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Fair housing organizations file discrimination complaint against Bank of America for practices in Dallas and other cities

Tuesday Sept. 25 the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) and five of its member organizations around the country announced a federal housing discrimination complaint against Bank of America



Corporation, Bank of America, N.A., and BAC Home Loan Servicing, LP.

This complaint, which was filed earlier with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is the result of an undercover investigation that found that Bank of America main-

tains and markets foreclosed homes in White neighborhoods in a much better manner than in African-American and Latino neighborhoods.

Bank of America is one of the largest American banks that maintains and
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COVER STORY

City of Dallas seeking voter approval on 2012 Capital Bond Program focused on basic needs



Tennell Atkins, Dallas City Councilman

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Community activist sues Irving mayor for defamation

Anthony Bond is an Irving community activist and has filed a lawsuit against Irving's Mayor Beth Van Duyne for defamation of character.

Last week, Mayor Duyne called Bond a "whore" after Bond made allegations against Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager. Bond claimed that he received tickets for the

city manager for sporting and other events at the American Airline Center, and leave the tickets on Gonzalez's doorstep. During a local news interview Van Duyne was quoted as calling Bond a "whore" for his behavior.

Bond has now filed a defamation suit against Van Duyne and claims she tarnished his character and

image among his family, friends, and others. The lawsuit does not seek monetary compensation, he does however want Van Duyne to refrain from making such inappropriate comments.

Van Duyne plans to get a personal attorney to represent her in the case of what she referred to as a "distraction."



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Deion Sanders' "unfair" child support order

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COMMENTARY

Companies continue to insult Black consumers

BY GEORGE E. CURRY (NNPA) When I was in the process of reading and writing about Nielsen and the National Newspaper Publishers Association's report on African-American buying power for this week's Black newspapers, I was reminded of how many top companies continue to take advantage of Black consumers while providing little, if anything, in return.

They are not the only ones at fault – so are we. People treat you the way you allow them to treat you. The same can be said of corporations, though they are not, as Mitt Romney contends, people. The Nielsen report notes that Black spending power, which totals \$695 billion a year, is expected to soar to \$1.1 trillion by 2015. And very few of those dollars are reinvested by advertising in the Black media.

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The facts Hispanics need to know about colon cancer

Each year more than 140,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with colon cancer and approximately 50,000 will die from the disease. All men and women are at risk for colon cancer. However, because of disproportionate screening rates, mi-



norities, including Hispanics, are more likely to be diagnosed with colon cancer in advanced stages. Survival rates after diagnosis are also lower for Hispanics and this may be due to less access to timely and high-quality treatment. The American Society for Gas-

trointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), representing the specialists in colon cancer screening, advises Hispanics to speak to their doctors about getting screened for colon cancer.

"There is a myth in the Hispanic community that

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Quentin Moore

Dallas soul man Quentin Moore is doing his part to recognize the musicians who paved the way for his music style.

Through his music production company, Soulbol Pro Presents ..., Moore will present an old-school jam fest and a music workshop, titled "Real Music for Kids," for the youth in the coming weeks.

On Friday, Sept. 28, some of Dallas' and Fort Worth's top singers and musicians will come together for a concert to cover some of the best soul, R&B, and pop sounds from the 60's, 70's and 80's during the "Soul Extravaganza: Tribute to 'Old School' Soul

Music." The extravaganza will take place on the patio of J.Pepe's, 2720 N. Stemmons in Dallas. Doors open at 8 p.m. with the show to begin at 9 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the show will be rescheduled for Oct. 5.

"I am trying to bring awareness to the real music, the origin," Moore said. "A lot of people sample old school music. I want to show the origin of the samples."

The Austin native said the Sept. 28 event will serve as a lesson in black music and allow soul music enthusiasts to reconnect with their favorite artists.

Also scheduled to perform are smooth jazz guitarist Michael Walker from Garland and multi-talented singer Angela Blair from Dallas.

Music from Aretha Franklin, the Isley Brothers, Marvin Gaye, Chaka Khan, Al Green, Prince, Diana Ross, Curtis Mayfield, Frankie Beverly & Maze, and Michael Jackson is slated, Moore said. A tribute Mayfield and Maze are on Moore's playlist.

After the concert, an old-school dance party hosted by D.J. Tony Rojo will take place. Guests can enjoy Tex-Mex, drink specials all night long (\$3 mar-



garitas and domestics, \$5 Wells), and free parking. Dress to impress, therefore, no tennis shoes or tall tees allowed.

Tickets are \$15 presale and before 9 p.m. and \$20 after 9 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit www.soulextra.com.

Moore's mission continues from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Lue'siana Po Boys, 1104 S. Elm St. in Carrollton with "Real Music for Kids." The event will expose children to organic art forms of live music such as soul, jazz, and R&B. Qu-entin Moore

and friends will perform live at the event.

"This is an awareness-type thing. The goal is to orientate them to live musicianship and inspire them to become musicians.

There will also be a question-and-answer session with participating musicians and parents will have the opportunity to sign their kids up for music lessons.

"Real Music for Kids" is free for children 17 and under and \$10 for everyone else. For more information on the old-school extravaganza and the October 6 event, visit www.soulextra.com or email Qmooremusic@yahoo.com.

Sandra Martinez

Sandra Martinez BS'11 has made a few journeys in her young life, beginning with a move from Dallas to Mexico when she was 4 years old.

She returned to Dallas in time for middle school, with no English skills and a lot of catching up to do. "It was a big challenge," she said, "but my teachers helped me through. I want to do the same for the kids I teach."

Coming out of high school, Martinez was not

sure how she could afford to go to college. But yet another journey began that took her to UT Dallas and her future, with help from the Academic Bridge Program (ABP). The program is geared toward high-performing students who didn't receive a university-track curriculum. High school students who are selected for ABP begin their college careers at UT Dallas during the summer after their high school graduations.

At UT Dallas, Martinez thrived as a math major and is now stepping into the demanding teaching profession.

"The program gave me so much great support," Martinez said, "from scholarships to work/study opportunities, tutors to study groups. I knew I wanted to teach and to eventually return to the Dallas Independent School District where I went to high school. Academic Bridge and the Teacher Development Center (TDC) made that possible. I just finished my student teaching and plan to work

in the Dallas ISD teaching high school freshmen—even though they are at the most challenging age."

Martinez credits the real-world preparation at UT Dallas' Teacher Development Center with building her comfort level in the classroom. She also credits both the center and the Academic Bri-



dge Program for helping her believe she could make her goals happen.

"I hope people will continue to support Academic Bridge," said Martinez. "It's a great way to help promising students go forward. A lot of high school kids don't know about the help that's available, so they figure that they don't have the money or preparation for college and they just give up. Academic Bridge can change that."

Malenna Saunders

Some people go through life wondering what they

would like to do in as they struggle through their current job situation. Others know what they want to do, but either cannot because they need to 'make a living' or don't because they are scared to try. Traditional corporate America trumps all dreams! Traditional corporate America has become a lot less reliable and with the growth of unhappy employees, unemploy-

ment, and decrease in job security, some people have been left to find other means of income. Others are forced to find a NEW source entirely.

A little over a year ago, Malenna Saunders was let go from her corporate position of almost 10 years. She worked for one of the largest financial institutions of the world and thought with hard work, came job security.

"As more and more people were let go, and people began to tip toe more and more around the office, reality finally set in when my number was called and I was asked to leave my badge and take my personal belongings. You know the feeling you have when you walk outside and realize your car is gone?

This was much worse. More like walking home and realizing your house was gone. Now where do I go?"

Fast forward to a year and a half later. Saunders now has her own fitness company, Phoenix Fitness, which operates bootcamps around New York City, in addition to providing personal training, nutritional and lifestyle coaching, and a variety of classes including kettle bells, yoga and zumba. Phoenix Fitness also provide fitness competition prep for ladies interested in being a fitness competitor or model or just LOOK like one.

As a fitness model, competitor, trainer, and lifestyle coach, Saunders will also be taking part in a competition



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Journalist Greg Palast's new book exposes who is trying to buy the 2012 presidential election

Earlier this week journalist Greg Palast was on the online radio show Just Peace about his latest book *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits: How to Steal an Election in 9 Easy Steps*.

In *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* Palast names the filthy-rich sugar-daddies who are super-funding the Super-PACs of both parties--billionaires with nicknames like "The Ice Man," "The Vulture" and, of course, The Brothers Koch. Told with Palast's no-holds-barred, reporter-on-the-beat style, the facts as he lays them out are staggering.

