make informed decisions about the companies they choose to support.

"Too often, companies don't realize the inherent differences of our community, are not aware of the market size impact and have not optimized efforts to develop messages beyond those that coincide with Black History Month," said Cloves Campbell, chairman, NNPA. "It is our hope that by collaborating with Nielsen, we'll be able to tell the African-American consumer story in a manner in which businesses will understand," he said, "and, that this understanding will propel those in the C-Suite to develop stronger, more inclusive strategies that optimize their market growth in Black communities, which would be a win-win for all of us."

The 41st Annual Legislative Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Conference week's activities set the back-

drop for the announcement. Flanked by civic, business and legislative leaders, Nielsen and NNPA executives spoke about the relevance and importance of the information shared in the report and the fact that it will be distributed in NNPA's 200+ publications, reaching millions of readers and online viewers.

"We see this alliance with NNPA as an opportunity to share valuable insights, unique consumer behavior patterns and purchasing trends with the African-American community," said Susan Whiting, vice chair, Nielsen. "By sharing, for example, that African-Americans over-index in several key areas, including television viewing and mobile phone usage, we've provided a better picture of where the African-American community can leverage that buying power to help their communities," she said. "Likewise, the information points businesses in the right direction for growing market share and developing long range strategies for reaching this important demographic group."

Consumer trends in the report include facts such as:

• With a buying power of nearly \$1 trillion annually, if African-Americans were a country, they'd be the 16th largest country in the world.

• African-Americans make more shopping trips than all other groups, but spend less

money per trip. African-Americans in higher income brackets, also spend 300% more in higher-end retail grocers more than any other high income household.

• There were 23.9 million active African-American Internet users in July 2011 – 76% of whom visited a social networking/blog site.

• 33% of all African-Americans own a smart phone.

• African-Americans use more than double the amount of mobile phone voice minutes compared to Whites – 1,298 minutes a month vs. 606.

• The percentage of African-Americans attending college or earning a degree has increased to 44% for men and 53% for women.

The report is also available at www.nielsen.com and www.nielsen.com/africanamerican – Nielsen's microsite which highlights tailored information to the African-American community.

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Plano breast cancer awareness seminar

The Greater Frisco Chapter of Jack and Jill will be hosting its 3rd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar. Dr. Alexzander Asea Renown Cancer Researcher will be our guest speaker.

His talk will center on his latest research, cures and clinical trial on "triple negative" breast cancer (TNBC). TNBC is a cancer that is estrogen-receptor negative, progesterone-receptor negative, and HER2 negative. Dr. Alexzander Asea is the Effie and Wofford Cain Endowed Chair in Clinical Pathology, & Division Chief of Investigative Pathol-

ogy at Scott & White Healthcare and the Texas A&M Health Science Center.

The event will be held at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano- Bluebonnet

Room, 6200 W. Parker Road, Plano. For more information, please register at: <http://gfcbreastcancerawareness.eventbrite.com/>

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TWU to host Executive MBA information session in Plano

Texas Woman's University will host an information session showcasing its Executive MBA program Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Sockwell Center in Plano.

The session will take place from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Colorado Room at the center, located at 6301

Chapel Hill Blvd. across from The Shops at Willow Bend.

TWU's Executive MBA program is designed for middle- and senior-level managers who want to enhance their career skills. Classes are open to women and men; students will be

able to earn their degree in just 15 months by taking courses online and on selected Saturdays. Students will pay regular TWU tuition and fees.

For more information, visit www.twu.edu, call 1-800-283-2291 or email EMBA@twu.edu.

Garland CMC presents the Mosaic Festival

The City of Garland welcomes the return of the Mosaic Multicultural Festival of Art, Dance and Music. The City of Garland's Community Multicultural Commission will stage this event on Saturday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new Hollabaugh Recreation

Center and Pavilion, located at 3925 West Walnut Street between Jupiter and Plano Road in Garland.

This free event will feature arts and crafts vendors, as well as performances by live bands, singers, and dancers representing many

countries from around the world. This family friendly festival will also have a bounce house for kids and much more. For additional information please contact Minerva Moreno at 972-271-1913 or email gm-moreno5@verizon.net.

Baking to End Hunger twice as sweet in October

Duncan Hines® Matches Funds Raised for Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale® Through October

Last year, nearly 3,200 individuals held bake sales nationwide raising more than \$700,000 to benefit Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale® — funds the organization uses to connect children and their families with much needed hunger-relief resources. According to Share Our Strength, \$1 can help connect a child facing hunger with up to 10 meals. This year bakers across the country have—again—been raising money, and the stakes just got a bit sweeter, thanks to corporate sponsor Duncan Hines®.

For the month of October, Pinnacle Foods-owned Duncan Hines is matching each dollar raised for the Great American Bake Sale, (up to \$50,000 through October 31, 2011). Additionally, the company hosted the 1 Million Cupcake Challenge, in which they recently awarded five trips, complete with red-carpet seating at the 63rd Prime-time Emmy® Awards in Hollywood to bakers who hosted bake sales for Share Our Strength and baked with Duncan Hines.

"We're thrilled to have Duncan Hines offering this

additional incentive for our bakers," says Amy Crowell, director for the Great American Bake Sale. "It's the perfect enticement right before the busy holiday baking season. What better way to practice your holiday baking skills in October and raise money to help hungry children at the same time."

