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Dallas Children's Health Fall Festival

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is partnering with the City of Dallas and Keep Dallas Beautiful to host a Children's Health Fall Festival on October 29. The festival will focus attention on protecting children from lead poisoning and residential lead hazards. The festival includes free parking, admission and loads of games for elementary-age children. There will also be a

costume contest and educational materials for parents. Childhood lead poisoning is a major concern throughout the U.S. Lead is a highly toxic metal that was used for many years in products found in and around our homes. Lead may cause a range of health effects, from behavioral problems and learning disabilities, to seizures and death. Children 6 years old and under are

most vulnerable to the effects of lead poisoning. The agency's Lead Awareness Program continues to work to protect human health and the environment against the dangers of lead by developing regulations, conducting research and designing educational outreach efforts and materials. The week of October 23-29 has been designated as National Lead Poisoning Prevention

Week and the theme this year, "Protect Our Most Valuable Resource - Our Children," highlights the importance of educating parents and children about the dangers of lead exposure, especially lead-paint hazards in housing. In addition, information will be available on health risks such as asthma, pesticides, and exposure to household chemicals.

Rapist targeting black sorority alumnae members

The police in Plano and Denton have reportedly warned alumnae members of the Delta Sigma Theta of a serial rapist who has attacked four members of their organization in the last year. Earlier this week a video was released in an effort to gain possible information from the public. The victims are between



the ages of mid-50s to early 60s, with each attack occurring

within their home between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. The latest attack happened last Friday in the 9 p.m. hour. This victim lives in Corinth, which is located in Denton County. Two other attacks occurred in Plano and one more in Coppell. The suspect, shown on a video released by the Plano police, is believed to be a black

man between ages of late 30s to mid-40s, 5 feet seven inches to 6 feet tall and 250 to 300 pounds. The police describe the assailant as having a trimmed beard and short hair. Anyone with information is asked to call the Plano Police Department Tip Line at 972-941-2148 or the Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 877-373-8477.

Get on board with caring about North Texas afterschool programs

More than 100,000 children in Dallas County are home alone when school is out each day, leaving them vulnerable to bad choices, predators, and other problems connected with lack of supervision. These children also miss academic enrichment opportunities that studies show are one of the



leading elements to fighting the dropout rate. Dallas AfterSchool Net-

work, (DASN) in cooperation with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and imc2,

is launching an aggressive three-month long awareness campaign, designed to highlight the importance of afterschool programming to the community. The campaign asks "Who Cares About Tomorrow" to underscore the importance of providing quality afterschool

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Payday loan collection scams

By Charlene Crowell Almost every consumer is concerned with today's tough financial times. But for those looking to make a fast buck, tough times can also make for easy prey - especially when a payday loan borrower can be tracked down.

Across the country state attorneys general, the Better Business Bureau, law enforcement officials and others are alerting consumers to overly-aggressive phone callers

who threaten arrest if a payday loan is not immediately repaid. Claiming to be representatives of a law firm or collection agency these fake collectors demand personal financial information such as bank account or credit card numbers. Others request that monies be wired immediately or direct consumers to purchase a pre-paid credit card. Regardless of the specific request, their aim is to either get your

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Greg Hinton

(NNPA) The Democratic National Committee has a new diversity chief.

Greg Hinton will become chief diversity officer of the organizations starting Oct. 24, making him the first ever for the national party. Hinton, chief diversity officer of US Cellular and a Chicago native, will advise the Democratic National Convention Committee and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee on diversity staffing and minority procurement for the 2012 convention in Charlotte.

"Diversity in hiring, contracting and procure-

ment has always been of utmost importance to the Democratic Party and I'm proud to serve in this role to help maintain that commitment," Hinton said in a statement. "Our party is stronger because of our diversity, and in this new role I will be working to make sure we are harnessing our diverse experiences and points of view in the most effective way possible. I am honored to be doing this work on behalf of the President (Barack Obama) and the Democratic Party and believe this new position is a reflection of the party's strong commitment to diversity and inclusion."

Hinton's appointment was made at the recommendation of the DNC's Budget and Finance Committee. The DNCC and DCCC also took roles to fill the position after controversy over the role of minority vendors at the convention. Hinton's job will be developing diversity goals and implementation.

"We're thrilled to have Greg Hinton join the DNC as the chief diversity officer," DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz said. "The Democratic Party has long been dedicated to



including talented people who reflect the diversity of our great country, and Greg will bring his talents to bear as we make sure we are living up to that commitment. I'm proud we're taking this critical step forward and look forward to working closely with Greg as we strive to take our values of inclusion and strength through diversity to the next level."

In addition to

US Cellular, Hinton has worked at Abbott Labs and Pepsi General Bottlers as well as the health care and nonprofit fields, developing and implementing inclusion programs for supplier diversity and human resources.

"Our whole team at the DCCC is excited to have Greg Hinton join us and continue our strong commitment to diversity," DCCC Chairman Steve Israel said. This new position is a reflection of the Democratic Party's continuing and unyielding belief that diversity is a strength and we look forward to Greg's work to help us honor that tradition."

Michael Baisden

Radio personality, best-selling author, filmmaker, and leader of the successful civil rights march in Jena, LA, Michael Baisden not only talks the talk afternoons on his nationally syndicated "The Michael Baisden Show," he also walks the walk. On Monday, October 24, Baisden announced his plans to give away a half-million dollars to small businesses and non-profits via a "Million Dollar Business Pitch" campaign. Listeners must tune into the radio show, Twitter, or FaceBook

on November 28th for submission details.

"It's time for those of us who have done well because of the people, to give back to the people," expresses Baisden. "While we relax in our comfortable homes driving our expensive cars, families are being destroyed. I understand that I can't save the world, but I can reach back and help as many people as I can and hopefully inspire others to do the same! It's time to pay it forward in a big way!"

From author to radio personality, to filmmaker and



now social and political activist, Michael Baisden is committed to advancing the global community to a better place. Baisden's contribution for the campaign is not from corporate sponsors, but is coming directly from his wallet. "You see that's our problem, if we can't make a profit off helping people, we don't do it. While I welcome corpora-

tions and others to support us, I can't wait for their budget cycles to make a decision," he cites.

Over the past eight years, the outspoken and sometimes controversial radio pioneer has advocated for civil rights issues, campaigned for voter registration, supported free health clinics, and promoted mentoring with a 70-city bus tour. Most recently Baisden took his microphone to Occupy Wall Street in New York, engaging his listeners up close and personal with protesters from the site.

"As President Obama said, we can't wait fourteen months; some of my listeners

won't survive another fourteen weeks. We have to do something now!"

In addition to his Million Dollar Business Pitch campaign, he continues to break boundaries with the release of his new e-novel entitled, "Never Satisfied: Do Men Know What They Want?" on Baisden Publishing and his new film "Do Women Know What They Want?" on TimeLife slated for release later this year. Baisden's other popular titles, "Men Cry in the Dark," "The Maintenance Man," and "God's Gift to Women," can be found on Amazon.com.