What emerges in *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* is



Greg Palast,
Journalist and Author

the never-before-told-story of the epic battle being fought behind the scenes be-

tween the old money banking sector that still supports President Barack Obama, and the new hedge fund billionaires like Paul Singer who not only support Romney but also are among his key economic advisors.

Although it has not been reported, Obama has shown some backbone in standing up to the financial excesses of the men behind Romney. *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* exposes the previously unreported details on how operatives plan to use the hundreds of millions in Super-PAC money pouring into this election. Everyone knows the money is pouring in, but

Palast shows the convoluted ways the money will be used to suppress your vote.

The story of the billionaires and why they want to buy an election is matched with the nine ways they can steal the election. His story of the sophisticated new trickery will pick up on Palast's giant *New York Times* bestseller, *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*.

Just Peace is an Atlanta based radio show that airs each Monday 5 p.m. Visitors can listen on the web by visiting <http://www.wrfg.org/> and clicking on the "Listen Live" icon on the right side of the page.

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It's a matter of respect. As Black publishers point out, if a company advertises in the Washington Post or the New York Times, it could be speaking to anyone. However, when it advertises in the Black media, we know they are speaking directly to our audience and are taking us seriously as valued consumers.

For the most part, that's not happening.

When Nielsen lists the top companies advertising with Black media, some familiar names are nowhere to be found. Eight of the top U.S. 10 banks are not on the list of top 10 financial/insurance companies advertising in the Black media.

JP Morgan Chase has overtaken Bank of America as the top bank in the U.S., with assets of \$2.2 trillion. Don't shed any tears for second-place Bank of America, which has assets of \$2.13 trillion, or CitiGroup with \$1.8 trillion. Neither of them is among the top 10 entities advertising with the Black media.

But African-Americans hold checking or savings accounts at all three banks. Let's put them on notice by sending them a copy of this column and my story, which is carried in this week's NNPA papers and is posted

on BlackPressUSA.com. Tell them that by the time the next Nielsen report comes out a year from now if they are not on that list, they will be added to one of our lists, not the one people brag about.

If banks can disregard us, we can disregard them by closing our accounts and moving them to a bank that shows its appreciation. If you have accounts at either JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, CitiBank (CitiGroup), Bank of New York Mellon, PNC Financial Services, State Street Corp., Capital One or SunTrust Banks, put them on notice today that they will lose a valuable customer if they continue along this path.

To add insult to injury, \$182.5 billion of our tax dollars went to bail out American International Group – or Notorious AIG., as comedian Bill Maher calls them – but they have not reciprocated with the Black media. AIG, the largest insurance company in the world, is MIA.

You can't turn on the television without seeing one of those horrendous man/ape commercials about GEICO. Yet, GEICO is monkeying around with us by also being absent from the list of top advertisers.

African-Americans over index on mobile phones. Verizon is a top advertiser with the Black media but not AT&T, Sprint or T-Mobile. If they haven't joined the list by next year, we should pull the plug on them.

At various times and to varying degrees, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and the NAACP, among others, have had a public grading system for Corporate America. But that measurement has been abandoned. It's time to reinstate it. Instead of competing with one another, this is an excellent opportunity to prove that our civil rights organizations have what they call "operational unity" and join together to produce an annual Economic Report Card. Given its ties to Corporate America, perhaps Marc Morial and the National Urban League can take the lead on this. It's time for leaders to lead.

As Jackson said at the press conference releasing the Nielsen report on Black buying power, perhaps we should stop boasting about our spending power and closely examine what companies spend with us. And based on those findings, we should do what the lady who reads the church announcements each Sunday admon-

ishes – govern ourselves accordingly.

Let them know how you feel

In terms of a national campaign, I suggest first focusing on the three largest banks. Here's contact information for their top official:

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Let the "banksters" know how you feel about their actions.

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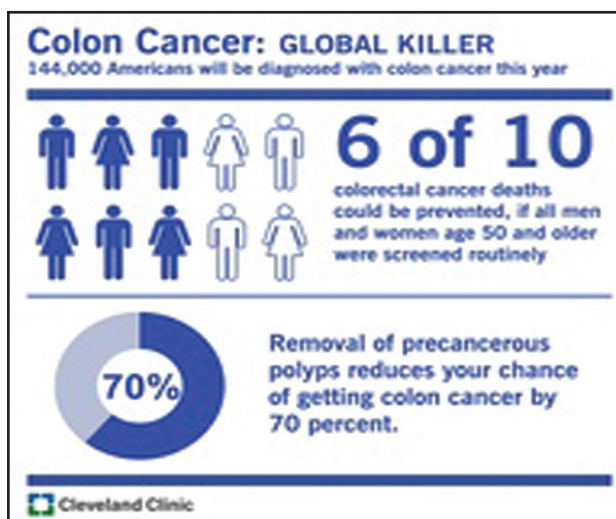
colon cancer is a man's disease. Colon cancer does not discriminate against gender or race. It is a largely preventable disease. Colonoscopy screening can detect polyps and remove them before they turn into cancer," said Marta L. Davila, M.D., FASGE, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. "I encourage all Hispanics age 50 and over to speak with their doctor about colon cancer screening. If you have a family history of the disease, you may need to begin screening before age 50."

According to statistics from the American Cancer Society, colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and the third leading cause of cancer deaths among women. Between 2000 and 2009, death rates for colon cancer decreased by about two percent per year among Hispanics and by three percent per year among non-Hispanics. Both men and women should undergo

testing for the disease starting at age 50. Most insurance covers screening at age 50. If you are 65 or older, screening is covered by Medicare. For many people, a referral is not required.

About Colon Cancer and Prevention

The majority of colorectal cancers, also referred to as colon cancer, arise from precancerous growths in the colon called polyps. Colon cancer is considered a silent killer because often there are no symptoms until it is too late to cure. Age is the single most important risk factor for the disease, so even people who lead a healthy lifestyle can still develop polyps and cancer. Both men and women are affected by colon cancer equally. It is the third-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. for men and women combined. Colon cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in Hispanic Americans.



The ASGE recommends screening begin at age 50; sooner if there is a family history of polyps, colon cancer or other risk factors. When people are diagnosed with colon cancer at an early stage, the five-year survival rate is 90 percent, which is why screening for prevention and early detection is so important.

A 2011 CDC report says that rates of new cases and deaths from colon cancer are decreasing and more adults are being screened;

however, one in three adults of screening age are not being screened. Colon cancer still takes the lives of approximately 50,000 people a year in the United States. Colonoscopy is considered the preferred screening test because it is a preventive exam: it is the only test that both finds and removes precancerous polyps during the same exam. With other screening methods, if a polyp is found, that test must then be followed by a colonoscopy to remove the polyp.

Patients should speak with their doctor about the screening option that is best for them and at what age to begin screening. Learn more about colonoscopy in this ASGE video: What to expect before, during and after a colonoscopy.

Colon Cancer Symptoms

Colon cancer is often present in people without symptoms, but the following signs or symptoms might indicate colon cancer: blood in stools, narrower than normal stools, unexplained abdominal pain, unexplained change in bowel habits, unexplained anemia, and unexplained weight loss. These symptoms may be caused by other benign diseases such as hemorrhoids, inflammation in the colon or irritable bowel syndrome. The presence of these symptoms for more than a few days is an indication to talk with a gastrointestinal specialist about these symptoms and the patient's family history.

Here are a few important facts Hispanics need to know about colon cancer:

- Hispanic Americans are less likely to get screened for colon cancer than either Caucasians or African Americans. Starting at age 50, all men and women should begin having colon cancer screening tests.

- Some people are at higher risk for the disease because of age, lifestyle or personal and family medical history. However, colon cancer affects men and women alike.

- Tell your health care professional if you have a personal or family history of colon cancer, colorectal polyps or inflammatory bowel disease. Then ask which test you should have and when you should begin colon cancer screening.

- There are many obstacles to colon cancer screening, including reluctance to talk about colon cancer and embarrassment about having procedures involving tests that require stool samples.

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Plano flood maps open to public comment

After months of collaboration and the continuous sharing of information resulting in preliminary flood maps, officials with Collin County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are now asking the public to participate in a 90-day comment period.