"The Great American Bake Sale is a fun and easy way for passionate bakers to contribute to an important cause by baking and selling delicious and inspirational desserts," said Stefan Aps, director of marketing, Pinnacle Foods Group.

"Through the Duncan Hines Double Donations program we're proud to support Share Our Strength's work to make sure no child in America grows up hungry."

To get started, visit www.GreatAmericanBakeSale.org/signup. The site offers a full bake sale resource center online and provides ideas for themed sales, ways to promote the sale, as well as ways of connecting individuals to a community of like-minded bakers.

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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Volunteer For The Future
* CDC.gov

Parkland enters into agreement with CMS

Parkland Health & Hospital System officials today entered into a 19-month Systems Improvement Agreement (SIA) with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Parkland remains open, fully licensed and accredited during the term of the agreement. If Parkland successfully implements the agreement it will remain accredited and fully licensed after the agreement expires.

The agreement will be in effect from Sept. 30, 2011 through April 30, 2013.

"We welcome this opportunity to work in partnership with CMS. Our goal, along with CMS, is to return Parkland to deemed status and full compliance with all of CMS' regulatory standards. That's our responsibility to our patients and to the people of Dallas County," said John Jay Shannon, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer.

In early September, CMS

notified Parkland that it intended to terminate Parkland's participation in the Medicare program effective Sept. 30.

Recognizing the vital role Parkland serves in providing health care to the people of Dallas County, CMS committed to suspending that termination if Parkland agreed to enter into the SIA.

Under the terms of the agreement, Parkland will:

- Engage a team of independent consultants, approved by CMS, who will analyze Parkland operations in their entirety and, within 60 days of their engagement, provide a report to CMS outlining areas of improvement required for Parkland to come into compliance with all Medicare Conditions of Participation, which are the health and safety standards that health care organizations must meet in order to continue participating in the Medicare and Medicaid pro-

grams.

- Assist those independent consultants in the development of a written plan outlining what specific actions Parkland must take to return to full compliance with the Medicare Conditions of Participation.

- Engage one or more nationally recognized experts, approved by CMS, to develop and implement a Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) program within 60 days after their engagement.

- Engage a full-time, independent, on-site Compliance Officer to provide oversight and coordination of Parkland's efforts to return to compliance.

Within six months to a year after it approves the outside consultants' plan to return Parkland to compliance, CMS will conduct a survey of hospital system operations to ensure that it has returned to compliance.

LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will be closing soon:

GAME #	GAME NAME / ODDS	\$	Official Close of Game	End Validations Date
1331	20X The Money Overall Odds are 1 in 4.18	\$5	10/10/11	04/07/12
1314	Spin To Win Overall Odds are 1 in 4.73	\$2	10/28/11	04/25/12
1352	\$250,000 Bingo Overall Odds are 1 in 3.14	\$10	10/29/11	04/26/12
1267	Bonus Word Crossword Overall Odds are 1 in 3.44	\$3	11/30/11	05/28/12
1303	\$100,000 Jackpot Overall Odds are 1 in 3.82	\$5	11/30/11	05/28/12
1316	Loteria® Texas Overall Odds are 1 in 3.99	\$3	11/30/11	05/28/12
1323	Triple Cash Overall Odds are 1 in 4.85	\$1	11/30/11	05/28/12
1324	Texas Lottery Black II Overall Odds are 1 in 3.32	\$10	11/30/11	05/28/12

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For detailed odds and game information, visit txlottery.org or call 1-800-37LOTTO. Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket. The Texas Lottery supports Texas Education. © 2011 Texas Lottery Commission. All rights reserved.

Job Corps celebrates National Commencement Day

Mayor Brian Loughmiller, Mayor of McKinney, TX recently joined the North Texas Job Corps students, staff, keynote speaker, Dr. Wright Lassiter, Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District in celebrating the achievements of the recent graduates on National Job Corps Commencement Day. The 125 Job Corps centers nationally, united on this first National Commencement Day.

The community leaders offered words of encouragement to the students. Dr. Lassiter reminded the graduates to "always aim high; never quit; and always expect to win." Mayor

Loughmiller told the 64 graduates, "they can never be over prepared."

Ebony Cooks, graduate of the Security Academy and student leader, stated, "Job Corps helped her to become a leader and to stand up for herself."

The center and graduates also received congratulatory letters from Senator John Cornyn, Congressman Michael Burgess, Congressman Jeb Hensarling, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson who was represented by Esperanza Worley, Deputy District Director.

Job Corps is a 47 year old training program administered by the U.S. De-



Pictured seated l-r: Esperanza Worley, Tina McDade, Mayor Brian Loughmiller, Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr., Marilyn Locus, Pam Hess, Lana Kite, Cheryll Yowell, Eddie Williams. Standing: Maria Martin.

partment of Labor. It is the nation's largest career tech-

nical training and education program for youth ages 16-

24. To learn more about Job Corps call (800) 733-JOBS

or visit Job Corps online at www.jobcorps.gov.

Eastfield Lady Harvesters Dig Pink Event



Lady Harvesters in their Dig Pink jerseys.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Eastfield College Lady

Harvesters Volleyball Team is playing a special "Dig Pink" game at home on

September 29 at 7 p.m. against Cedar Valley College.

The team, along with the Office of Student Life and EFC Athletics Department will provide pink paper ribbons for attendees to write the names of loved ones on; it will then be posted on a wall. Donations will be accepted as part of the national Side-Out Foundation's goal to raise \$2.5 million dollars towards cancer treatment. T-shirts will be for sale on site for \$10.