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Andrea Davis Pinkney

By Tom Keener

Celebrated children's au-

adults, Pinkney has written picture books, novels, works of historical fiction and non-fiction.

A graduate of Syracuse, majoring in journalism, Pinkney began her career as a magazine book editor. After marrying her husband, Brian Pinkney, a recipient of two Caldecott Honor awards, she was inspired to try her hand at

children's books. She has since authored over 20 books.

When asked about the importance of reading, Pinkney explains, "Books change the life of a child in a

positive way".

One of her first books was about Texas native Bill Pickett, a legendary cowboy and rodeo champion of African-American and Native American descent from Taylor, Texas. Pinkney states, "To learn more about rodeos, I attended rodeos and completed research at the Black American West Museum in Denver, Colorado. Black cowboys are exciting to study because they forged a trail as pioneers and as African-Americans."

Her two most recent books include *Bird In A Box* and *With the Might of Angels*.

Bird in a Box is about three children living in despair and seeing little hope for change. Their paths converge in June 1937 when Joe Louis becomes the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion. Louis's victory was a seminal moment in African American history. To com-

plete her research, Andrea began practicing boxing with a trainer. She also acquired period boxing gloves that were similar to what Joe Louis would have worn. Ms. Pinkney adds, "For Joe Louis, his pride was in the sport."

With the Might of Angels takes place in the fall of 1955. After the Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 12-year-old Dawn Rae Johnson learns she will be attending a previously all-white school. "I was in disbelief that took a while to enforce the Court's decision," Pinkney declares. "African-Americans could not try on clothing in retail stores and had to wear brown paper on feet when sampling shoes."

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Black Land Loss Increasing

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
(NNPA) An old African proverb is "A people without their land will be a people without a future." Way before the current housing mortgage crisis that disproportionately has negatively impacted Black Americans, there had been a 20-year steady pace of land loss in the majority of Black communities across the United States. Now today with the additional persistence of high unemployment for African Americans, there is a corresponding destabilizing increase in the daily rate of Black land loss throughout the nation.

No one seems to know the exact statistics on this issue, but in nearly all reliable reports, in particular from states where African Americans are over 30 percent of the population, more than 10,000 acres of land per day is now being lost. The reason why I am raising this phenomenon is be-

cause too often when we face a challenge for a long period of time, the sheer magnitude of the problem becomes understated and misunderstood. During the last 20 years, dialogue about this continued crisis has moved from awareness to reaction to cynicism and now even an emerging sense of hopelessness.

I do not believe Black people in the United States, in the Caribbean, South America, or in Africa can afford to be casual or hopeless on the global issue of land loss by Black people. No one seems to remember years ago that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) helped to initially destabilize Zimbabwe because they disagreed with President Robert Mugabe giving native Africans millions of acres of their land back that had been stolen by Rhodesian farmers and businessmen. All human life is valuable. We live in a world that too often seeks to

triage the value of Black life. But, we should never engage in self-destruction or self-devaluation! Black owned land is of no less value.

Thus, we hope that after you read these words, you will survey the land that your family now owns and make sure that the taxes are paid because thousands of acres are lost daily because abandonment or tax delinquency. It is unfortunate that some of us do not even know the value of the land we live on or have inherited from our fore parents. It is so sad to go to most county courthouses to see the long list of properties that are sold for less than one-tenth of the real value because family members for various reasons decided to let the family property become the ward of the state or county.

But beyond the sheer monetary value of Black-owned land across America are the tremendous potential health-related and self-deter-

mination benefits for the use of this land. So many of the diseases and serious health problems that African Americans face today are a direct result of not eating healthy food

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Correction

Last week our cover story on page 9 *The Psychology of Black Unemployment* did not include the byline. The outstanding story was written by Cynthia E. Griffin, who is a staff member of Our Weekly, a newspaper published in Los Angeles, California and a fellow member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. My apologies for this omission.

Ruth Ferguson,
NDG Editor

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money directly or gain access to it through information provided.

In truth, however, many of these callers have no affiliation with a credible business, the names are fictitious and calls are made from untraceable numbers. The heavy-handed collection tactics are intended to get cash quickly and move on to the next victim.

According to North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, "Don't fall for these calls from crooks demanding that you pay phony debts. Never agree to share your personal information with someone you don't know who calls you, no matter how convincing they sound."

Rather than reacting to harsh language and pressures to pay immediately,

consumers would be wise to assert their own interests. A legitimate debt collector should respond to requests for written and additional information. That kind of inquiry should identify the original creditor, amount owed, date of the alleged transaction, etc. Any pushback from this line of questioning should signal that the caller is suspect.

For bona fide collection businesses, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) sets standards for debt collectors and covers personal, family and household debts. Abusive, deceptive or unfair practices are specifically prohibited. This law covers personal, family and household debts – including payday loans, credit cards, auto loans and more. Phoning consumers be-

fore 8:00 am in the morning or after 9:00pm at night is illegal. Any collection attempt at a consumer's workplace is also banned. In either of these circumstances, the consumer is protected so long as they advise the collector of their unwillingness to take such calls.

Each year, the Federal Trade Commission prepares a report on FDCPA. For 2010, the agency received more complaints on debt collection than on any other industry. The three top categories of complaints were:

Calling repeatedly or continuously;

Misrepresenting the character, amount, or status of the debt (including demanding a larger payment than is permitted by law); and

Failing to send consumers a statutorily required written notice about the debt and their rights.

America's lingering and widespread unemployment imposes financial challenges. But just because you may have fallen into debt, now is not a time to fall victim to a consumer scam. If debts are owed, speak directly with your creditors to arrange a manageable repayment plan, and develop a paper trail as evidence of your good faith efforts to repay.

Most importantly - let the scammers find someone else to flinch.

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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.

Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale offers birth class Nov. 5

Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale will host Healthy Birth Class-Labor in a Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Sunnyvale Medical Plaza.

The class is \$100 per

couple and includes reading materials. Each couple is asked to bring two to four pillows and a light blanket to the class.

Lunch will be served.

For more information, contact Brenda Shumway,

health coach, at 504-656-MAMA (6262), 817-673-6852 or email at info@HealthyBirthClass.com. Additional information is available at <http://www.healthybirthclass.com>.

EPA celebrates Children's Health Month and National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

Nearly a quarter of a million children living in the United States have blood lead levels high enough to cause significant damage to their health, estimates the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Despite the continued presence of lead in the environment, lead poisoning is entirely preventable. The EPA celebrates Children's Health Month focusing on the important work that parents, communities and public agencies are doing to protect children, throughout October, during Children's Health Month.

"Children actively explore the world around them, which makes their developing physical and neurological systems especially vulnerable to the dangers of lead poisoning," said EPA regional adminis-

trator Al Armendariz. "We must do all we can to protect them from this silent threat by raising awareness."

To increase awareness of childhood lead poisoning prevention, the EPA along with CDC and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is participating in National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) October 23-29.