Homeowners, renters and business owners in the cities of Allen, Dallas, Fairview, Frisco, McKinney, Plano, Richardson and the unincorporated areas of Collin County are encouraged to view the preliminary flood maps to better understand where flood risks have been identified. Those with comments or who would like to file an appeal have until Dec. 19 to do so.

An appeal is a formal objection to proposed base flood elevations or flood depths, Special Flood Hazard

Areas (SFHA) boundaries and zones or floodways. Appeals must be based on technical data

that show proposed maps to be scientifically incorrect. Anyone who makes an appeal must include the method, data and analysis used to support the claim. A comment is an objection to a base map feature change such as labels, incorrect roads, jurisdictional boundaries, or any other non-appealable change.

Comments and appeals should be sent to FEMA through the local floodplain administrator. Anyone who hasn't had a chance to participate in local flood insurance meetings or to review the new flood maps is encour-



aged to contact their county or community floodplain administrator. Other resources include:

- View a Preliminary Interactive Flood Map Index at http://riskmap6.com/documents/Meeting_48/Collin48085CIND0B.pdf

- Using a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C>. Click on the "Live Chat" icon.

- Contacting a FEMA Map Specialist at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627); email FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

Frisco and McKinney participating in World Habitat Day events throughout October and November

In recognition of World Habitat Day 2012, North Collin County Habitat for Humanity is planning home builds, rehabs, "A Brush with Kindness", Birthday Bash Monster Mash, donor & volunteer recognition and other special events to address the need for decent housing around the world, including in McKinney, Frisco, Celina, Melissa, Anna, Princeton, Farmersville, Prosper, and BlueRidge.

"World Habitat Day is a celebration of housing worldwide and in our own communities. This October, Collin County will be kicking off a Neighborhood Revitalization program, "A Brush with Kindness" and partnering with the City of McKinney on the Cities of Service Initiative to engage more volun-

teers in community development one neighborhood at a time. We'll also be celebrating our 20th anniversary by starting homes #80 & #81 locally and 100 homes in Haiti," said Larry Pietenpol, Board President.

Habitat for Humanity's theme for World Habitat Day 2012 is *Many Homes, One Community* and highlights the vital role that decent, affordable housing plays in community stabilization and development. The focus is on the importance of homeownership in a neighborhood's progress.

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 1 and continuing throughout October and November, Habitat for Humanity and affiliated organizations will host hundreds of local events — from builds and flash mobs to parades, contests, hous-

ing forums and everything in between — to draw attention to the need for safe, decent, affordable shelter for all. Habitat for Humanity International will also launch its annual Shelter Report, which will focus on the role of the home in a neighborhood's progression.

The two-month observance of the need for safe, decent and affordable shelter and the pivotal role of housing in community development will culminate with Habitat's flagship annual event, the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

The 29th annual Carter Work Project returns to Haiti as part of its two-year effort to strengthen and support Habitat's work there.

Dallas Attorneys hosting monthly legal clinics

In the month of October, the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DV-AP), a joint initiative of the Dallas Bar Association and Legal Aid of NorthWest

Texas, will hold nine free Legal Clinics for Dallas County residents who meet certain financial guidelines. All clinics begin at 6:00 p.m.

Schedules and locations are as follows:

East Dallas (Grace United Methodist Church — 4105 Junius at Haskell) - Thursdays, Oct. 4; and Oct. 18

South Dallas (Martin Luther King, Jr. Center—2922 MLK Blvd.) - Tuesdays, October 2; October 19; and October 23

West Dallas (Marillac Social Services Center—2843 Lapsley Street) - Thursdays, October 11; and October 25

St. Phillip's Community Center (1600 Pennsylvania Avenue) - Tuesday, Oct. 16
Garland (Salvation Army — 451 W. Avenue D, Garland) - Thursday, Oct. 18

Public Policy Grad Student Created New Dallas County Program

James Tate readily admits that his journey from the Texas Panhandle, to the big city, to his role as a grassroots organizer seemed improbable when he began his first college semester 16 years ago.

Now a UT Dallas graduate student in public policy, Tate initiated a new program offered through Dallas County which educates the public about the functions of the District Attorney's Office.

Tate, originally from Amarillo, wasn't sure what he wanted to do after graduating from high school, and the vision wasn't any clearer after attending a few months of college.

"I initially went to Texas State University, but I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and I felt like I needed some other experiences," he said. "As

much as I knew it would disappoint my family, I had to quit and do something else."

His path took him 1,100 miles west to Los Angeles, where he began a new career as a makeup artist.

Doors opened. He got to rub shoulders with some major players in the film industry at a young age.

"I would go to sleep at night thinking, 'That was so amazing, but is this ultimately the legacy that I want to leave behind?' I knew somewhere innately that I had so much more to offer the world."

He said he didn't know in what capacity he would be able to do that. But after several years of success in L.A., he felt the time was right to leave and explore academics again.

Tate landed in Dallas at



James Tate, UTD graduate student in public policy, gave shape to a new Dallas County program. (Photo by Chris Wang)

the age of 28 ready for new challenges. He attended classes at a community college to prepare himself for the academic rigor of a four-year university, before starting classes at UT Dallas.

"I thought I'd start out in business, but Dr. Tony Champagne (at UT Dallas)

changed all of that for me," Tate said. "I took a law and medicine class with him and it really fired up my desire to pursue public policy."

Tate changed his major, graduated magna cum laude and was part of the 2010 Bill Archer Fellowship cohort. He wanted to

translate his academic success into something tangible, which led him to his initial contact with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office.

"Dr. Champagne suggested that I go to a citizen's academy in Collin County, which teaches the public about the functions of the district attorney's office," Tate said. "It includes information about prosecution and the judicial process."

It was a good learning experience, but one that Tate couldn't commit to initially. He wondered if other counties offered similar programs and discovered that Dallas County did not.

Tate made one cold call to the DA's office and within a week found himself writing a proposal for a Dallas County Citizen

Prosecutor Academy.

"I got to meet with the DA (Craig Watkins) and he wanted to start right away," Tate said. "Dallas County is so diverse and this is a great way to open up a dialogue between the public and the prosecutor's office."

Dr. Richard Scotch, professor of sociology and public policy at UT Dallas, encouraged Tate to use some of his coursework in independent study to create the program.

"One of the goals of the public policy program is to help people hone their skills in policy analysis and policy advocacy," Scotch said. "Creating this academy was all due to his initiative, and we were pleased to see one of our students help develop something so beneficial."

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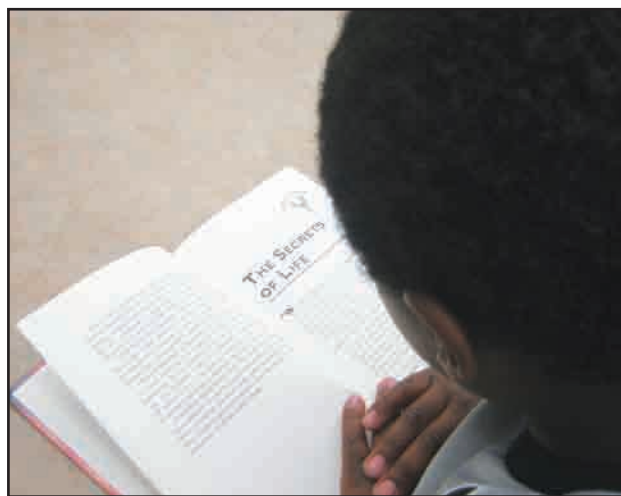
Nonprofit organization offers free tutoring to K-8 students

For the second year in a row, Access! Remedial tutoring will hold free tutoring sessions for economically disadvantaged K-8 students in Plano and Frisco school districts.

Tonya Whitaker, program director, said last summer five students took part in the two-month program, which was held at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road, in Plano.

"The students had fun while learning," said Whitaker, a former Cedar Hill ISD math teacher. "We had parents who were concerned with their child's preparation for the next grade because their child was in jeopardy of falling behind."

She said Access! was created to help parents and student overcome the hurdles that may exist in obtaining a quality education.



A student takes part in independent reading time during an Access! Remedial Tutoring session July 16, 2011. Access!, a nonprofit organization that provides free one-on-one math, reading, and ELA tutoring for economically disadvantaged students, will resume Monday, Oct. 15. Volunteers and participants are sought for program.

"As a teacher, I encountered parents who wanted to help their child with math homework but their understanding of the subject was

limited. The desire to help the child was there, but the financial resources were not. Our program will benefit the child and parent."