"This is an event that high school and college

volleyball teams nationwide are involved in," says Audrey Glasscock, head volleyball coach. "The team is excited and has even asked their family and friends to try and make it out for this game if they don't make any other game this season. Our goal is to raise \$500."

The Eastfield Lady Harvesters will be wearing specially made pink jerseys, and everyone is encouraged to wear pink! Free to attend!

For more information, call 972-860-7324 or visit www.eastfieldcollege.edu.

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Trust,' but we want to challenge people with the idea that 'God Trusts Them,'" said Lucas.

"Jesus talked more about the topic of money than Heaven and Hell combined," Lucas noted. Lucas is currently preaching a 4-part sermon series entitled "Broke" that teaches churchgoers biblical principles of finance regarding debt and living on budget. Lucas will challenge congregants to "invest God's money creatively" using Jesus' "Parable of the Talents" (Matthew 25:14-30) for inspiration.

Congregants are free to "invest" the money any way they wish. The church has set-up a webpage with additional ideas and a way for churchgoers to brainstorm other uses for the divinely appointed dollars they receive.

The church is also dispersing funds to local organizations, all told, offerings of \$90,000 will be given away.

"Government isn't the source of recovery -- God is," said Lucas. "And since God trusts His people, we do too."

Firewheel Town Center's Hometown Holidays Tree Lighting slated for Saturday, November 19

The 5th Annual Hometown Holidays at Firewheel Town Center will kick off the holiday season with the lighting of its 41-foot holiday tree.

Firewheel Town Center invites area shoppers and families to gather for fun holiday activities and the tree lighting celebration featuring Santa's Grand Parade. Enjoy family activities from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., followed by Santa's Grand Parade from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Children will delight in marching bands, holiday characters, face painting and Santa Claus' grand arrival as he lights the Holiday Tree!

Throughout the holiday

season, entertainment at Firewheel Town Center will include live performances, children's activities and holiday train and horse-drawn carriage rides. All of these holiday activities, combined with the outstanding selection of stores offered at Firewheel Town Center, create a lasting impression and unique social experience that can't be matched by shopping online! Create a tradition this year and bring the whole family to Firewheel Town Center to kick off the holidays.

The event is free and open to the community and starts at 3 p.m. with family and children's activities. At 6

p.m. Santa's Grand Parade and the lighting of the tree followed by complimentary Holiday Carriage Rides until 8 p.m. The rides will also be available on

Saturdays, November 19, 26 and December 3 and 10.

Miniature Holiday Train Rides are scheduled daily from 2 p.m. to dusk.

For more information, visit www.firewheeltowncenter.com. Firewheel Town Center is also on Facebook - area shoppers looking for the latest deals, contests and event information can visit www.facebook.com/FirewheelTownCenter.



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TYPE 2 DIABETES RESEARCH

Local doctors are looking for type 2 diabetes patients who've had a recent heart attack or unstable angina to participate in EXAMINE, a medical research study evaluating an investigational diabetes medication taken with standard diabetes treatment.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be an adult diagnosed with and receiving treatment for type 2 diabetes AND
- Have had acute coronary syndrome (heart attack or unstable angina) requiring hospitalization within the last 15 to 90 days.

Study-related tests and evaluations will be provided at no charge.

TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Cardiovascular Physicians Solution
Contact: Alice
Phone: (214) 317-8322

Ongoing

Free Teen Saturday Classes for dance, vocal and drama at the N.I.A Kids Center for the Performing Arts, 901 N. Polk Street, Suite 380, Desoto, TX 75115. Class times vary. Info: niakids.org.

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.nbwen.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Through September 30

Join Bishop Lester Love, Sr. Pastor of the City of Love in New Orleans, for this year's **Christian Executive Administrative Support Staff Empowerment Group (C.E.A.S.E) Conference** at the Hilton Anatole, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207 at 7pm. \$250. Info: adsgroup@gmail.com

Through October 1

Shakespeare in the Park presents **Hamlet** at the Samuell Grand Amphitheatre, 6200 East Grand Blvd, Dallas, TX 75218, at 7pm. Tickets \$10. Info: shakespearedallas.org or 214-559-2778.

Through October 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.

Through October 9

The Dallas Theater Center presents Shakespeare's **The Tempest** at the Wyly Theater, 2403 Flora St, Dallas, TX 75201. Show times and ticket

prices vary. Info: dallastheatercenter.org or 214.526.8210 X 3931.

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 31

Bible Way Community Baptist Church, 4215 N. Greenville Drive, Irving, TX 75062, will be accepting donations for their annual **Operation Christmas Child** drive to make Christmas special for children living in 3rd World countries. Info: 972-257-3766 or bwcbe.com.

Through November 11

Plano Children's Theater, 1301 Custer Rd, Suite 706, Plano, TX, presents **School House Rock Live Jr.** Show times and ticket prices vary. Info: planochildrenstheater.org or 972-422-2575.

Through November 23

Autumn at the Arboretum with its acclaimed pumpkin patch, activities and fall foliage comes to the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, TX 75218. Adult tickets \$12. Children tickets \$8. Info: 214-515-6500 or dallasarboretum.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. Schuckenbrock, 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.iwc.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.

Gentleman Jack presents **Art, Beat and Lyrics** at the Palladium Ballroom, 1135 Lamar Street, Dallas, TX 75215 from 7pm to midnight. FREE when you register at gentlemanjackable.com. Info: gentlemanjackabl.com.

Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with a performance of "**El Grito de Dolores**" at the Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, TX 75204 at 7:30pm. \$15 general admissions. \$10 children. Info: anmbf.org.

Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters kicks off its 35th season with a **Classic Jazz and Soul Concert** featuring Jason Davis at the Clarence

Muse Café Theater in the Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex, 650 S Griffin St, Dallas, TX 75202. Admission \$10. Info: 214-743-2400.

October 1

17th Annual Dog Day Afternoon benefiting Operation Kindness will be held at Flag Pole Hill, E Northwest Hwy and N Buckner Blvd, Dallas, TX, 75238 from 9am to 1pm. FREE. Info: 214-670-8281.

Exxon Mobile Science Day at the Dallas Zoo, 650 South R.L. Thornton Freeway (I35), Dallas, TX 75203 from 10am - 4pm. Adults \$15. Children \$12. Info: dallaszoo.com or 214-670-5656.

The **7th Annual Plano International Festival** will be held at Haggard Park, 15th Street, Plano, TX, 75074 from 11am to 5pm. FREE. Info: planointernationalfestival.org or email info@planointernationalfestival.org.

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-arts-center.com, www.irving-blackarts.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 4 - 23

West Side Story will be performed at the Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 1st, Dallas, TX, 75201. Show times vary. Tickets start at \$54. Info: 214-565-0306.

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 8

3rd Annual Rotary Club of Allen Chili Cook-Off at the Village at Fairview, 329 Town Place Fairview, TX 75069 from 3pm - 7pm. \$5 in advance. \$8 at the door. Info: thevillageshopping.com/events or email nbowen@the-herringgroup.com

October 9

Fiesta Latinoamerica with the Cathedral Fall Festival and the AT&T Performing Arts Center will be held along Flora Street from the Cathedral to the AT&T Performing Arts Center, 2403 Flora Street, Dallas 75201. FREE. For more information, contact Anne Marie Weiss at anemariewise@dfwinternational.org or 972-661-2764.

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Local real estate website gives buyers an edge in the market

Dallas real estate is now officially a buyer's market, according to Teresa Gilbert with All in 1 Real Estate, and website teresagilbertrealestate.com and invest2day.com. Real estate investors consider Dallas the number one destination, especially single-family homes as rental properties.

From New York to California and even as far as Australia, investors are flocking to cash in on the exceptionally low real estate prices in the Dallas area. This trend comes in the aftermath of the burst of the real estate bubble, current economic conditions, ill-advised homeowner loans and the resulting influx of foreclosures, real estate owned properties (REO) and the



Teresa Gilbert

Department of Housing and Development (HUD) properties.

Historically, property investments pay for themselves within ten years, sometimes less when the

right bargain is found. What Dallas residents need to remember is the urgent need of families facing foreclosure. They need to find a place to live while trying to maintain their desired standard of living, while carrying the accompanying credit weight.

"In my experience, people who have been displaced from their homes do not wish to downsize to the point of living in an apartment," Gilbert said. "Dallas is in desperate need of rental home properties."

Gilbert only began working in the real estate industry full-time a little more than a year ago. Growing up in a family with experience in real estate and a husband with a strong understanding of finance, insurance investments, and securities have made Gilbert acutely aware of trends in the market. Her father, Marion Wilson financed her classes and her broker, Rashunna Dangerfield, taught her a great deal about the real estate business and explained how the current economic situation affects today's real estate conditions. Her professional experience includes owning a marketing agency

called ntheknow.com for seven years with over 58,000 members. She also has expertise in energy efficiency programs for homes, which allowed her to provide free



energy efficiency services for more than 6,000 homes through her company nthegreen.com. Later the dream continued by opening an Apartment finder business with her husband, Irving Gilbert, and Dangerfield to assist recently displaced residents and apartment dwellers with Allin1apartmentfinder.com.

With this knowledge at hand, Gilbert has made a killing in the market, starting with Teresagilbertrealestate.com. She saw what was coming and found a way to make a living helping people in Dallas and Collin County to get the most out of their investments. She can help customers get investment property, sell your home and avoid foreclosure, find a rental home to live in, buy a home or help repair credit. Whatever real estate related services are needed, Gilbert can assist you.

"With the current fluctuation in the market, your best bet is property," Gilbert said. "Land is wealth. Especially now when you can't count on currency or investments, property is the way to go. People are pulling their money out of the stock market and putting it into homes."

Home prices are low and conventional wisdom, when it comes to investing, is always buy low and sell high. In the meantime, you can earn money on investments in the form of rentals

tive cash flow.

"They have lowered constrictions and credit considerations," Gilbert continued. "You can now get loans for investment with a credit score as low



until you sell the property.

"Get in while the prices are low," Gilbert said. "We will make sure to take care of you before the market passes you by."

Gilbert points out that currently \$100,000 home can be bought for as low as \$55,000. Now, imagine if renting that property for \$1,250 a month and considering your income when renting out several properties. It all amounts to posi-

as 575 with rehab loans. With conventional investor loans, you need a credit rating of 680.

Teresa Gilbert serves investors Short Sale, HUD, REO, foreclosed, and motivated seller properties on a platter. According to Gilbert, they know all the hot spots in Dallas and Collin county areas. Gilbert's team will provide educational materials, guidelines for city regula-

tions. They know the property values and potential for properties in four to five of Dallas' hottest zip codes and five secret spots in the north that delight every real estate investor. They know what properties to invest in, have connections to get immense discounts on properties, will arrange remodeling if the plan is to "flip" your property for immediate returns on your investment or hold the property. They teach clients the eight steps of investing to show you how to make a profit on your investment or generate cash flow.