This year's NLPPW theme, "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future," underscores the importance of testing your home, testing your child and learning how to prevent lead poisoning's serious health effects. Homes built before 1978 should be inspected for lead hazards, and children living in these homes should be tested for lead. In addition, homeowners remodeling an

older home are encouraged to talk to their contractor about ways to prevent lead poisoning during the renovation.

Parents can reduce a child's exposure to lead in many ways. Here are some simple things you can do to help protect your family:

- Get your home tested. Before you buy an older home, ask for a lead inspection.

- Get your child tested. Even if your young children seem healthy, ask your doctor to test them for lead.

- Get the facts! Your local health department can provide you with helpful information about preventing childhood lead poisoning.

For more information about lead poisoning prevention, call 1-800-424-LEAD.

Parkland offers grief support groups

Grief is a natural and normal reaction to loss. You need to grieve to heal. Do you need help? Parkland Health & Hospital System's Pastoral Care department is providing grief support groups to anyone in need of help. All support groups meet at Parkland Health & Hospital System, 5201 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas, 75235.

Daytime grief support (English & Spanish combined group): 2 p.m. each

Monday in the Chaplain's Conference Room on the first floor next to Parkland chapel.

Evening grief support (English): 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Chaplain's Conference Room on the first floor next to the Parkland chapel.

Evening grief support (Spanish): 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Chaplain's Conference Room on the

first floor next to the Parkland chapel.

Please contact Chaplain Kyong Hee Kim at 214.590.8512 if you plan to attend the grief support group or if you need individual grief counseling.

The Parkland Bereavement Committee will host a memorial service for patients who passed away from June 2011 to September 2011 at 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13 in MacGregor W. Day Auditorium.

Cooler weather increases risk of home fires

The seasons are changing. With cooler temperatures, the McKinney Fire Department reminds residents that turning up the heat can be a fire risk if heating equipment is not properly used or maintained.

Heating equipment is the second-leading cause of home fires in the United States, resulting in roughly 600 civilian deaths, more than 1,600 civilian injuries and almost \$900 million in direct property damage. Half the fires occur during between December and February. Most home

heating fire deaths, injuries and property damage involve stationary or portable space heaters, including wood stoves.

In 2010, the McKinney Fire Department responded to 25 structure fires attributed to the use of heating equipment, resulting in a dollar loss of more than \$199,000. The McKinney Fire Department urges all McKinney residents to help reduce these numbers by following a few simple tips.

- Keep or maintain a three-foot space between all heating equipment and

anything that can burn, including curtains, furniture, and bedding.

- Do not use your oven or cooktop to heat your home.

- Inspect and maintain heating equipment regularly. This is best performed by a professional.

- Stationary and portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room and before going to bed.

- Have your chimney professionally inspected each year and cleaned if needed.

- Install smoke alarms

in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Interconnect all smoke alarms through the home — when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month. Replace smoke alarm batteries yearly.

- Be sure your home has both photoelectric and ionization smoke alarms or combination alarms that include both technologies so that slow, smoldering fires, as well as fast flaming fires, are detected.

- Make sure your home has working carbon

monoxide alarms.

- Plan and practice your

home fire escape drill.

Film prof picks 3 top favorite scary movies

To help make the most of the Halloween season, Dr. Adrienne L. McLean, professor of film studies at UT Dallas, has compiled a list of her favorite horror films.

"These films will, if you allow yourself to succumb to them, scare you rigid, not from blood or gore, but from what you sometimes cannot (and will never) see, what you must imagine, situations that are disturbing, things that may or not be real or possible," said McLean.

"Even when they make



you giggle at one or another of their implausibilities or, in the case of the older films, general campiness, you will likely

find yourself awake in the middle of the night at some point in the future remembering scenes from all of them."

Her recommendations are:

Cat People (Jacques Tourneur, 1942). "This film is in black and white and made on a tiny budget, but it contains one of the most influential horror scenes of all time — a woman being terrorized in a swimming pool by shadow and noise only. A perfect example of how the monster (a young married woman who becomes a vicious black leopard) is to be both feared and pitied — we cheer when she kills the sleazy psychia-

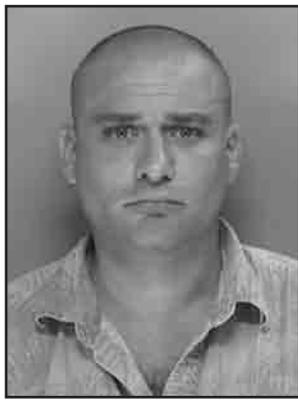
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Arlington man sentenced to 14 years for hate crime

Henry Clay Glaspell, 34, of Arlington, Texas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Terry R. Means to 14 months in federal prison, following his guilty plea in February 2011 to a hate crime charge stemming from an arson of a children's playground at the Dar El-Eman Islamic Center in Arlington in July 2010, the Justice Department announced today.

Glaspell admitted that he set fire to playground equipment at the mosque as part of a series of ethnically motivated acts directed at individuals of Arab or Middle Eastern descent associated with the mosque. Glaspell further admitted that he stole and damaged mosque property, threw used cat litter at the front door of the mosque



Henry Clay Glaspell

and shouted racial or ethnic slurs at individuals of Arab or Middle Eastern descent at the mosque on multiple occasions.

Judge Means ordered that Glaspell, who has been on bond, surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on Nov. 21, 2011.

"The defendant targeted Arab-Americans at a mosque where families worship peacefully and children play," said Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. "The Justice Department is committed to vigorously prosecuting hate crimes against all persons and incidents of this kind will not be tolerated in our country."

"Religious freedom is one of our most cherished rights, and that right includes the ability to build places of worship and assemble, free from discrimination," said U.S. Attorney Sarah R. Saldaña of the Northern District of Texas. "This office will continue to prosecute those who commit such reprehensible acts of hatred."

Fundraiser planned for Heifer International

As part of an ongoing commitment to end world hunger and poverty, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Chi Zeta Omega Chapter is partnering with Pearls of Service, Incorporated and Heifer International® to present the Chi Zeta Omega 5K Fun Run & Walk. The event will be held on Saturday, October 29, 8 a.m., at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve in Plano.

Awards will be given to the fastest male and female overall as well as age group awards. Medals will go three deep in the following age categories: 1-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+. Depending on registration numbers, more children's categories may be



added. All participants will be eligible for door prizes.

Heifer International® is an organization which seeks to end world hunger by

teaching sustainability, and self-reliance principles. Additional information about Heifer can be found at www.heifer.org.

Dallas appoints No-Kill Task Force to develop plan for ending euthanasia of homeless animals

Dallas has officially joined the ranks of cities and towns across the country that have taken on the challenge of ultimately becoming "no kill," with the goal of ending the killing of homeless dogs and cats.

Following the lead of cities like San Francisco, Austin, New York and Richmond, the City of Dallas has created an official task force, the Dallas Companion Animal Project (Dallas CAP), charged

with developing a blueprint for ending the killing of adoptable animals.