Just as with previous sessions, students will have access (hence the name) to volunteer tutors with the appropriate education in the subjects they tutor. For instance, math tutors possess engineering, computer science, or math degrees. Tutors without a degree in math, for example, possess grades of at least a B.

"We want to have people who understand the subjects 100 percent because we don't want to confuse students; we want to help them to become competent. Grades aside, have the desire to see students achieve success in the classroom."

Tutoring sessions begin Monday, Oct. 15, and are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parents are asked not to call Haggard Library for information on the program, as it is not a collabora-

tion between Emanuel and The Mainline Ministries Inc. and the Plano Library System.

"The Plano Public Library is only a meeting point for students to learn in a quiet and safe environment," Whitaker said.

Applications for services and volunteers are available by emailing Whitaker at texasedaccess@yahoo.com. Spaces are limited for sessions; therefore, Whitaker suggests contacting her as soon as possible to secure a spot. Volunteers who are 17 and younger must receive parental permission to tutor, and all tutors 18 and older must undergo a criminal background and character reference checks.

To qualify for K-12 tutoring services, candidates must fall into one of the following categories:

•Be a student in a Title I campus as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

•Have a family income that does not exceed the Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines for family size

•Qualify for free or reduced lunch, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamp Program), Medicaid, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), subsidized housing (Section 8)

•Receive court-ordered child support through the Texas Attorney General's Office

Visit www.accesstutoring.org to learn more about this program.

American Heart Assn. offering multicultural scholarships for women

Tuition hikes at colleges and universities across the nation are putting the squeeze on many young people and forcing families to find new ways to pay for higher education or consider forgoing college altogether. In an effort to ease the burden to students during these rough economic times and increase the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine, the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women(TM) and Macy's, its national sponsor, offer the Go Red(TM) Multicultural Scholarship Fund.

Sixteen \$2,500 national



scholarships are being offered for a second year to multicultural women pursuing higher education in health care. As part of its Go Red For Women movement, the association strives to expand the pipeline of much-needed diverse nursing, medical and allied health students and address impor-

tant gaps in treatment that can lead to heart health disparities. Deadline for entry is November 30, 2012.

"The recruitment of talented diverse young women into the healthcare field is a critical step in the delivery of quality, culturally sensitive patient-centered care. In these challenging economic times, the Go Red Multicultural Scholarship Fund will help ensure the continued success of a diverse group of young women in their healthcare education journey," said Dr. Jennifer

Mieres, Senior Vice President, Office of Community and Public Health, Chief Diversity

and Inclusion Officer for North Shore LIJ Health System and American Heart As-

sociation Go Red For Women spokesperson.

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Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business ranks No. 2 in nation for entrepreneurship

The undergraduate entrepreneurship program at Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business is ranked No. 2 among the more than 2,000 schools nationwide surveyed by The Princeton Review for *Entrepreneur Magazine*. Baylor was the highest ranked school in Texas.

The eighth annual "Top 25 Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Programs of 2012" rankings surveyed business school administrators about their institution's entrepreneurship programs. The annual lists

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KKDA's Willis Johnson to participate in Let's Elevate Banquet

Let's Elevate, a Richardson, TX based non-profit, is presenting a scholarship dinner and dance on Friday, Oct. 19 at the Doubletree Hotel, Richardson TX. The event will take place from 7 p.m. – midnight. The dinner and dance is the non-profit organization's annual fund-raising activity to fund college scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

The fundraiser will feature Willis Johnson, businessman and host of KKDA AM radio's morning talk show, as the guest speaker. Debbie Denmon, newly appointed Director of Communications for the Dallas Dis-

trict Attorney's Office will serve as the MC. Local educators will also be honored at the banquet. "Providing scholarships to students who have a desire to attend college is one of our primary goals," says Dr. Terrence Autry, board president and chairman of *Let's Elevate*. "This fundraiser will help us provide scholarships to even more deserving students than we have in the past."

For tickets, sponsorship information or to



Willis Johnson

make a donation, please call 972.991.0200 or visit: www.letselevatedallas.org.

A Natural State of Affair, a photography exhibition, opens at Texas Discovery Gardens September 22

In a city more well known for skyscrapers and shopping, Anna Palmer sees the abundant nature found around Dallas and captures moments, large and small, with her photographs. She focuses on a vibrant green fly on an orange in a compost pile, water droplets on a window, and zooms in on birds like the elegant Great Blue Heron.



To round out her exhibition at Texas Discovery Gardens this fall, Palmer has added photos of a different nature – images of her visits

to the State Fair of Texas® over the past 10 years. The yellow plastic ducks of a Midway game compliment their live feathered counterparts.

This is the first major photography exhibition in Texas Discovery Gardens' gallery, and runs through Dec. 31.

Texas Atty General Abbott has spent over \$2.2 Million defending racially biased redistricting

Billing records released by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott reveal that his office has spent \$2.2 million to defend a state redistricting map that federal judges

ruled "intentionally discriminates" against Latinos, African Americans and other minorities. Recent news articles reported less than half of these costs because they fo-

cused on just one of two major redistricting cases. Abbott's costs are expected to continue to skyrocket as he seeks to reinstate the discriminatory

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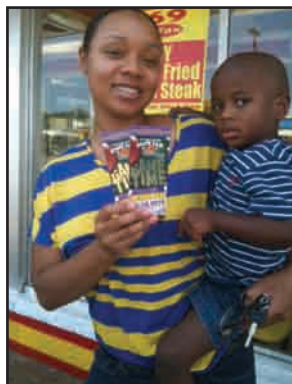
More FREE tickets for State Fair Classic game with Grambling vs Prairie View game

The Grambling vs. Prairie View game brings nearly 65,000 fans to Dallas annually. One of the highlights of the weekend is the halftime extravaganza put on by the school's bands from both schools. The big game will be on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Cotton Bowl-Fair Park at 6 p.m.

The classic showdown of Grambling State University Tigers vs. the Panthers of Prairie View A&M University at the Cotton Bowl

began in the 1940s. It's like a semi class reunion for the people who graduated from both schools and the game runs concurrently with the State Fair of Texas. One of the best HBCU football games of the season, last Year Prairie View A&M beat Grambling 31-23.

This year the Tigers and the Panthers are back again and we have more tickets to give away via our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette.



Ebony Barnes was our latest winner of two tickets to the Grambling vs. Prairie View game. Will you win next?

Kimball vs. Carter varsity football game moves to Kincaide Stadium

Jesse Owens Memorial Complex can accommodate more fans expected at rivalry game

The Justin F. Kimball Knights and David W. Carter Cowboys will face off at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, in a varsity football game at John Kincaide Stadium at

the Jesse Owens Memorial Complex, 9191 S. Polk St.

The game was originally scheduled to be played at Sprague Field. Kincaide Stadium is able to better accom-

modate the expected large number of spectators with more seating, more available parking and a more easily accessible location for fans.



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sells foreclosed properties and is one of the world's largest financial institutions. The investigation of 373 foreclosed homes owned, serviced or managed by Bank of America demonstrates that the financial giant has engaged in a systemic practice of maintaining and marketing its foreclosed, bank-owned properties (also known as Real Estate Owned or REO properties) in a state of disrepair in communities of color while maintaining and marketing REO properties in predominantly White communities in a far superior manner. The investigation evaluated Bank of America REO properties in the eight metropolitan areas of Dallas, TX; Atlanta, GA; Dayton, OH; Grand Rapids, MI; Miami/Fort Lauderdale, FL; Oakland / Richmond / Concord, CA; Phoenix, AZ, and metropolitan Washington, DC.

REO properties in African-American and Hispanic communities in Dallas were twice as likely as REO properties in White communities to have substantial amounts of trash in the yard, three times as likely to have overgrown grass, three times as likely to have exposed or tampered with utilities, and 4.5 times as likely to have broken doors or locks.

"Bank of America didn't even bother to clean up the trash or mow the lawns at its Dallas homes in African American and Hispanic communities," said Frances Espinoza, Executive Director, North Texas Fair Housing Center. "This neglect ultimately hinders the sale of these homes and leaves them to blight the entire community."

Communities of color continue to experience foreclosure rates twice those of White communities and continue to see their REO homes left to deteriorate and sit vacant.

"Our economy may be recovering in some communities, but this is a Tale of Two Recoveries," said Shanna L. Smith, President and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance in

Washington, DC. "Our investigation shows that Bank of America continues to disregard its REO homes in communities of color. And they have no excuse. Bank of America has been on notice of its failure to maintain REOs since the summer of 2009 yet has made no improvement in addressing racial disparities in the maintenance and marketing of its bank-owned homes."