Not only that, All In 1 Real Estate takes the hassle out of rental properties. They market property for clients, screen tenants, offer a free move for your tenant and do everything when it comes to property management from making

sure that your tenants pay on time to property maintenance.

It is a buyer's market and Gilbert, Dangerfield and fellow real estate experts at All In 1 Real Estate are there to help every step of the way.

For more information, call 888-836-4952 or visit teresagilbertrealestate.com, invest2day.com, or ntheknow.com.

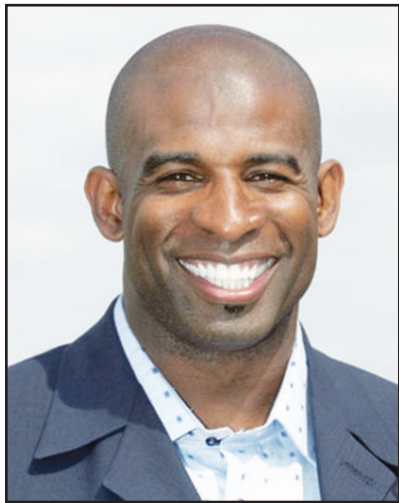


NDG Gossip: Former Cowboys got problems

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer
Sanders, T.O. deal with family issues

Although I am not a fan of the Cowboys (don't hate me), let me start off by giving the Cowboys props from pulling off the win against the Redskins on Monday Night Football.

Now, on to the gossip. Deion Sanders issued papers to his second wife, Pilar, on Friday. The Hall of Fame cornerback contends that he is tired of his wife's decision to star in reality shows. Prime-time said he "wants a housewife." Supposedly, he ain't all innocent in this either. Rumors are swirled online that he was having an affair with a 19-year-old reality television star. Now, Deion is claiming he never filed divorce papers. He tweeted Monday, "Ladies and gentlemen I never address Ignorance but I must at this point. I've never filed 4 divorce and hadn't made a statement to Any [sic] media."



Deion Sanders

What is all that about? Judging by Pilar's comments on Twitter, she was taken aback by Sanders's move. The pair stars in *Deion and Pilar: Prime Time Love* on Oxygen. Why is it such a problem that she appears on *Football Wives*? This whole thing makes very little sense.

Pay up, playa

Terrell Owens has finally decided to pay his child sup-

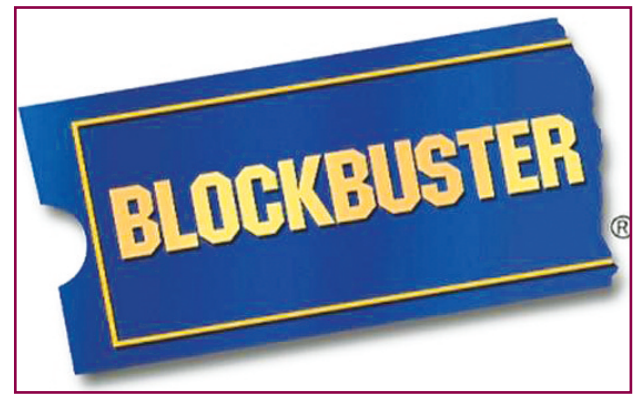
port (please). I guess the threat of going to jail got his prima donna a** to write a check. According to Bossip, the former Cowboys wide receiver claimed in June that he could not afford to pay \$5,000 a month in support for his daughter with Melanie Smith. Owens was in court on Sept. 27 for contempt of court after he got two months behind

on support payments. The gossip site reports that T.O. earns an estimated \$666,000 for his appearance on his VH-1 reality show. And he cannot afford \$5,000 a month in child support? I swear some black folk really need to take money management classes. T.O. is 37 years old and a washed-up wide receiver. The NFL will kick you to the curb, but your creations still need to eat. Better yet, practice birth control!

Blockbuster announces new app for renting and watching movies through Facebook platform

So just when you thought Blockbuster was dead, they announce plans to launch an app allowing users the ability to rent and watch movies through Facebook. The Blockbuster app on Facebook will provide Blockbuster customers new way to enjoy the Blockbuster digital catalog.

When renting movies from Blockbuster's expansive library, people can navigate the Blockbuster experience within Facebook, which will include discov-



ery, search and video playback through an embedded player.

The Blockbuster app on Facebook will be available soon.

8th Annual Stiletto Event October 3

Sebastian Fashion Model Management is hosting the 8th Annual Stiletto event on October 3 to benefit the non-profit HappyNia Dance Theater. This organization is a performing arts company with an HIV prevention entity designed to make our community aware of services available to them.

The evening will start off with a wine tasting followed



by featured visual artist, Evita Tezeno, premiering her newest collection. HappyNia dancers will perform and then a runway fashion show will proceed showcasing a fall and summer collection, fashion from top designers and retailers in the area.

This will be a semi-formal event will begin 6 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center and tickets are \$20.

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By Charlene Crowell
As September draws to a close, the holiday season will soon be upon us. It is also the traditional time when consumer spending surges make the annual difference between retailers reaching profits or red ink. But according to a recent consumer study conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates on behalf of BankRate.com, many consumers have already begun tightening household budgets.

on spending over the past 60 days due to the roller-coaster stock market or concerns about the economy", says Greg McBride, Bankrate's senior financial analyst. "This type of widespread cutback in consumer spending, if sustained for any length of time, is how recessions are born."