"Our goal is to guide the community in identifying and increasing easily accessible programs that will allow us to stop the killing of healthy, treatable companion animals," said Rebecca Poling, chair of the task force and a member of the Animal Shelter Commission.

To do that, Dallas CAP will focus on getting the

community more involved on all levels: reducing the number of animals given up and abandoned by their owners; making it easier and more affordable for owners to spay and neuter their pets; increasing the number of stray and loose animals returned to their owners; offering options to people considering giving up their pets; and increasing the number of animals adopted and those transferred to other shelters and

humane organizations.

This past year, 20,684 dogs and cats—or 75 percent of the 28,392 companion animals that ended up in the City's shelter—were put to death simply because there weren't enough homes for them.

"Ending the killing of adoptable animals is not about any one shelter becoming no kill," said Poling. "It's about the entire community coming together and embracing all

the components of a successful plan: spay/neuter, education, adoption and rescue, owner retention, behavior hotlines, responsible pet ownership.

"No single agency or organization can possibly be responsible for all the components necessary to make Dallas no kill. We're looking for individuals, businesses, corporations, associations, nonprofits, advocacy groups and animal-welfare organizations

willing to be a part of this effort by lending their names and encouraging others to do the same."

The City of Dallas is ready to make the move towards no kill said Joey Zapata, Interim Assistant City Manager. "We have a new Mayor who firmly believes that Dallas should have the goal of becoming no kill; a City Council committed to supporting the task force; and a new shelter manager,

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properly. When the majority of Black people in the past lived on our own farms or in communities where there was a multitude of organic gardens, the overall health condition of our people was much better. The fundamental striving for self-determination and freedom is to be able to feed yourself, shelter yourself, and empower yourself economically from the bounty and produce of your own land and labor. Freedom is inconsistent with being dependent on others to do for you what God wants you to do for yourself.

Today there is a gradual reverse migration of Black Americans from the northeast and midwest back to the southeast. Will this trend lead to a reverse in Black land

loss? Whether you live in a big city or a small town, the questions about land ownership and the economic development of the Black community are most urgent and important. The Black church and other institutions that serve our communities should put a special emphasis on this issue. The establishment of local "land banks" and other cooperative efforts to pool the resource potential of our communities should be given a priority. The latest U.S. consumer spending reports Black American spending continues to increase annually. According to recent research by the Nielsen Company, Black American buying power by the year 2015 will reach in excess of \$1.1 trillion. Wow, we

are becoming trillion dollar spenders, yet losing more and more land. We will not be able to create more wealth for generations to come, if we do not change our spending habits. What are we spending more on? Appreciating assets or depreciating assets? If properly done, land purchases

can be a wise appreciating investment. We owe it to our ancestors not to lose all that they worked and suffered so much for in the past. Let's turn our land losses into gains by reversing this awful trend. Stop Black land loss now! Let's build for a better future.

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White House nominates SMU Dean to National Board for Education Sciences

President Barack Obama has nominated David Chard, dean of Southern Methodist University's (SMU) Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development, to the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences. The 15-member board oversees and directs



David Chard, Dean of SMU Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education & Human Development

the work of the Institute of Education Sciences. As the research arm of the U.S. Department of Education, the Institute collects and analyzes education research data and funds researchers na-

tionwide who are working to improve education outcomes for all students, particularly those at risk. In addition, the Institute produces the Nation's Report Card.

"Dr. Chard is a dedicated innovator in pursuing education reforms to address the needs, challenges and opportunities

of our nation's schools," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Through his research, teaching and leadership, he is in the forefront of providing new insights into the way students learn and how teachers can be more effectively trained in reaching young learners. The school he leads as dean has already

become known as a center for research-based programs and practices. We are proud of the impact David Chard is making and on his nomination to the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, where his expertise will be shared at the highest level of our government."

Free DCCCD/DISD Event Helps Students Prepare for College

(Dallas) – High school students are busy people. They are busy texting, doing homework, going to a Friday night football game or planning for an upcoming date. Their social schedules are intertwined with social networking online. But they do need to look ahead, plan and learn more about the process of earning a college degree.

Las Llaves del Exito, a free one-day program offered by the Dallas County Community College District and the Dallas Independent School District, can give students the keys to their success: a college education and information

about how to navigate the system so that they can attend a college or university.

Sponsors for the event are DCCCD and DISD. Partners include the University of North Texas-Dallas, the University of Texas at Dallas, the Hispanic College Fund, the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Education Is Freedom, Texas A&M University-Commerce, the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, Dallas County Schools and LULAC National Educational Service Centers Inc.

Throughout the morning program, those partners will share important keys

to success with students and their families, especially first-generation college students who are among the first members of their families to enroll in higher education. They will present a special program on Sat., Oct. 29, "Las Llaves del Éxito" ("The Keys to Success"), from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the University of North Texas-Dallas, 7300 University Blvd. (formerly Houston School Road) in Dallas. The event is free and open to the public; students in grades six through 12 (middle school and high school) – and their parents – are encouraged to attend. Breakfast will be provided.

Students and parents should register that morning in the building marked "7400."

Las Llaves was started almost a decade ago by a committee of community members who wanted to encourage high school students to graduate and continue their education. The conference will feature information sessions in English and Spanish about topics such as preparing for college (taking college entrance exams, STEM careers, dual credit, college life); and applying for and learning more about the opportunities that a college education can provide by using the keys to success to

open that door. Several parent workshops are scheduled in English and Spanish about college preparation, financial aid, college admissions and college readiness.

Middle school sessions will focus on choosing a career; earning college credit in high school (dual credit); writing a winning essay for college scholarships and admissions applications; and paying for college, among others.

More than 1,100 participants attended last year's fall event, and more than 200 volunteers work with students and their parents, providing practical information to help them be-

come college-bound. (A related spring event will be scheduled specifically for high school juniors and seniors.)

College representatives, admissions specialists and financial aid advisors will talk to families about the application process and steps they need to take to be considered for admission and financial aid.

For more information, call the DCCCD office of outreach at 214-378-1771 or DCCCD's Spanish line at (214) 378-1713. Details also are available at www.dcccd.edu/keystosuccess or www.dcccd.edu/llavesdelxito.

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programs for the community's children. With deep budget cuts in education across all school districts, the academic support and enrichment programs provided to children are more valuable than ever. The hope is individuals in the community will register and volunteer on the "WhoCaresAboutTomorrow" website, or otherwise encourage organizations providing after school care for children.

On Thursday, October 20 at 10 a.m. DASN will kick-off the WhoCaresAboutTomorrow campaign on the front porch of its headquarters at 2902 Swiss Ave. Local afterschool providers, DASN staff, and community leaders will join the rally wearing t-shirts declaring "iDo" in response to the "Who Cares About Tomorrow." The kick-off will coincide with national Lights on

Afterschool Day, which is a national day of celebration for afterschool, with more than 7,500 events occurring across the country.

The purpose of the WhoCaresAboutTomorrow campaign is to inform the community about the importance of afterschool time. Also, to encourage individuals to volunteer and possibly change a child's life.