The National Fair Housing Alliance in Washington, D.C., and five of its member organizations – the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center in Dayton, OH; Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. in Miami, FL; Metro Fair Housing Services in Atlanta, GA; the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan in Grand Rapids, MI and the North Texas Fair Housing Center in Dallas, TX – evaluated REO properties for the existence of 39 different types of maintenance or marketing deficiencies, such as broken windows and doors, water damage, overgrown lawns, no "for sale" sign, trash on the property, and other problems.

"Without a 'for sale' sign, for example, potential homebuyers and neighbors simply don't know the home is available," continued Smith. "Also, if there are unauthorized occupants or storm damage, neighbors have no one to call. With a 'for sale' sign, neighbors can call a real estate agent to report these kinds of problems." In Oakland, CA, 72 percent of Bank of America REO properties in communities of color were missing a "for sale" sign, as well as 80 percent in Washington, DC and Atlanta, GA, and 86 percent in Phoenix, AZ.

Trash on a property is not only an eyesore for neighbors, but it makes a home unappealing to buyers and can be a potential health and safety hazard. Regular maintenance would correct this problem, but in Grand Rapids, MI, 97 percent of all Bank of America REO properties in communities of color had substantial amounts of trash, as well as 69 percent in Dallas, TX, 71

percent in Phoenix, AZ, 77 percent in Oakland, CA, and 70 percent in Washington, DC.

NFHA will continue its investigation into the practices of REO maintenance and marketing in the nation's banking system. In April, NFHA issued a report on the findings of its nationwide REO investigation of 1,000 REO homes nationwide, *The Banks Are Back, Our Neighborhoods Are Not: Discrimination in the Maintenance and Marketing of REO Properties*. The report offers disturbing evidence that the same banks that peddled unsustainable loans to communities of color and triggered the current foreclosure crisis are now exacerbating damage to those communities.

"Bank of America has the privilege of access to the Federal Reserve Board's discount window to borrow at close to zero percent," continued Smith. "Bank of America reports huge profits and yet fails to renovate, maintain or properly market homes it owns in African American and Latino neighborhoods. This disregard and disrespect for communities of color will not be tolerated."

NFHA filed HUD administrative complaints against Wells Fargo and U.S. Bancorp in April 2012. Both of these complaints are pending while HUD investigates these serious and pervasive allegations of discrimination.

The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status, as well as the race or national origin of residents of a neighborhood. This law applies to housing and housing-related activities, which include the maintenance, appraisal, listing, marketing and selling of homes.

Ninety-two percent of Bank of America-owned properties in African-American communities had more than five maintenance or marketing problems, and 58 percent had over ten maintenance or marketing problems.

"Our investigation shows that virtually nothing has been done to appropriately maintain Bank of America REOs in Dayton's African-American neighborhoods," said Jim McCarthy, President/CEO of the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center. "In fact, over the past 2 ½ years that we investigated how Bank of America maintained REOs in Dayton, the problem has actually gotten worse. I am disgusted by the indifference that Bank of America has shown toward its obligation to comply with federal law and not discriminate when it maintains and markets these homes."

Bank of America's foreclosed homes in Grand Rapids' communities of color were 17.1 times as likely as foreclosed homes in white communities to have more than 15 serious marketing or maintenance problems. Thirty-two percent of REO properties in communities of color had more than 15 deficiencies,

while only two percent of REO properties in White communities had more than 15 deficiencies.

"Bank of America's disregard for Grand Rapids' minority neighborhoods has had a devastating impact on the property values of the homes in those neighborhoods," said Nancy Haynes, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan. "Bank of America is undermining years of thoughtful planning and community investment by the city, private investment and public dollars."

Forty percent of Bank of America's REO properties in Atlanta's communities of color have more than 10 maintenance or marketing problems, compared to none in White communities.

"The way Bank of America has treated its homes in Atlanta's communities of color has led to depressed housing values and loss of wealth for the residents and the city," said Gail Williams, Executive Direc-

tor of Metro Fair Housing Services, Inc. "That's money that could have been used to support public services like roads and police or for families to use toward their children's education. Bank of America has done a huge disservice to Atlanta and its time for some accountability."

Forty-three percent of Bank of America's REO properties in Miami's communities of color had broken windows compared to none in White communities.

"In South Florida, there is a definitely a tale of two recoveries in our neighborhoods," said Keenya Robertson, President and CEO of Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence. "Almost half of the homes visited in neighborhoods of color have broken windows while no homes in White neighborhoods were found to be open or broken. The difference in treatment leads to higher crime and health concerns in ways of vandalism and increased mold risks."

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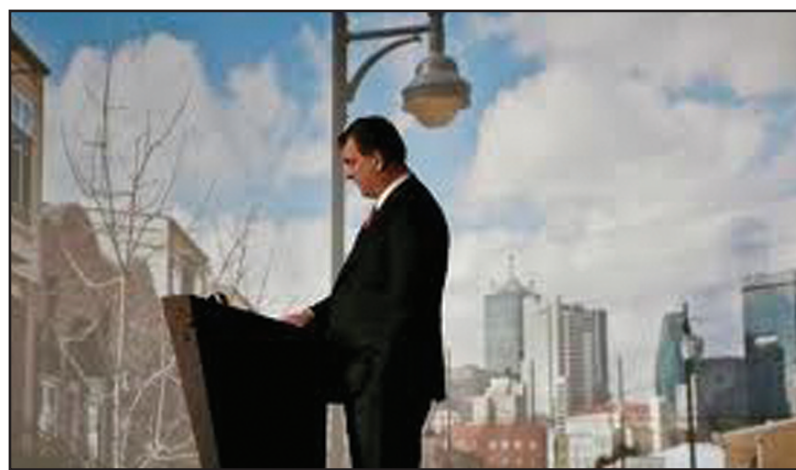
City of Dallas seeking voter approval on 2012 Capital Bond Program focused on basic needs

BY: JACQUINETTE MURPHY,
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In the month of August, the Dallas City Council voted to approve the recommendations of the current 2012 Capital Bond proposal which now gives citizens the task of casting their votes for the propositions in November. Described as 'no frills and thrills' proposal, this bond campaign seeks to take care of the City's basic needs.

The \$600 million Capital Bond propositions are focused on three major areas: street resurfacing and development, economic development, flood protection and erosion control. The fulfillment of the bond components

street lighting. The West Dallas Gateway, Houston Street Bridge and all City sidewalks received the strongest focus with project funds totaling \$45 million with another \$34.8 million strictly dedicated to street reconstruction and resurfacing. The goal of the streets proposition is to get all districts to an 87 percentage satisfactory rating as mandated by a council directive with no area under 80 percentage. It also furthers the city's goal of encouraging multi-modal transportation throughout the city.



Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings introducing his Grow South project in March 2012

joint total of \$218,600 million - the highest amount designated for this proposition.

The last proposition is succinctly referred to as Economic and Business Development and tagged with the remaining \$55,000 million and is related to the furtherance of the transit-oriented development, land acquisition and improvement of streets, utility and infrastructure needs in the Southern Sector of Dallas. Specific areas identified are the economic and housing-driven projects, the UNT-transit-oriented development, and Canyon Boulevard. It's complementary focus is to aid the quest to the grow the area tax base contribution as previously detailed in the Mayor's growth plan - Grow South-launched in March 2012.

Prior to making the initial recommendations for the projects of the bond, the city management updated the needs assessment survey by reviewing the previous bond packages of 1998, 2003 and 2006. From this assessment of the completed, outstanding, cancelled and projects-in-progress at the close of 2011, the estimated amount of \$600 million dollars of the bond proposal was identified.

In February and March 2012, the city began seeking public input by taking an account of the emergency 911 and 311 calls to the non-emergency assistance division. In addition, meetings with the business and neigh-

borhood associations and citizens input meeting were scheduled. Also, the recommendations of Dallas city workers in the public works, streets services and other relevant departments on the front line of these areas were included in the project development stages.

April became the month in which the preliminary bond information was released to the council through briefings. The months of May and June featured the District Town Hall meetings with constituents to share the proposed plans for their districts in hopes of incorporating their opinions and recommendations into the final decision.

However, the release of the bond allocation for public comment in June with the less than \$60,000 million allocated to the development of the Southern Sector and only \$5 million allocated for UNT transit-oriented development struck a negative tone with some residents and business owners in City Council District 8.

