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President Obama visits NJ in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Romney campaigns in FL

BY RUTH FERGUSON,
NDG EDITOR

For one more day, President Barack Obama put aside politics to deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The storm made landfall in America late Monday afternoon in



NJ Gov. Christie and President Obama meet with Hurricane Sandy victims at shelter. Photo credit: AP

New Jersey and many of the areas remain in disarray as the communities await the restoration of electricity and for the water to recede.

One of the president's harshest critic is New Jersey

Governor Chris Christie, but throughout this ordeal he has shared nothing but compliments for the leadership of the President Obama during this crisis. Wednesday afternoon the two men visited Brigantine Beach Community

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Foreclosures cost communities of color \$1 trillion in home equity

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

Every time a family loses a home to foreclosure, the negative effects flow through the community, especially nearby neighbors who lose value in their own properties. Among the 10.9 million homes that went into

foreclosure between 2007 and 2011, over half of the "spillover" cost to nearby homes have led to a \$1 trillion loss in home equity for African-American and Latino families. This key finding from a new report by the Center for Responsible Lending found that high

concentration of foreclosures in neighborhoods of color perpetuate these disproportionate burdens in America's continuing foreclosure crisis.

The report entitled *Collateral Damage: The Spillover Costs of Foreclosures*, See EQUITY, Page 6

Early Voting Ends on Friday

Polls are open throughout Texas 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thur. Nov. 1 & Fri. Nov. 2. Election Day is Tuesday Nov. 6 and polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tax breaks, benefits available to military families

BY JASON ALDERMAN

As we honor our armed forces this Veterans Day, let's also acknowledge the financial challenges they and their families often face, both while in service and after discharge. Fortunately, service members needn't go it alone: Many tax benefits, social services and financial assistance programs are available to help.

Special tax benefits for active duty personnel include:

- If you move because of a permanent change of station, you may be able to deduct unreimbursed moving expenses.

- If you serve in a combat zone for any part of a month, any military pay you received during that month is not considered taxable income.

- You can also include nontaxable combat pay as "earned income" when claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit for low- to moderate-income earners.

- Deadlines for filing tax returns, paying taxes, filing refund claims and taking other actions with the IRS are automatically extended for qualifying military members.

- Joint tax returns generally must be signed by both spouses. But, when one spouse is unavailable due to military duty, you may use a power of attorney to file a joint return.

- If you're an armed forces reserves member, you can deduct unreimbursed travel expenses for travel more than 100 miles

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Whom will government serve?

BY NORMAN AND VELMA HILL

Fact: The loose confederation of extremists that fall under the Tea Party banner has pushed the Republican Party further to the right than ever. Tea Partiers argue that government does not solve problems, but rather causes them. They call for drastically reducing the size of government, especially the footprint of Washington, and expanding the purview of the marketplace.

We challenge this Tea Party-Republican premise.

Clarification: The issue is not government's effectiveness or size. What is crucial, and often forgotten, is government's role and to whose needs it should respond. The federal government has been an effectively positive force in so many ways that it seems absurd to name just a few; but this increasingly ahistorical environment may require us to do just that.

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Vincent Jones

Grantmakers for Children, Youth, and Families (GCYF) has announced that Vincent Jones is the recipient of the 2012 Emerging Leader Award in Philanthropy for Children, Youth, and Families.

The Emerging Leader Award is a new award that GCYF will give annually in recognition of exemplary performance, significant contributions, and the potential for leadership and continuing service in children, youth, and family philanthropy by grantmak-

ing staff, trustees and donors under 40 years of age or with less than seven years of full-time experience in philanthropy.

Jones is deputy director of common agenda and senior program officer of Liberty Hill Foundation, a Los Angeles community foundation with a mission to identify, invest in and empower community leaders at the frontlines of change in order to advance social justice. "Vincent Jones is one of philanthropy's rising stars," said

Stephanie McGencey, Ph.D., MPH, executive director of GCYF. "His fresh ideas, problem-solving skills, and immense ability to communicate with, organize and empower diverse constituencies have made--and promise to continue making--a significant impact on the lives of children, youth, and families in his community."

At Liberty Hill, Jones has brought a



unique approach to Brothers, Sons, Selves, a campaign aimed at reducing the impact of the school-to-prison pipeline on boys and young men of color. He manages and co-created the campaign in partnership and collaboration with The California Endowment, other foundations, a group of eight Los Angeles co-

munity-based organizations, and a dozen additional advocacy, research and media organizations.

Jones also developed a vision for and leads implementation of Uplifting Change, a Liberty Hill initiative that uniquely addresses the challenges facing black children, youth, and families. The initiative empowers philanthropists in the black Los Angeles community with tools, resources and networking opportunities to build their organizational capacity and identify new solutions and

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Angela Minor

(NNPA) – On Tuesday, the economy, unemployment, Big Bird, binders full of women and bayonets will take a backseat to the only poll that matters in electing a president and vice president – ballots cast in the polling booth.