"Dallas AfterSchool Network believes in the value of quality afterschool programs to inspire learning and provide hope for tomorrow amongst our most vulnerable students. The three hours from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. can be used to change a life," said Tanya McDonald, DASN's executive director.

The WhoCaresAboutTomorrow campaign was the brain trust of imc2, a Dallas-based purpose-inspired strategic and creative marketing agency. The agency

invested \$80,000 in creative resources to the project, which included designs for buses, posters for train stations, a website, social media platforms and more.

DART has donated advertising space on the sides of 25 buses. Titan Outdoor also donated advertising on 20 windscreens at DART rail stations throughout North Texas.

DART buses will be rolling through the city with the campaign message on their sides until December 18, directing people to visit www.whocaresabouttomorrow.org. They are invited to share their afterschool story to an archive, and then find a program they would like to volunteer with, or donate supplies or money. They can also post pictures and stories on Facebook and Twitter.

"Like any business, imc2 is full of smart, creative people who arrived here in part

because of the learning and enrichment opportunities they had earlier in their lives," said Jonathan Feinstein, positive impact coordinator. "We supported this project because we recognize how important education is to us personally, to our business and to the future of Dallas. We value the work that DASN is doing to bring quality afterschool programs to our children, and we believe one of the most effective ways we can support that work is by lending our time and professional talents."

"Dallas AfterSchool Network is grateful for the partnership of imc2 and DART to make this campaign possible. Both organizations immediately understood our objective of raising awareness of the importance of the availability and quality of afterschool programs for all children in North Texas,"

said McDonald. "This partnership is an illustration of what is possible when public entities and for-profit com-

panies deploy their expertise to support the education of our community's children."

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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.

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

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

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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 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 harisonm@vnatexas.org.

Through October 29

The play **Pillow Talk** appears at the Garland Civic Theatre, 108 N 6th Street, Garland. Show times vary. Tickets \$22. Info: garlandcivictheatre.org or 972-485-8884.

Through October 30

Plano Children's Theater, 1301 Custer Road, Ste 706, Plano, presents **The Mysteries and Omens of The Twilight Subdivision**. Showtimes vary. Tickets \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Free Halloween events before showtime. Info: funhousetheaterandfilm.com or 214-564-5015.

Through October 31

Bible Way Community Baptist Church, 4215 N. Green-

view 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 bwcbc.com.

Tuesdays through November 10

Small Talk in Plano English as a second language learners can practice English speaking skills in a small group setting of 10-12 adults. Participants must be able to read and write English. Registration must be done in person at Schimelpfenig Library in Plano; meet each week at 1 p.m. FREE 972-769-4200

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.

Through November 20

The Dallas Theater Center presents **To Kill a Mockingbird** at 2400 Flora Street, Dallas. Show times and ticket prices vary. Info: dallas-theater-center.org or 214-526-8210.

October 28

Donnie McClurkin's Perfecting Music Conference hosts a **Health and Wellness Fair** at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 N. Olive Street, Dallas, from 11am – 3pm. FREE. Info: perfectingthemusic.com.

Torch Relay for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals will be at Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Avenue, Dallas at 1:30pm. Info: torchrelay.org.

Trick-or-Treat at Frisco's Fire Safety Town, 8601 Gary Burns Drive, Frisco from 6pm – 8pm. FREE. Info: Friscotexas.gov.

October 29

The Irving-Carrollton Branch NAACP hosts a **Freedom Fund Luncheon** at the Las Colinas Marriott Hotel, 223 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving from 11:30am - 2pm. \$50 donation to support youth participation in the NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, tutoring at-risk students and scholarships. Info: 214-763-9802.

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters presents **An Evening of Spoken Word with Ruby Dee** at the Dallas Convention Center Theater Complex, Naomi Bruton Main Stage, corner of Canton and Akard in Dallas, at 7:30pm. Tickets \$20-\$25. Info: tbaal.org.

Dallasblack.com and Wells Fargo present **Home Buying 101: Your Roadmap to Home Ownership** at The Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Ave, Dallas, 10am – 3pm. FREE. Breakfast and lunch provided. Info: dallas-black.com/wellsfargo.

Cowboys of Color National Finals Rodeo comes to the Mesquite Championship Resistol Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite at 7:30pm. Ticket prices vary. Info: cowboysofcolorrodeo.com or 972-285-8777.

The Eric Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, presents its **6th Annual International Book Fair** all day. FREE. Info: dallasinternationalbookfair.com.

October 30

John A. Lewis Quartet Performing LIVE from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the Absinthe Lounge, 1409 S. Lamar, Ste 008, Dallas, there is no cover

October 31

Bible Way Community Baptist Church is holding its annual **Fall Festival** at 4215 N. Greenview Drive, Irving from 6pm to 8pm. FREE. Info: 972-257-3766.

The Plano Police Department presents **Halloween KIDS NIGHT OUT** at Plano Market Square Mall, 1717 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano from 6pm – 7pm. FREE. Info: plano.gov.

Historic Downtown McKinney, 111 N. Tennessee St, McKinney, hosts the **2011 Scare on the Square** from 4pm – 6pm. FREE. Info: downtownmckinney.com or 972-542-2660.

November 4

The Third Eye African Awakening Conference at South Dallas Cultural Center Theater 4 p.m., cost is \$15, call 214-426-1683

The Business & Industry Awards Luncheon is an annual event at which the Chamber and the Richardson Rotary Clubs recognize local businesses and organizations for their many contributions to the local economy and the community. Hyatt Regency North Dallas – Richardson at 701 E Campbell Rd, Richardson from 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

November 4-5

Karlene L. Games Ministries, Inc presents **Prayer Symposium 2011** at Mt. Sinai Church, 6819 Lake June Road, Dallas. 10/4 at 7pm. 10/5 at 8am. FREE but you much register. Info: 888-530-1123 or kingdom-prayer.eventbrite.com.

November 5

The Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Parkway, Plano, hosts **North Texas Kids Family Expo** from 10am – 4pm. FREE. Info: northtexaskids.com or 972-516-9070.

November 12

Women on the Verge of a Breakthrough Brunch will be held at the Marriot at Market Center, 2493 N. Stemmons Frwy, Dallas from 10am – 2pm. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$30 after 10/21. Vendors start at \$75. Info: Teri@anyevent.org.

A Sister's Gift Women's Center presents their **1st Annual Women of Unsung Courage Awards Brunch – 30 years of AIDS** at the TOP Event Center, 1508 Cadiz Street, Dallas at 11:30am. Tickets \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Info: asistersgift.org or 214-421-4274.

November 3-6

AAA Texas 500 Weekend at the Texas Motor Speedway

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November 9

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November 12

Omicron Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity host the **2nd Annual Royal Fall Ball** at the Omni West Hotel, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas from 6:30pm – midnight. Tickets \$65. Info: omicronsigma1914.org or 972-832-2766.

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How Is Diabetes Treated in Children?

Is your child packing on the pounds?

Becoming a couch potato?