Beyond consumer spending, the study also compared consumer comfort levels today against those of 12 months ago in four other measures: debt, savings, job security and net worth.

your total assets are fewer than you'd prefer, there are many others holding that same opinion. Across all education levels, consumers said their net worth is lower today than a year ago.

Older Americans ages 50-64 are feeling the most financial stress. Half on this age group are less comfortable today with their savings than last year. They have also the most likely to have already cut back on spending.

able with their savings levels, they too are spending less.

When consumers considered their personal debts, over half surveyed – 51 cent – found they were about the same as last year. This finding suggests that while consumer may manage debts, becoming debt-free for half of Americans is long-term goal, not a short one.

jobs were safer today.

David Denslow, Jr., a distinguished service professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Florida and a research economist for the Bureau of Economic and Business Research offered his interpretation on lingering job insecurity.

after the official end of a recession. The third years of the previous two recoveries saw rapid job gains. This time may be different.”

In the face of questionable job security, lingering debts, meager savings and lower net worth – the usual merry tone of the holidays may offer less cheer. The economy has taken the form of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org

The "Mom's Night In" program will be led by two health experts at one of an award winning McDonald's in Irving. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6 from 6-8 p.m. at 302 W. Irving Blvd. The Dallas Business Journal spotlighted this location as the largest McDonald's location built with environmentally friendly features within the last 20 years.

The event will feature Carina Saez, a diet and nutrition expert; and Roxanne Bradford, a fitness expert. The ladies will give moms an opportunity to take a break from their busy schedule to talk with McDonald's. This is an opportunity to give

women a voice to ask questions that they have always wanted to know about McDonald's and their commitment to healthy products for families.

The first hour will be a question and answer session and during the last hour the moms will receive a personalized tour of a McDonald's restaurant. During this tour the women will get a unique opportunity to see how their neighborhood McDonald's really operates.

There will be lots of



Roxanne Bradford

goodies in-store for moms able to attend. Free meals and a cool swag bag full of gifts for mom is just a couple of treats in store for Mom's Night In.

Children grow. But what if they grow too little or too fast? Is this important? How much a child grows is a major sign of his or her overall health. Health problems ranging from nutritional disturbances and hormone imbalances to serious conditions such as unidentified kidney problems or even brain tumors can all exhibit early signs by changing how much that child grows.

This is simple yet potentially life altering information that has been experienced by thousands of families. It is the reason families from throughout the world are poised to send emails, tweets, Facebook posts and



members. Families and supporters are selflessly giving their time and energy to reach out to the world in an effort to help unidentified children who may be in the early stages of a serious medical problem.

The primary message: If you are concerned about your child's growth, visit MAGIC's website at www.magicfoundation.org for parent friendly information and use the online growth chart. If you are worried about your child, call (708) 383-0808 to discuss your concerns from one parent to another and make an appointment with your child's physician.

versity; Kirk M. Clay, Senior Advisor, Power PAC Foundation; Rev. Mark Dennis, Campaign Summit Facilitator Sr. Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Evanston, IL.

The summit is September 29 to October 1 at

Friendship-West Baptist Church, 2020 W. Wheatland Road, in Dallas. The community presentation and book signing is the only one open to the public and is scheduled for September 29 7-8:30 p.m.

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2011. Demand on health care continues to increase, but the number of multicultural women working in U.S. hospitals and medical schools is low - even as the U.S. population becomes increasingly diverse. "Macy's is proud to have helped launch the Go Red Multicultural Scholarship Fund to encourage students nationwide to explore career opportunities that make a direct impact in their communities by joining the fight against heart disease in women," said Bill Hawthorne, Macy's Senior Vice President of Diversity Strategies.

"Health care is always in need of talented people. If we can get more deserving, diverse females into the medical pipeline through the Go Red Multicultural Scholarship Fund, then it helps our industry and it helps society," said Karol Watson, M.D., associate professor

of cardiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Vice President of the Association of Black Cardiologists and American Heart Association spokesperson.

Research shows that numerous ethnic groups - including African-Americans and Hispanics - are disproportionately affected by cardiovascular disease and risk factors, confront barriers to diagnosis and care, and experience worse health outcomes than their Caucasian counterparts.

"Heart disease is largely preventable if you know the risk factors and take the necessary steps to keep your heart healthy, but this only happens if someone provides the education and awareness," said Denise Hargrove, 57, an African-American nurse in Pikesville, Md. who struggles with high blood pressure. "Many minority nurses and

physicians are advocates in their communities for improved health care. Conversely, patients become very close with people who they feel can relate to them and who understand them in the doctor's office or at the bedside."

"Factors that contribute to poor health outcomes among minorities include insufficient diversity among medical students and healthcare professionals and inadequate cultural competency training," said Icilma Fergus, M.D., director of the Cardiovascular Disparities Center at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Last year, only 6.7 percent of African-Americans and 7.5 percent of Hispanics made up the total number of medical school graduates, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

"The American Heart

Association is in a unique position to be a leader in helping to eradicate cardiovascular disease and health disparities by providing scholarships to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine," said Fergus, chair of community programming for the Association of Black Cardiologists. "Moreover, the scholarship offers a window of opportunity to those who believe medical or nursing school is unattainable."