Robert Pitre, a concerned business owner in the University Hills area near Wheatland and I-20, shared in an earlier *North Dallas Gazette* editorial, his observation of the absence of the needed infrastructure to develop the homeowner and businesses around the campus. According to Pitre, the need for water, sewer, and waste water systems to aid in

the development of the businesses has been once again overlooked by Ten-nell Atkins, Mayor Pro-tem and District 8 Councilman and the City of Dallas. Pitre questioned if it may be a ploy for a later land acquisition.

Councilman Atkins had a very different view of the allocation 2012 Bond dollars allocated to his district.

"We have got more earmarked for this area now with the \$600 million," said Atkins when comparing the time span of the release of the \$1.32 billion bond package in 2006.

He was referring to the \$300 million dollar development package in UNT-Dallas area that is to include Dart Rail Lines, trails and other transit-oriented development. This is aimed at connecting students to the University and to the Kathryn Gilliam Academy by 2014-15.

"We want change University Hills to be like Hillcrest," proclaimed Atkins.

However, Atkins admitted some of the projects are city projects and that just happen to be in his district.

The location of the education corridor is a key focus in the both the Mayor's Grow South and the City Council bond programs. Atkins also stated the current focus for the district is creating access to education and it is where he is primarily applying the new bond dollars for his district.

"Without education, there is no growth. The higher the education, the better quality of life we will have and more diversity. We know that the University is going to grow and we must be sure that we grow with them."

Atkins estimated with the funding an additional 1,200 households could possibly come to the area. He added, "I think it was a great share to target the UNT Corridor."



The call for the bond election has been made. Now the new quest of the bond program management team is to raise the public awareness of their responsibility to cast their votes on the ballot during the November Presidential Election.



is said to ensure public safety and to improve areas as an aid to the acquisition of more economic development dollars. While these areas have all been identified as critical needs, the funds are not equally allocated.

Street maintenance is the focus of the first proposition. It allows a total of \$221,200

Flooding and Flood control has the highest bond dollar priority at \$323,800 million. This is slated to protect the lives of the citizens and their property. Thus, it makes allowances for the repairs of known neighborhood flood plains in the city, selective upgrades to the city's storm drainage systems, and the re-



million to be assigned to projects that include street completion, the construction of sidewalks, alley and trails, the repair of bridges and

building of creek, culverts and bridge areas degraded by erosion. The areas around Mill Creek, Peak Branch and State Thomas are allocated a

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NDG Gossip: Tisha Campbell's mortgage crisis

BY KENDRIA BROWN,
NDG INTERN

Tisha Campbell, better known as "Gina" from "Martin" is not having the best of luck these days when it comes to her financial life; mortgage in particular. Campbell and her husband Duane Martin took out a home equity loan in the amount of \$625k with City National Bank back in 2008. At the time, Campbell and Martin already owed more than \$730k mortgage to Aurora Bank.

The newest home equity loan was for a waterfront property located in Lake Arrowhead, CA. Campbell and Martin allegedly defaulted on both home loans. When this happened, the Aurora financial institution foreclosed their home and auc-

tioned it off for a \$925k. This money allowed Aurora to collect their debt and the remaining \$192k went to City National Bank.

However, City National wants the rest of their money back plus interest. Campbell and Martin believe this a matter of discrimination, and they should not be subjected to pay the money back to that financial institution. They feel that City National is just "bullying" them for unpaid money that they should not have to pay. City National allegedly received a \$400 million-dollar



Duane Martin & Tisha Campbell

government subsidy in 2009 to help people like Campbell and Martin when they are facing mortgage crisis. The couple wants to ensue further legal action against City National Bank for claims of discrimination. Who do you think will win, the bank or the Martins?

Deion Sanders' "unfair" child support order

BY KENDRIA BROWN,
NDG INTERN

It's hard out here for Deion Sanders. After seeing the judge, he was ordered to pay over \$10k in child support a month to Pilar, his estranged wife. Sanders feels that this order is not fair and went to the Texas Supreme Court to challenge the support order he received in May of this year.

In his court-filing documents, Sanders mentions that \$10k is six times more than what the Texas law requires. For this reason, he feels that his child support order should be drastically reduced.

On the flip side, Pilar states that Deion is worth approximately a whopping \$250 million. She feels that Prime Time has got what he had coming and the support order should not be altered at all. Pilar has made out her



Deion and Pilar Sanders

own case and why she needs the amount of \$10k each month. Her reasons include: \$2000/month for a special diet for the kids, \$900/month on uniforms and shoes for the kids' sports activities, \$500 / month on the children's cell phones, and she says another \$450 is used on haircuts and treatments for her sons and her daughter.

Pilar's lawyer has stated that, "Once again, Mr. Sanders has not followed the Court's direct orders and has attempted to make up his own rules. It is clear that he still thinks he is "above the law."

There has yet to be a ruling made on Deion's request. Who will win it in this one?

New Gospel CD from Pastor Charles Jenkins

(BlackNews.com) Pastor Charles Jenkins and Fellowship Chicago have had an Awesome summer, and it looks like the fall will be just as uplifting. The Inspired People / EMI Gospel recording artists released their new album, *The Best of Both Worlds*, in June, 2012, to critical acclaim and extraordinary fan support. The album was number one on Billboard's Top Gospel Albums chart for three consecutive weeks when it was released, and is currently in the Top 10. *Awsome* the first single from the album, has resonated with choirs, gospel lovers and consumers all over the world. Radio, retail, media and pastors have been huge champions of the recording, which was penned by Jenkins, a GRAMMY® Award-



Pastor Charles Jenkins

"I believe everyone has a 'my God is awesome' testimony," he says. "If we pause and ponder, we see God's hand all through our lives," says Jenkins. "He moves mountains, keeps us in valleys and hides us from the rain in stormy circumstances. We hope people will receive the album as practical yet profound. We tried to create music that is simple and theologically sound, yet singable and relatable in a way that will engage people to engage God. In a cultural climate where so many things can bring you down, we're really excited to create music that will lift people up."

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winning songwriter. *Awsome* has held at number one for 12 weeks on Billboard's Hot Gospel Songs Chart.

Jenkins, is the senior pastor of the 8,000 member Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois, is not surprised that the album, especially the single, *Awsome*, has inspired so many people.

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The first Citizen Prosecutor Academy began earlier this year and a second round started Sept. 6 and will conclude with a formal graduate ceremony at the end of November.

Champagne, a professor of political science and director of the pre-law program in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, said Tate's enthusiasm and actions reflect the exceptional strength of the school's students.

"We encourage our students to take the kind of initiative James has taken," Champagne said. "We are proud of his commitment to his own educational success and to improving his community."

Free movie classics at the Garland Plaza Theatre

The Plaza Theatre in Downtown Garland is hosting two FREE movies Oct. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m.

The Friday night movie is *American Graffiti*, the story of a couple of high school graduates who spend one final night cruising the strip with their buddies before they go off to college. This 1973 Academy Award winner was written and directed by George Lucas and

glitters with stars such as Richard Dryfuss, Ron Howard, Harrison Ford, Cindy Williams, and Suzanne Somers.

On Saturday evening, enjoy the hilarious *Cat Ballou*, starring Jane Fonda, Lee Marvin, and Michael Callan. This western comedy is the story of a woman seeking revenge for her murdered father who hires a famous gunman, but he's

very different from what she expects.

Admission for both movies is free. Popcorn, soda and candy are available for \$2 each with all profits going to support the Garland Summer Musicals. The Plaza Theatre is located at 521 W. State Street in Downtown Garland.

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Mayors discuss strategies to prepare workforce for high-paying jobs

Monday at the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) Fall Leadership meeting in Dallas, more than 100 mayors, workforce development professionals and private-sector leaders met to discuss how to tackle local job growth challenges and future workforce needs as the U.S. economy continues to recover. Also, USCM released a report prepared by IHS Global Insight, identi-

fying specific sectors of the economy expected to have the highest and fastest job growth.

The new report projects an expected 8.6% job growth over the next five years, adding 11.5 million jobs to the economy. The report provides 5 and 10-year job forecasts by sector and subsectors of the economy, both nationally and in 15 select metro areas.

"U.S. cities require a highly skilled, trained workforce that can compete globally," said USCM President Philadelphia (PA) Mayor Michael Nutter. "There is nothing more important than building successful programs that support the individuals in our communities to develop skills for the jobs of the future, and enable personal and professional growth."