Either way, history will be made on Election Day. Barack Obama will become the first Black president elected to a second term (as well as the first) or Mitt Romney will become the first Mormon elected

president of the United States.

Obama is relying on his strong organizing ground game to propel him to victory, a strategy that relies heavily on Blacks, women, labor unions and youth. Romney is relying on high unemployment numbers and a sour economy to clear the path for a victory.

However, David Bositis, senior research associate at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a progressive public policy think

tank in Washington, D.C., doesn't think that will be enough for the former Massachusetts governor.

"A lot of White working class union employees, like in Ohio, know that [Romney] is anti-union," Bositis said. "He opposed the bailout of the auto industry. He and the Republicans opposed extensions of unemployment benefits."

Unemployment may not be the strong issue that Romney has expected.

Unemployment is down in seven swing states from August to September: Wisconsin (7.5 percent to 7.3 percent), Colorado (8.2 percent

to 8 percent) Iowa (5.5 percent to 5.2 percent), North Carolina (9.7 percent to 9.6 percent), Florida (8.8 percent to 8.7 percent), Ohio (7.2 percent in August to 7 percent in September) and Nevada (12.1 percent to 11.8 percent).

Obama hopes to get a bounce from news that the economy is recovering. The Commerce Department reported that new home construction was up 15



percent in September compared to August and up 34.8 percent compared to September 2011. The gross domestic product, which represents economic production and growth in the United States, increased from 1.7 percent in August to 2 percent in September.

Both camps are battling for the small slice of voters who are still undecided.

According to data collected by Reuters

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Brian Crawford

Plano City Manager Bruce D. Glasscock announced on Monday Brian

Chief. He was selected from three finalists who also included Dennis Rubin, former Fire Chief in Washington, DC and Atlanta, as well as Robert Isbell, current fire chief in Midland and also currently serving as President of the Texas Fire Chief's Association. Glasscock described the decision as "incredibly difficult with

As Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for Shreveport, Crawford oversees a \$500 million operating budget. Crawford has been serving in Shreveport for 28 years, starting as a firefighter and working his way up to Fire Chief, before being promoted to Assistant Chief Administrative Officer. As Fire Chief, Crawford was responsible for 22 fire stations and over 600 personnel. He also has extensive emergency management experience with direct involvement in a variety of major events including hurricanes Katrina, Gustav, and Ike, as well as serving as Commander of the USAR Louisiana Task Force 1 operations in Tuscaloosa, Alabama following the F4 tornado in 2011. He was also asked to participate in the Charleston, South Carolina Post Incident Review Team

following the tragedy in which nine firefighters lost their lives.

Crawford is active in community and volunteer activities including the local Salvation Army, the Shreveport/Bossier City Rescue Mission and the Northwest Louisiana Red Cross. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management and a Masters in Organizational Psychology and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer program as well as the Harvard University Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program.

When asked what drew him to the Plano position, Crawford said that Plano has "A clear commitment to excellence and investment in Plano Fire Rescue by its citizens, elected and appointed officials, as well as

the leadership and members of the fire department." He

went on to note that "In fire

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Crawford, currently the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer of Shreveport, Louisiana has been named Plano's new Fire

three exceptionally well qualified finalists, any one of which are capable of leading almost any fire department in the nation."

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Why is multicultural talent not making it to the top of Corporate America?

At a time when the top office in the country – President of the United States – is held by a person of color, minorities remain grossly underrepresented within leadership positions in corporate America.

Although minorities make up more than a third of the country's population, they hold only 13 percent of board seats at Fortune 500 companies and only twenty people of color currently hold chief executive positions at those Fortune 500 companies. The fact is, minorities in the workplace often face tripwires such as lingering bias and entrenched ideals of white male leadership, which cause them to stall out in middle management.

A new study from the Center for Talent Innovation

(formerly the Center for Work-Life Policy) identifies a cause and proposes a solution – sponsorship. The findings from the study entitled *Vaulting the Color Bar: How Sponsorship Levers Multicultural Professionals into Leadership* were announced recently at Bank of America headquarters in New York City.

According to the new CTI study there is a clear way to the top. Talent of color need robust relationship capital and powerful advocacy to propel them up the ladder: they need sponsors. Sponsors provide powerful links to key stakeholders and put their reputations on the line to promote their protégés all the way to the top. The study finds that sponsorship is particularly crucial

amongst people of color as it significantly boosts advancement, ambition and retention.

Vaulting the Color Bar includes case studies from eleven global companies that have led the way, creating initiatives that provide people of color with pathways to sponsorship. In particular, these initiatives focus on:

- Helping talent gain visibility,
- Teaching the nuts and bolts and tactics of sponsorship
- Providing protégés with the tools and capabilities they need for success.

Patricia Fili-Krushel, Chairman of NBCUniversal News Group and one of the lead underwriters of the study, spoke at the launch event and said, "we are

proud that our NBC News Leadership Program directly incorporates sponsorship to prepare a new group of diverse leaders to rise through the ranks to the executive leadership level."