The Go Red(TM) Multicultural Scholarship is made possible by the Macy's Multicultural Fund. Macy's is a national sponsor of Go Red For Women and Go Red Por Tu Corazón and has helped raise more than \$24 million for the cause since 2004. For more information and to request an application, visit www.GoRedForWomen.org/GoRedScholarship.

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Urban League hosting job fair for 100 cell phone refurbisher positions

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have good hand and eye coordination?

The Urban League of Greater Dallas will host a job fair to fill over 100 cell phone refurbisher positions. The job fair will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2011 from

9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Urban League Headquarters, 4315 Lancaster Road, Dallas, TX 75216. You will complete an application and be pre-interviewed.

Applicant must be 18 years or older, have a state is-

sued identification and social security card, wear business casual attire (no jeans, shorts, tee shirts or flip-flops), have one year of verifiable work experience and no felonies or misdemeanors 7 years from disposition date.

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tember 23.

With Enliven Magazine being the only magazine offering health and fitness information correlating biblical principles to the African American population, its desire is to innovatively promote faith based values applied to health.

Contest participants are asked to submit a two-minute video explaining how their faith has influenced their fitness. Videos will be judged on meeting the length requirement, use of biblical principles, sharing of life

changing tips and novel approaches to eating and exercise.

"This contest is one of the many efforts that we have established to get our readers ENLIVENED and excited about making steps towards healthier living," said Arian T. Moore, Founder and Publisher. "The epidemics of obesity and chronic disease are running rampant in our community and we have got to do whatever it takes to save lives."

The video must mention Enliven Magazine and must

be uploaded to YouTube and sent through email as an html link.

Prizes include a \$100 cash reward, Subway gift card and the winner will become The Face of Enliven Magazine for 2012, receiving national exposure. The deadline for video submission is

November 15th and the winner will be announced on December 6th via Facebook.

Questions and submissions should be sent to videocontest@enlivenmagazine.com.

Please visit the magazine's web site at www.enlivenmagazine.com.

Irving's green focus

The city of Irving has events planned which will offer families the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the cooler weather. Both events are a part of the city's Be Green program.

Hiking Opportunity: Explore the nighttime world of animals at Campion Trails with native species experts from 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 21 at Bird's Fort Trail, 5757 Riverside Drive. Participants should bring a flashlight. This night hike will begin with a special Halloween activity from 7 to 8 p.m. Register online at

<http://cityofirving.org/begreen/classes/>

Urban Farming Workshop: An Urban Farming Workshop is being held from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 29 at the Senter East Building, 228 Chamberlain St. This workshop will provide individuals with information about how to live sustainably in an urban setting. Topics to be discussed include organic vegetable gardening, raising chickens and alternatives to household chemicals. <http://cityofirving.org/begreen/classes/>

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for AT&T. "As the Hispanic population continues its rapid growth in the United States, and particularly here in Texas, it becomes more and more important that we help prepare the Hispanic leaders who will effectively address the issues affecting all of us in an increasingly diverse world. And opportunities like the roundtable and scholarship are sorely needed to help fill this critical need."

The speaker series and scholarship are named for Adelfa Callejo, who in 1961 became the first Hispanic woman to graduate from

SMU Dedman School of Law. Callejo has been in private practice in Dallas for more than 45 years, much of that time with her husband and fellow SMU Dedman Law alumnus, Bill. The Millett, Texas, native is a longtime champion of civil rights and has accumulated a long list of honors for her service and leadership in the community and legal profession.

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Burroughs is the founder of the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media, a nonprofit organization that she established in 2003 to create media outlets in the City of East Palo Alto that would fill the city's information void. In January 2006, under her leadership, the EPA Center for Community Media launched East Palo Alto Today.

The multi-award winning journalist is a former television news reporter who worked for several television news shows in New York, New Jersey and California. She also hosted a

weekly television show in New York and worked for Newsweek's Broadcasting Unit, where she produced syndicated stories to air nationally.

Burroughs received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy with Departmental Honors from Howard University; a Masters in International Affairs Degree from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University; and a Certificate in Broadcast Journalism from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University. Henrietta J. Burroughs may be reached at 650-289-9699.



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September 28, 7:30 p.m.

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October 21, 7 p.m.

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October 6, 8 p.m.

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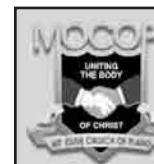
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With those words Smith later started Federal Express Corporation, the number one overnight delivery service in the world with 260,000 employees. Founder, Fred Smith, is synonymous with the word "innovation."

"There have been many great innovators who have turned concepts into successful companies. Walt Disney said, 'It's kind of fun to do the impossible.'"

Understand that God is the source of all creativity and innovation. He created the world in seven days; and if He has placed an idea in your heart to do, ask the Lord for His help in bringing it to reality. God desires to see His people create new things that can serve mankind and bring glory to

Him. Henry Ford once said, "Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."

step out again. Most successful entrepreneurs failed several times before they were successful. Don't let



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Faith plays an important role when considering stepping out to launch a new endeavor. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." **Hebrews 11:1-3 (KJV)**.

Perhaps you've failed in the past and you're afraid to

fear of failure keep you from success.

You were made to create and to succeed. However, confirm your decision, offer yourself to God as an open vessel. Ask Him to work in your life and accomplish His will through you. Then, for every little thing and great thing that is accomplished, praise Him for it and give Him all the glory.

"Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established."