Report Key Findings:

•The professional and business services sector is forecast to lead growth, adding 3.69 million jobs over the next five years, with most of the growth coming from expansions in the admin/support subsector.

•Other major job contributors will include the education and health services sector, projected to add 2.08 million jobs over

the next five years; and the construction, natural resources, and mining sector, also slated to add 2.08 million jobs.

•Future growth in the manufacturing sector will come from expansions in durable goods, up 11.8% over 2012 employment levels.

•The report also analyzes job projections for fifteen major metro areas. Among these metros,

Phoenix-Mesa will see a 14.2% projected payroll growth between 2012-2017. Charlotte will see a 13.8% payroll growth and Laredo 13.7%, followed by Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington at 12.8% and Salt Lake City at 11.5%

•Over the next five years, professional and business services will be the top contributor to job growth in 13 of the 15 metros in the report.

Irving Chamber hosting Lunch-N-Learn Oct. 16

The Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Lunch-N-Learn" seminar on Oct. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. that will be an orientation on Government Contracting.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet new partners, gain an understanding of the govern-



ment contracting process, receive insights on becoming an effective contractor, and learn

of the resources that they provide to help you gain and maintain this revenue stream for your business.

Cost of the Lunch-N-Learn, including lunch, is \$15.

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break new ground and provide the finest education for our students," said Dr. Terry S. Maness, D.B.A., dean of Baylor's Hankamer School of Business.

"That the Baylor entrepreneurship program continues to rank among the nation's best is a testament to the dedication of our faculty, staff and alumni who provide our students an outstanding entrepreneurship education," said Kendall Artz, Ph.D., director of Baylor's entrepre-

neurship program and chair of the department of management. "We have added many exciting new programs over the past year, none of which would have been possible without the support from our alumni partners. We look forward to continuing to explore and discover innovative opportunities to further strengthen our program."

The Princeton Review conducted its surveys of school administrators from

April through June 2012. The range of data the education services company used to evaluate the programs and tally the rankings included: the schools' levels of commitment to entrepreneurship inside and outside the classroom, the percentage of their faculty, students, and alumni actively and successfully involved in entrepreneurial endeavors and the number and reach of their mentorship programs. The company also considered their

funding for scholarships and grants for entrepreneurial studies and projects, and their support for school-sponsored business plan competitions.

A feature on these rankings appears in *Entrepreneur's* October issue, available on newsstands and at www.entrepreneur.com/topcolleges. The Princeton Review also posted the ranking lists on its site at www.princetonreview.com/entrepreneur.

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maps by appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court for the second time.

Texans for Public Justice recently obtained billing records under the Public Information Act. They reveal that initial media accounts just reported on the least-costly of Abbott's two major redistricting cases. The new records indicate that by September 7 Abbott's office had spent at least \$973,057 on his failed federal lawsuit to garner pre-clearance for the state's maps under the federal Voting Rights Act (State of Texas v. United States of America). This includes the \$385,795 in taxpayer funds that he paid to outside counsel at the Chicago-based firm of Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott.

Abbott spent even more to defend the discriminatory maps from challenges filed by state lawmakers and civil rights

groups such as MALDEF and MALC. So far Abbott has spent \$1,171,648 on that litigation, which was consolidated into the case Shannon Perez et. al. v. State of Texas. This case prompted federal judges in San Antonio to draw the redistricting maps that will govern Texas' November elections. Abbott's expenses on this case include \$376,892 paid to the Washington-based firm Bancroft, PLLC.

The attorney general also disclosed spending another \$27,140 on a subset of expert witnesses whose costs were not broken down by the underlying redistricting case. By the end of the first week in September, then, Abbott reported spending a grand total of \$2,171,845 defending a state redistricting map that a three-judge panel of the D.C. Federal District Court found to be "intentionally discriminatory."



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Through November 27
Family Movie Time at Irving Public Library, 801 W Irving Blvd at 4:30 p.m.; free; Info: 972.721.2628

Through December 6
Books N' Bugs at Texas Dis-

covery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd- Fair Park at 10:30 a.m.; Cost: \$8-\$10; Info: http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/events_and_classes.php

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September 28

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September 29

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“My Childhood Memories” by Mexico 2000 at Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium; 972-429-1082

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The Irving Black Arts Council invites the public to free event featuring griot Tony Brown as he guides you through an amazing array of storytellers covering topics from the "Motherland to the Homeland." African Desserts will be served by William Batson, Second Chance Sweets. Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., –

Atrium / Suite 200, Irving, Info: 214-993-8444 or www.irvingblackarts.com; Admission price: \$10 Adults, Children Under 17 Free

Ascential Events Presents: An Evening with Monica at House of Blues, 2200 N Lamar St at 8 p.m.

October 1

Bonnie and Clyde at Conference Center at Collin College, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano at 7 p.m.; Free; Info: <http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html>

October 1-30

“Creations in Color” Photography Exhibit at Granville Arts Center Gallery; www.garlandarts.com

October 2-21

Dallas Summer Musicals bring THE ADDAMS FAMILY to the Music Hall at Fair Park; Tickets \$15-\$75; Info: 214.413.3940

October 3

Anthony Hamilton at Veri-

zon Theatre, 1001 Performance Place in Grand Prairie at 7:30 p.m.; Tickets/info: 888-929-7849

October 4-27

“The Nerd” by Garland Civic Theatre at Granville Arts Center – Small Theatre; 972-205-2790

October 5

Radio One Celebrity Golf Classic Tournament at Cedar Crest Golf Course, 1800 Southerland Avenue at 8 a.m.; Info: 972-331-5400

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October 5-7

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Urban League Guild Fashion Show at Bellagio Entertainment Center, 1701 S. Lamar Street at 11:30 a.m.; Cost: \$15-\$35; Info: 214-662-5407

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Who's Bad- A Tribute to Michael Jackson at House of Blues at 9 p.m.; Tickets \$10-\$20; Info: 214-978-2583

Williams Chicken HS Battle of the Bands at Beverly D. Humphrey “TIGER” Stadium, 200 E. Wintergreen in Lancaster at 8 a.m.; Info: 214.674.1136

October 7

After Dark in the Park at River Legacy Living Science Center, 703 NW Green Oaks Blvd. in Arlington at 5 p.m.; Cost: \$7; Info: 817-860-6752

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North Lake Fall Job Fair 2012

The North Lake College's Career Services will host its Fall 2012 Job Fair. The job fair will be held Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Life Center, Room H200,



on the Central Campus in Irving, Texas. Job seekers should bring plenty of resumes. Drawings for a \$500 scholarship will be held each hour of the job fair.

For more information, contact Career Services by telephone at 972-273-3140, by email at nlccareers@dccc.edu.

This event is FREE to job seekers.

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being held in Dallas Oct. 20 at 10:30 a.m. The World Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation Inc. (WBFF) is hosting their first annual

Texas Championships.

As a hometown girl, Saunders is looking forward to returning home and taking the stage with plans to make

Dallas proud.

The WBFF event will be held at Dallas Convention CTR in the TBAAL Theatre at 650 South Griffin Street in

downtown Dallas. For tickets and more information visit www.ticketmaster.com, or call TicketMaster at 1-800-745-3000.

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College tuition rates have outpaced inflation, increasing between 5 and 35 percent - depending on the region and type of institution (public vs. private).

"Macy's investment in the Go Red Multicultural Scholarship Fund provides opportunities for multicultural women pursuing degrees in health care, helping them to achieve their education and career goals," said Bill Hawthorne, Macy's Senior Vice President of Diversity Strategies. "The fund reflects Macy's longstanding commitment to diversity, a core principle within our company, and allows us to extend that commitment into the communities we serve."

2012 Go Red Multicultural Scholarship recipient Janelle Amoako said she is struggling to keep up with the rising tuition at the University of Rhode Island. She pays for school through a combination of scholarships, loans and two part-time jobs.

"It's very frustrating. I feel helpless. I don't want to bury myself in loans," said Amoako, 19, who is studying to be a nurse. "The Go Red Multicultural Scholarship gives me peace of mind."

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

"The American Heart Association is in a unique posi-

tion to be a leader in helping to eliminate cardiovascular disease and health disparities by providing scholarships to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine," said Dr. Icilma Fergus, director of the Cardiovascular Disparities Center at Mount Sinai Hospital and president-elect for the Association of Black Cardiologists.