Then he or she may be at risk for getting type 2 diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes once occurred mainly in adults who are overweight and over 40, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Today, it is increasingly diagnosed in youths age 10 to 19.

Why is this happening?

Because just like adults, kids are heavier now. An estimated 1 in 6 children and teens is obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Along with a family history of diabetes, being overweight and inactive are the main risk factors for type 2 diabetes, says Ilan Irony, M.D., an endocrinologist at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The two main types of diabetes—type 1 and type 2—are treatable, says Irony. “In addition to changes in diet and a healthier lifestyle, treatments can help control blood sugar and prevent or delay long-term complications of diabetes.”

FDA-approved treatments for both type 1 and type 2 diabetes are all about keeping the blood sugar

(glucose) levels in a normal range.

But there is no one treatment that works for everybody, says Irony. And treatments may need to be changed if side effects of a particular medication are not tolerated. Also, additional medications may need to be added as diabetes gets worse over time.

Type 2 Diabetes

Type 2 diabetes is most often diagnosed in children starting at age 12 or 13, says Irony. “In children, the disease tends to get worse in puberty when the body produces hormones that make insulin less effective,” he says. Insulin is the hormone that controls blood sugar levels.

“The first line of treatment is a healthy diet and other lifestyle changes,” says Irony. “If a child is overweight or obese, losing weight and increasing physical activity can help lower blood sugar.”

Ask the pediatrician if your child is a healthy weight or needs to lose weight. And children and adolescents should do at least one hour of physical activity each day, according to the federal government’s 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans.

Type 2 diabetes may be



A teenager tests his blood sugar with a glucose meter. Keeping blood sugar close to the normal range can help prevent the complications of diabetes.

controlled with diet and exercise for a while—sometimes years—says Irony. “But the disease is progressive and medication will be needed later in the majority of patients.”

FDA has approved one glucoselowering medication—metformin—in pill and liquid form for children. Metformin, used daily, increases the body’s sensitivity to its own insulin so it becomes more active and pushes glucose into the cells. The most common side effects of metformin—upset stomach, nausea and diarrhea—generally go away within a few weeks.

In rare cases, metformin can cause a serious and sometimes fatal side effect called lactic acidosis—a buildup of lactic acid in the blood. This rare condition

has occurred mostly in people whose kidneys were not working normally.

FDA has recently approved a number of different drugs for diabetes in adults that are currently being studied for use in children, Irony says.

Injectable insulins—which move glucose from the blood to the body’s cells—are approved for children with diabetes. If the drug metformin alone doesn’t bring the blood sugar down to normal, insulin can be injected and help achieve better control.

Type 1 Diabetes

Type 1 diabetes accounts for almost all diabetes in children younger than 10, and it is also on the rise in U.S. children and adolescents. Formerly called juvenile diabetes, type 1 occurs

when the body’s immune system destroys the insulin-making cells in the pancreas. Researchers are still investigating the causes of diabetes.

For children with type 1 diabetes, multiple injections of insulin are needed every day to keep the blood sugar in check.

“Treatment is individualized to the child and the spikes of high or low blood sugar need to be minimized,” says Irony. It’s a balancing act to lower the blood sugar but not get it too low, which could make the child feel shaky or pass out, he adds.

Diabetes Devices

Children with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, like adults, must test their blood sugar multiple times a day. FDA regulates medical devices, including portable meters and monitors, used to check blood sugar levels. The agency also regulates devices such as syringes, pens, and pumps used to inject insulin.

Syringes and pens are used manually to inject insulin. Pumps are computerized devices programmed to deliver a continuous flow of

insulin, even while you sleep. FDA has approved more than 55 different insulin pumps. A pump system generally consists of

- a pumping mechanism that holds batteries and a cartridge filled with insulin. The pump, which is similar in size to a pager, is worn outside the body on a belt or in a pocket.

- a tube (catheter) that carries insulin from the pump to another tube (cannula) implanted just under the skin, typically in the belly or back.

Pump technology continues to evolve, says Alan Stevens, a mechanical engineer and FDA’s infusion pump team leader. A newer type is the “patch” pump, he says, in which the tubing is contained within a pump directly attached to the body with adhesive. A small, hand-held computer similar to a PDA, which directs the pump, can be carried in a purse or pocket.

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What Is Diabetes?

Diabetes occurs because of defects in the body’s ability to produce or use insulin—a hormone needed to convert food into energy. Insulin is made

in the pancreas and is released into the blood to control glucose (sugar) levels and the amount of glucose transported into cells as an energy

source. If the pancreas doesn’t make enough insulin, or if the cells do not respond appropriately to insulin, glucose can’t get into the cells and instead stays in the blood and is passed in the urine. The blood sugar level then gets too high. High blood sugar can, over time, lead to devastating health problems, including

- heart attack
- stroke
- kidney disease
- nerve damage
- loss of toes or feet
- digestive problems
- blindness
- gum problems and loss of teeth

NDG Gossip: Kardashian is coming to a theatre near you

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

I don't know why, but Kim Kardashian is the lure of many men. Add Tyler Perry to that list. Kardashian tweeted Friday that she has joined the cast of his latest film, *The Marriage Counselor*. Kardashian will play the acquaintance of a marriage counselor whose own marriage begins to crumble when her parents move in. Talk about overkill. I am a huge Tyler Perry fan, and the last thing I want to see is her face on the big screen in a film from one of my favorites. Bad move, Mr. Perry.



Kim Kardashian

Dude wanna marry her? Why?

What do Kardashian and Royce Reed have in com-

mon? Besides the fact that the world would not know who the heck these women was if it weren't for VH-1 reality shows, Kardashian and Reed have the hots for NFL

and NBA players. Kardashian, of course, dated Dolphins back Reggie Bush and is now married to Kris Humphries. The latest on Reed is she got her hooks in Buccaneers wide receiver Dezmon Briscoe. According to Bossip, the two got it bad for one another, and have showed their affection via Twitter. Briscoe tweeted last week, "I tell my girl @Roycelr i love her not just 2 say it ... But 2 let her know the way I feel about her is so so areal and it will never change." Oh please, Briscoe. She must have really put it on a brotha for him to talk marriage and all. Don't be a fool like Dwight Howard and get tied up with that woman. Run as fast as you do on the gridiron away from Reed.

Power Watching

By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil

Don't you just love this time of year? The crispness of the air. Trees showing off their gorgeous fall colors. Our kids settling (hope springs eternal) into the still kinda' new school year. And, the deluge of new Fall TV shows still rolling out. So little time and so many guilty TV viewing pleasures. Although you know by now that Nielsen is the leading global research company that measures what consumers buy, you also know we do a great job

at measuring what consumers watch! And there's no better time of year to talk about television viewing than Fall.

Even though in this digital age we consume our media content in many ways, via online streaming on our computers, our smartphones and tablets, according to Nielsen data, old school television still rules amidst all the new kids on the video consumption block. Live primetime viewership in this country is still strong with nearly 200

million viewers. Of course, when we say "watching television" these days, those programming options have grown to include cable, satellite, on-demand or digital video recording (DVR) viewing.