Originality

Proverbs 15:22 (KJV)

Confirming major decisions through the counsel of others is one way God protects us from poor decisions. This process is designed to confirm direction for which we are seeking confirmation. Paul was sensitive not to get too heavy-handed in the confirmation process though. He offered advice to others but was not the enforcer of their decisions. "And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago." **2 Corinthians 8:10 (KJV)**

The requirement for efficient administration frequently requires single points of decision-making. Where there is willingness and trust to receive input, there is also humility, faith, and grace for God to work His pleasure in His servant. Where there is unwillingness, the opposite is true.

Perhaps you have felt strongly about a certain issue only to receive feedback from those close to you which revealed that you were not accurate in your assessment of the situation. If you have learned to yield in such situations, trust that God is working through those in whom you are ac-

countable.

The scriptures encourage us to seek advice and counsel from other Godly people who share the same values and goals that we have. "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." **Proverbs 19:20 (KJV)**.

"Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war." **Proverbs 20:18 (KJV)**

Peace of mind is another important confirmation requirement for making deci-

sions. If you do not have peace about a decision, you should wait until God gives you peace. This does not mean your decision may not have some tension due to the faith aspect of it, but deep down you should have a peace that it is the right decision. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)**



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It's really quite a chatty world after all

Rev. James L. Snyder

I must be the only one in this world of ours that truly appreciates quietness. Maybe it's old-age stomping its tired old boots, but I think the world has gotten just a little bit noisier. As I got older, I thought my hearing would begin to diminish. I assure you, I am hearing more today than I have ever wanted to hear in all my life.

Last week I went to get my haircut at a local hair salon. I usually go to a particular one near my house and I stopped in for my regular haircut. A few people were ahead of me, so I sat down, picked up a magazine and was going to have a pleasant time waiting my turn.

Not paying too much attention to the clientele, there was sitting next to me today very nice little girl. I made one mistake. I looked at her

and said, "And how are you today, little girl?"

That was the last sentence I got in for the next hour. She talked so much I thought her tongue would fall out. Then she talked some more and I thought my ears would fall off. How can anybody so young have so much to say? I am 10 times her age and I do not have one 10th as much to say to her, as she had to say to me. Who in the world is teaching these children to talk?

I date back to the time before cell phones. I know not many people are living today who dates back that far. We have become a generation of cell phones. Before the cell phone era, that was the day, I could sneak off somewhere and nobody could find me.

Oh, how I envy those glorious days of yesteryear.

Now I pack one of those blasted cell phones wherever

I go. No matter where I am, somebody can get a hold of me. When I say somebody, I am actually referring to my wife. As it stands now, I am within dialing distance of her Majesty.

Thinking about this I have come up with, maybe not a solution, but at least a little reprieve for those of us who are tired of the noise. I propose a national noise-free-day celebrated every year. For 24 hours, nobody

would be permitted to say anything.

This brings me to my favorite Bible verse. "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalms 46:10 KJV).

It is in the stillness that we begin to know God. What would happen if for a brief moment each day we became still before the presence of God?

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2011.

Founder and Senior Pastor, Reverend Wilbert, started his congregation in the summer of 1991 with three other faithful men of God in a local park to pray about reaching families in the Irving. The Lord heard their prayers, and their congregation quickly grew. By August 26, 1991, they received a state charter and organized what would become Bible Way Community Baptist Church.

Bible Way is located at 4215 North Greenview Drive in Irving. The church began as a two room complex of just 2,100 square feet with one room for worship and a back room office. Today, the church is 17,000 square feet, built by Pastor Wilbert and other members of the Bible Way with the aid of a project manager.

The Church's foundation is solely based in scripture. When construction began on the new facility in 2003, Pastor Wilbert and his congregation placed scrip-

ture passages in a box. The box was in the foundation under the future location of the pulpit.

"We have spent the past 20 years, making sure people understood who we wanted to be," Pastor Wilbert said. "We wanted to be family orientated."

"The second phase is going to be community involvement, starting with creating a non-profit corporation for funding," he continued. "We are ready to commit and take it all on."

This non-profit is first focusing on creating a career search network, a program that will provide unemployed individuals in the area to look for jobs using the Church's computers and Internet. According to Pastor Wilbert, this will be in place in late 2011 or early 2012.

Then Bible Way Community Baptist Church intends to create a family life center with the purchase of 25 acres for the new life center. They are planning to

add another church service.

"This has always been a part of the Church's vision,"

plans for a Bible Way Christian School. The school will include a daycare and



Bible Way Community Baptist Church

Pastor Wilbert said. "We've spent the past 20 years building a foundation based on the Bible's teachings in order to get to this point."

The family life center will include an outreach ministry that will provide food, clothing, shelter and assistance. It will also provide legal assistance, drug/alcohol counseling, a Health and Wellness Program with exercise classes and take on teen pregnancy.

The Church also has

kindergarten in the beginning. Their long-term plans include adding grade levels as the students progress.

In addition to the Church's 9:35am Sunday school, 11:00 a.m. Sunday Service, ministries throughout the week and Wednesday Bible Study. Radio listeners can hear Pastor Wilbert preach the word of God on 1040AM KGGR and its sister station at 102.5FM at 10:00 a.m. daily. He also penned his

first book, You can Make a Difference, last year which explores the teachings of the Book of Esther. Pastor Wilbert is currently at work on his new book.

Pastor Wilbert urges the community to contact Bible

Way Community Baptist Church at 972-257-3766 or visit bwcbc.com. He invites the community to get involved with making his vision for the future into tomorrow's reality.

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