Only 6.7 percent of African-Americans and 7.5 percent of Hispanics made up the total number of medical school graduates in 2010, according to the Association of

American Medical Colleges. Only 5.4 percent of African-Americans and 3.6 percent of Hispanics in the nation are Registered Nurses (RNs), according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"The American Heart Association's Go Red Multicultural Scholarship provides a much-needed vehicle during these tough financial times to help minority women achieve their dream of becoming healthcare professionals," said Dr. Lynne Holden, physician and president of Mentors in Medicine. "There is a unique

opportunity to save millions of lives by promoting heart health and increasing awareness of heart disease, which is the No. 1 killer in the U.S."

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(TM) and has helped raise more than \$29 million for the cause since 2004. For more information and to complete an application, visit www.GoRedForWomen.org/GoRed-Scholarship.

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September 29, 8 a.m.

Don't miss First Church Annual Golf Classic at Ridgeview Ranch Golf Course. Call Tim Gordon at 214-537-7771 for details and to pre-register.

October 3, 7 p.m.

Join us for Bible Study and stay for our Mid-Week Service at 8 p.m.

October 20, 11 a.m.

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"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up," "Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked thinketh no evil;" **I Corinthians 13:4 & 5**

Have you ever tried to forgive someone and found that you simply couldn't do it? You have cried about it and prayed about it and asked God to help you, but those old feelings of resentment just would not go away.

Put an end to those kinds of failures in the future by basing your forgiveness on "faith" rather than "feelings." The late Pastor Philip White of Love Chapel C.O.G.I.C. use to say, "Feelings come and go, therefore you can't trust them."

True forgiveness doesn't have anything at all to do with how you feel. It's an act of your will. It is

based on obedience to God and on faith in Him and His Word.

This means that once you have forgiven a person, you need to consider him or her permanently forgiven. When old feelings rise up within you and Satan tries to convince you that you haven't really forgiven that person, resist Satan, say, "No, by faith I have already forgiven that person; and I refuse to dwell on those old feelings."

Then, according to **I John 1:9** believe that you receive forgiveness and cleansing from the sin of unforgiveness and from all unrighteousness associated with it including any remembrance of having been wronged.

Have you ever heard anyone say, "I may forgive but I'll never forget?" That's a second-rate kind of forgiveness that you, as a believer, are never supposed to settle for; you are to forgive supernaturally, "... even as God for

Christ's sake hath forgiven you." **Ephesians 4:32**

You are to forgive as God forgives. You are to release that person from guilt permanently and unconditionally and to operate as if nothing had ever happened between you. You are to purposely forget as well as forgive.

As you do that, something supernatural will happen within you. The pain that once was caused by that incident will disappear. The power of God will wash away the effects of it and you will be able to leave it behind you once and for all.

Don't become an emotional bookkeeper, keeping careful accounts of the wrongs you have suffered. Learn to **forgive and forget**. It will open a whole new world of blessing for you. Scripture reading: **St. Luke 6:27-37**.

What is needed here is "Grace." After Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, He appeared to the disciples. His first

words to them were, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:19. The word grace means "unmerited favor."

When someone loves you unconditionally, without regard to your behavior in return, it becomes a powerful force in your life. Such was the case for the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. They could have expected reprimand. Instead, they received unconditional love and acceptance. He was overjoyed to see them. They were equally overjoyed to see Him.

Jesus understood that the disciples needed to fail Him as part of their training. It would be this failure that became their greatest motivation for service. Failure allowed them to experience incredible grace for the very first time. Grace



Deaconess Donna Murray with her mother, Sis. Linda Murray who is visiting Texas from California.

would transform them as human beings.

Have you experienced this grace in your life? Have you extended grace to those who have hurt

you? Can you let go of any wrongs that have come through friends or associates? The grace you extend may change their lives - and yours.

Uninsured Texans encouraged to call for appointments at massive Free Health Clinic in Dallas

Appointment availabilities are filling up for the large, one-day free health clinic to be held in Dallas on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Dallas Convention Center, Hall A, 650 South Griffin St. Organizers are urging Texas residents without insurance to call 1-800-340-1301 to make an appointment before all slots are filled.

More than 1,000 uninsured people are expected to receive free medical examinations and other services, as appropriate, including: electrocardiograms, cholesterol blood tests, glucose tests for diabetes, muscular-skeletal exams, urinalysis, hemoglobin tests, pregnancy tests and strep tests. In addition, free 90-day, mail-order prescriptions will be available through the generosity of RxOutreach. All patients also will receive information on where they can receive follow-up care.

Parents are also encouraged to call and schedule appointments for the available children's services, which include flu shots, vaccinations, eye exams and glasses. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas will provide free childhood im-



Patient receives care at a New Orleans free health clinic.

munizations and children's flu vaccine from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for uninsured children or those with insurance not covering the vaccines.

Doctors, nurses and mid-level practitioners, al-

ong with non-medical volunteers, are still needed to assist at the clinic and encouraged to register now at: www.nafcclinics.org. As appointments slots are close to being filled, organizers are urging more medical providers register to volun-

teer. If more providers register, additional patient appointments will become available.

The National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) is sponsoring the C.A.R.E. (Commu-

nities Are Responding Everyday) Clinic in conjunction with the Lone Star Association of Charitable Clinics and the North Texas Association of Charitable Clinics.

This clinic is being held due to the generosity of individual donors as well as the following sponsors: Covance, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, and the Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation. Direct Relief USA, AmeriCares, Rx-Outreach, The Kidney Trust, Essilor Vision Foundation, Texas Health Dallas, Parkland Hospital, Methodist Health System and Smart City are providing donations of supplies and services. The NAFC is thankful for the incredible support of the C.A.R.E. Clinics, and encourages anyone interested in donating to this or future C.A.R.E. clinics to please visit the association's website, www.nafcclinics.org.

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You're a person who knows what she wants.

You can make up your mind in a snap, decisively sizing up the situation, weighing the options in your head. You rarely regret the solution you choose. You know what you want – and you get it.

That goes for relationships, too, but in the new book "Divine Intervention" by Lutishia Lovely, a whole church full of

NDG BookShelf: *Divine Intervention* - plot unlikely but great characters

people can't seem to settle on love.

Princess Brook was about to take a big step. And it would start down a silk-covered aisle, praise God.

Marrying Rafael Stevens was something she'd planned for so long. They grew up together and Princess knew Rafael loved her. He was a good man with an excellent future. But Princess couldn't stop thinking that she was making a mistake. She couldn't stop thinking of her ex, Kelvin.

As pastor of Mount Zion Progressive Baptist Church, King Brook was a beacon of strength, both to his church and to his wife, Tai. Sure, the Brooks had had trouble in their

marriage, but they worked their way through that and now had a good, solid relationship.

More or less. The Reverend Doctor Pastor Bi-shop Overseer Mister Stanley Obadiah Meshach Brook Jr. spent fifty years with his wife, Mama Max, and forty years with his mistress, Dorothea. Sadly for both women, the years were spent at the same time. So when Obadiah left Kansas City to move in with Dorothea in Dallas, Mama Max figured it was time to



move on. She found herself a man-friend and started going out a little – which made Obadiah jealous. His mistress was his mistress but Mama Max was his wife and God willing, she'd stay that way.

Vivian and Derrick Montgomery had been in love their entire adult lives. Their marriage had withstood old flames, new children, and a son Derrick didn't know he had until the boy was a man. Yes, everyone

at Mount Zion Progressive Baptist Church wanted a marriage just like the Montgomery's.

But could that marriage hold up against the biggest crisis of all?

"Divine Intervention" started out better than I thought it would. I actually liked the characters a lot, and I was glad to be pulled into their world.

But as I kept reading, I started getting tired. Tired of infidelity, tired of bedroom scenes that all felt the same. And while I suppose this is the formula for these kinds of books, I had to wonder, about halfway through, if any of these characters could manage to keep their pants on.

Author Lutishia Lovely creates a wonderful Church community. She made me chuckle at some of the things that happened and things her characters said. For sure, Lovely tells a good story. Too bad it's mired in too much twotiming.

"Divine Intervention" is by no means a terrible novel. No, it has its moments but just know what you're getting when you get it. There's great character development here, so if you don't mind an unlikely plot, then this might be a book you'll want.

Divine Intervention by Lutishia Lovely (Dafina, \$15, 320 pgs)

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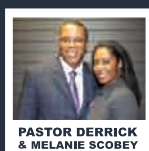
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