I try to keep you abreast of Blacks' habits and purchasing choices, as compared to the general population. The State of the African-American Consumer Report, a groundbreaking, first-of-its kind study developed by Nielsen

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trist who finds her 'exciting' and thinks he can control her. We mourn her death."

The Innocents (Jack Clayton, 1961). "An adaptation of Henry James's novella *The Turn of the Screw*, this film is about a governess who agrees to take care of two strange and possibly possessed children in a mansion in the middle of the British countryside. Also in black and white, it is probably the scariest film I have ever seen, purely on the basis of its evocative and disturbing images—a cherub with an insect crawling from its mouth, a figure standing in a lake, a dead bird under a pillow. The soundtrack is also terrifying."

The Shining (Stanley Kubrick, 1980). "Most people

are aware of this film thanks to Jack Nicholson's performance as the unhinged proprietor of a remote resort hotel, but it remains one of the creepiest films ever made. Your startle reflex will get a tremendous workout."

The Blair Witch Project (Daniel Myrick, Eduardo Sánchez, 1999). "Yes, it has bizarre plot holes — why don't the three lost students just follow the stream back to civilization instead of wandering around in circles? But, for dread created from very little (stick witches hanging from trees, piles of rocks, a blurry severed finger) this movie is hard to beat."

The Others (Alejandro Amenábar, 2001). "A 'twist'

film, sometimes compared to *The Innocents* for its creepy children and the fact that there may or may not be ghosts in the house. Literally, it is quite a dark film because the children suffer from some disease that makes them sensitive to light, and all the scarier for it. The sequence involving a photograph album containing actual images of dead Victorian and Edwardian children will stay with you for years."

McLean has a PhD in film studies from Emory University and is the author of many books on film including *Dying Swans* and *Madmen: Ballet, the Body, and Narrative Cinema* (Rutgers University Press, 2008; second printing 2011).

African American Museum to host the BOMBAY SAPPHIRE Artisan Series

Bombay Sapphire and Russell & Danny Simmons' Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation have teamed up to create the BOMBAY SAPPHIRE Artisan Series. This nationwide search aims to discover the next big names in urban photography and multimedia art. Twenty of the nation's finest aspiring artists from the aforementioned fields will be short-listed before going on to compete for the top artisan title at a finale event during Art Basel Miami in December 2011.

Bombay Sapphire and Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation are on a mission to provide exposure

to the newest wave of emerging artists and discover what inspires them. They've partnered with Marc Ecko's *Complex* magazine and invited artists to enter the Artisan Series contest by creating a piece of inspired, original art, and uploading it through www.Complex.com/SapphireArt.

All submissions will be judged by a panel, including Marc Ecko, Rush Philanthropic Vice Chairman, co-founder and artist, Danny Simmons, along with curatorial staff from the Foundation and curators throughout the country. Those selected will be invited to have their work

displayed at a sequence of nationwide events between July and November. The African American Museum has been selected to host the Dallas reception on Thursday, November 3, 2011. Ten fine arts photographers and ten multimedia artists will be drawn from these showcases to compete in the finale event during Art Basel Miami, where one artist from each category will be selected as winners.

For more information, contact Emmanuel Gillespie at 214.565.9026 ext. 312 or email at egillespie@aamdallas.org.

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and Twitter (@BaisdenLive). Details on how to submit your business will be announced live on The Michael Baisden Show on November 28th between 3:00 and 7:00

p.m. ET. Log onto www.Baisdenlive.com to listen to the live stream or download the TuneIn radio app and search Michael Baisden show.

TV Judge, Other Celebs Share Advice at B-CU's 'Roc the Mic'

By Andreas Butler
Special to the NNPA
from the Daytona Times

Hundreds listened intently recently as national celebrities such as television personality Judge Glenda Hatchett and Fox News commentator Dr. Marc Lamont Hill gave some life lessons at Bethune-Cookman University's annual "Roc the Mic" lecture series.

The series, with the theme "The State of the Black Student," was held at the Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center at B-CU. The panel encouraged the students to be politically active to help shape the future for themselves and generations to come.

Along with Hatchett and Hill, panelists were "America's Marriage Doctor" Dr. Jacqueline Del Rosario, New York Times bestselling author Omar Tyree and actress and former BET host, Melyssa

Ford.

Topics included politics, the economy, marriage and relationships, poverty and education cuts.

'Define your own sky'

"Pay attention to not only the presidential election but also the Senate, House of Representatives, state legislature, state senate, governor and local elections," Hatchett urged.

Stressed Hill: "Be politically active because issues of social security, health care, jobs, housing, student loans, etc., affect us all."

The panel told the students to be bold and creative to find economic security in the country's current state. The majority of those in the audience were B-CU students and some were members of the community.

"Define your own sky. Don't let anyone tell you what you cannot achieve.

The economy is horrible. Don't wait. Be creative. Go to grad school if you can. Stay away from unnecessary debt with credit cards and getting cars you cannot afford and other materialistic things you don't need," Hatchett advised.

Author Tyree told the crowd, "You have to be a hustler. When I was at Howard University, I laughed at business majors because they weren't hustlers. I cut hair in college to make money. Do what jobs you can to earn income en route to your dream job and career. My first apartment also had no furniture."

Tyree noted, "Blacks don't value education like they should and that is a problem. This mindset has to change. It all starts with reading. You must read and when you read you get direct rather than second-hand information."

Poll shows work to do for diversity

A new poll from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) shows that only two in 10 organizations have an internal group focused on diversity within the organization.

Regardless of whether organizations do or do not have internal groups — a diversity-focused committee, council, or advisory board — the human resources group plays a significant role in diversity initiatives. When asked, “Who is responsible for implementing diversity initiatives at your organization?” 65 percent of poll respondents cited the human resources group. Another 62 percent said the human



resources group is responsible for leading diversity initiatives.

The second most cited group responsible for both implementing and leading diversity initiatives is the president/CEO and his or her office, said 21 percent of respondents polled.

“While internal diver-

sity councils aren’t the only way that an organization can move the needle around diversity and inclusion, these results are an indication of how few organizations are responding to the world’s rapidly changing demographics in a proactive and meaningful way,” said Eric Peterson, manager of diversity and inclusion at SHRM. “Clearly, we still have a lot of work to do.”

The SHRM Poll: An Examination of Organizational Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion highlights the responses of 674 randomly selected human resource professionals from SHRM’s membership.



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There is TV show, radio show, speaking engagements, public appearances and coaching clinics that pay more money than some cities budgets. Les Miles the head football coach of Louisiana State University (LSU) is a prime example with a base salary of \$3.175 million and other incentives will increase his salary to \$4.23 million.

Infractions regularly happen all the time in colleges, because an alumni gives student money or helps him or her with financial assistance. The schools do not mind paying the penalty knowing that the long-term financial rewards are favorable for the school.

Remember former UCLA forward Ed O’Banion who filed suit in 2009 against the NCAA because he and several others players were not compensation

from DVD sales, photos, video games. These young men just want a piece of the American pie. However, the pie is baked, delivered, and eaten by the NCAA.

According to a report from the National College Players Association, an advocacy group for college athletes calculated that the market value of college athletes, on average, would be worth \$121,048 for basketball players and \$265,027 for football.

The players are essentially working for free, with no form of income from football games, jerseys, t-shirts, or a licensing agreement for themselves or their families. It baffles me how the United States Congress and others government agencies just sweep this under the rug. Everyone blindly continues to ignore this modern day slavery practice of not paying student-athletes.

You can listen to Donald “Spider” Willis each Sunday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Fishbowl Radio Network.com. For show topics or suggestions you can call 469 335 6668 or email Entertainment@northdallasgazette.com

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in collaboration with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), has an entire in-depth section that analyzes television and movie watching behavior. According to the report, African-Americans watch 40% more television than any other demographic group in the country, averaging seven hours and 12 minutes each day and about 213 hours per month. The average African-American household also owns four or more televisions (great for going room to room and not missing a beat of viewing, although I personally tend to stay cemented to my couch and only watch one of the four TV's in the house).

As a group, Blacks tend to prefer premium cable channel programming, drama, live or reality television program and sporting events. Hands down, the television event that attracted the most African-American viewers, so far, in 2011 was Super Bowl XLV between the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers. A

record 12.5 million of us tuned in to watch making it the most watched Super Bowl ever. I was surprised by this number because pop culture has us believing that basketball is the sport we most love, but in comparison, seven million viewers watched the NBA Game 6 Finals between the Dallas Mavericks and the Miami Heat. Remove sporting events from the equation, and it's the Grammy Awards which took top honors – attracting four million African-American viewers. The BET Awards followed with 3.9 million viewers. And, BET proved to be a favorite landing spot when it brought back The Game and 3.1 million of us had our eyes glued to the screen for its season premier (Why can't Derwin and Melanie get it together, sigh, he knew that baby wasn't his. Or I forget now... was it?!).

What's the common denominator for these favorite shows of ours? Diversity. The more diversity there is in the programming offered, the more likely we are to

tune in.

In analyzing our viewing habits, the report also shows that African-Americans make up 11% of the movie-going population, an industry that generates \$12 billion in annual revenue. Interestingly, the heaviest attendees are divided into two different age groups: those 12-17 and 45-54. Study results reveal that these are the same folks who are most likely to consume/watch movies at home on TV and all of the alternate formats like streaming, downloading and pay-per-view. As with our TV shows, African-Americans prefer comedies and action adventures, evident in the Top 5 African American-Themed Movies To Date (with predominantly African American casts).

“The Pursuit of Happiness” (Gross: \$162.6 million)

“Bad Boys II” (Gross: \$138.4 million)

“The Nutty Professor” (Gross: \$128.8 million)

“Coming to America”

(Gross: \$128.1 million)

“Nutty Professor II: The Klumps” (Gross: \$123.3 million)

Anybody notice Eddie Murphy stars in three out of the five? Now that he's going to host the 2012 Oscars, perhaps we'll see an upswing in the number of African-American viewers who tune in. By now, you know my old refrain, so say it with me – “Knowledge is power.” What we watch is important to both the marketers who want to reach and interact with our community and the producers who want us as viewers. Ratings and movie ticket sales equal dollars. Dollars equal power. Download your own personal copy of report by going to www.nielsen.com/africanamerican or look for it as an insert in your local Black newspaper.

Cheryl Pearson-McNeil is senior vice president of public affairs and government relations for Nielsen. For more information and studies go to www.nielsen-wire.com.

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The award, given in one of nine categories, recognizes the company as a family business "that demonstrates rapid growth over a short period of time and has implemented innovative business techniques in achieving this growth," said Dawn Maitz of Baylor.

Eve Williams, president and CEO, succeeded her father in 2010 and leads the multi-disciplined firm providing services to various markets

including education and institutional facilities, transportation, public transit and aviation to name a few. The Dallas based company is certified as a minority-owned firm in 10 states and the District of Columbia.

Williams credits her professional staff with offering quality customer-focused services that earn repeat and new business. "It is all because of them," she says. "Our strength is our people. The Dikita team is dedicated, passionate and committed to providing unparalleled service to our clients."

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Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 pm, Central Standard Time, on Friday, November 18, 2011, to Karla Weaver, AICP, Program Manager, 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, October 21, 2011.

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October 29

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October 30

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It is said that there is a spiritual law in the Kingdom of God. Every great leader in the Kingdom will pass through the valley of Baca. Baca means to weep. It comes from the Hebrew word, *bakah*; a primitive root; to weep; generally to bemoan.

But, Baca is also a place of springs. I am told that there is nothing better on a hot day when you're thirsty and tired than to drink water from a mountain spring. The word is that it refreshes; it renews you and it gives you a second wind to continue your journey. Those who commit themselves to a pilgrimage or a religious journey with God

will experience at some point in their journey, the Valley of Tears. But in the midst of Baca (their tears) they will discover that in this valley they will also drink from a very special spring that refreshes with a different kind of living water.

It becomes the source of "secret things in hidden places" described by the prophet Isaiah, "And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel." **Isaiah 45:3 (KJV)** reserved only for those willing to journey on their great pilgrimage with God.

Once you drink from this spring you will be energized in your spiritual man from strength to strength. Each Valley of Tears will result in a new spiritual spring from which you will drink. It is hand-made just for you by God. But, you should know this, it will be used to provide a refreshing drink for others that you will encounter who

are also on their pilgrimage.

Ultimately, Baca leads to the presence of God. There is something about being in a place with God that results in our weeping and crying out to Him for a drink from His spring only available in the valley of Baca. "He that dewelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." **Psalms 91 (KJV)**

Moreover, God is the God of Success. "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." **Deuteronomy 28:1 & 2 (KJV)**

You are created to be a success. Success is rooted in our relationship with God, not in our abilities. When our abilities are sep-

arated from our relationship with God, success is short-lived.

The Word of God says that all these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God. You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock - the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

Also, the Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. The Word also says that they will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. And the Lord your God will



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bless you in the land that He is giving you.

I believe that sometime God allows us to fail in order for us to succeed. Each of us must first experience our own death and resurrection from our old

nature. This is for you to learn who the source of true success is. You will be amazed how easy success will come when your life is in proper alignment with the purposes of God.

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Jody Jones, who played a leading role in making Richmond, VA, a no-kill community."

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Plano Community Forum Attendees



Rochelle Brown, Drew Pearson on stage.



Drew Pearson, Myrtle Hightower PHD

The Plano Community Forum held their 30th Anniversary Gala at Southfork Hotel, Plano, Texas on Saturday, October 15. The theme of the evening was "Celebrating the Past – Embracing the Future." Journalist Ms. Rochelle Brown and Mr. Drew Pearson (Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor Inductee) served as Mistress and Master of Ceremony. The featured entertainment was the Jeff Aycock Jazz Ensemble.

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