A key takeaway of this study is a Road Map, which lays out how multicultural talent can earn sponsorship. It lays out in concrete detail how a high potential person of color can make this happen for him or herself.

Sylvia Ann Hewlett, co-author of the study and CEO and President of CTI says "With this Road Map, both sponsors and protégés will better understand their interconnected roles so they can work together to literally change the face of corporate leadership."

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In the eighteenth century, a strong central government established the

U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Post Office. In the next century, Washington subsidized canal and railroad construction, making a national economy possible. Government, big government if you will, established land grant colleges and the National Weather Service. And, by no mean feat, it abolished slavery.

In the twentieth century, the federal government created food and drug inspection systems. It has funded important medical research. Washington adopted conservation measures to protect against environmental pollution. The universally admired GI Bill made it possible for World War II veterans to obtain college educations, obtain low-cost mortgages, and acquire loans for start-up businesses.

Especially significant for us, as civil rights and trade union activists for over 50 years, has been the vastly expanded federal role since 1900 in helping the less powerful and less wealthy: the lower middle-class, workers, the poor,

women, and minorities. Legislation has defended workers' right to unionize, established a minimum wage, barred employment discrimination by race and gender, and has provided work for the unemployed during hard times. It has been government, not unbridled private enterprise, that has enhanced the well being of seniors through Social Security, the sole source of income for many of the elderly, and improved the health and life expectancy of seniors and the poor through Medicare and Medicaid.

President Barack Obama's recent Affordable Health Care Act, referred to as ObamaCare, extended health insurance to 30 million limited income non-seniors; and of course, congressional legislation and federal court decisions continue to eliminate the legal foundation for racial segregation and discrimination.

Therefore, it is ridiculous for Republicans to claim the national government can do virtually no good and therefore should be downsized. In fact, Republicans' chief concern is

not shrinking federal power. They actually want to expand and extend government's reach into the most intimate corners of our lives, denying contraception and abortion rights to women and dictating who can marry whom. Republicans are also not against government intervention in the form of aggressively providing tax breaks and subsidies for favored business enterprises.

What about our massive military establishment? Shrink it? On the contrary- Republicans want to enlarge it, even against its will.

What Republicans apparently want is to bless the powerful with more power and curse the less powerful with even less power that had been bestowed upon them through the federal government. Gov. Mitt Romney, now the head of his party as he presses his quest to capture the White House, opposes minimum wage increases. Romney's party supports privatization of public services, which often leads to inferior services and all ways to lower wages. His

party, not surprisingly, supports states pushing for union-busting right-to-work (for less) laws. Romney's party even wants to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act, which mandates that federal subcontractors pay no less than locally prevailing wages.

November's election is about for whom the federal government will work. The Democrats historically, and President Obama today, have backed the interests of the lower middle-class, workers, minorities, and women. Republicans, and particularly today's Republicans, favor the well off. Romney's now infamous "47 percent" address to rich campaign contributors showed, in both word and tone, his contempt for ordinary Americans, whom he apparently views as moochers and deadbeats.

Romney must be resoundingly defeated and President Obama reelected. It is the responsibility of the labor and civil rights movements to maximize that vote in order to enhance the prospects for us all of a more fair, fruitful and promising future.

Parents' anger, involvement with their children associated with bullying

Children whose parents frequently feel angered or bothered by them are more likely to bully their peers, according to a new study by a Children's Medical Center pediatrician. However, parents who communicate closely with their child, meet their child's friends and provide academic encouragement are less likely to see their child bully others, the study found.

The latest research study led by Dr. Rashmi Shetgiri — published online recently by the American Journal of Public Health — also found that children whose mothers have less than optimal mental health have higher odds of becoming bullies.

"We discovered how important parental communication and involvement with their children can be in preventing bullying," Shetgiri said. "There has been a lot of focus on the schools when it comes to bullying ... (but) the parental factors have not been as much a part of the conversation as they probably should be."

Shetgiri's study used data from the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health to examine how parental factors affect the likelihood of children aged 10-17 bullying others. The study was co-authored by Dr. Glenn Flores, director of Children's General Pediatrics Division.

Other studies about bullying conducted in the United States have usually relied on children's reports to researchers. But the survey used in Shetgiri's research relies on interviews conducted with parents.

"Children of parents who were frequently angry with their child and felt that their child bothered them a lot had more than double the odds of bullying perpetration," Shetgiri's study states. "These parents' responses may reflect an overall pattern of negative interactions with their child, in which the child may model aggressive responses learned from the parents, which may translate into bullying."

Shetgiri said it's important for parents to be aware of their feelings and the behavior they are modeling in front of their children. Parents should "try to recognize when they are reacting in an angry or irritable way with their children as this may influence how their children behave toward others," she said.

Shetgiri's study also concluded children who always or usually completed their homework are less likely to bully others. "I can never state enough the importance of (parents) being as present and involved in a child's life as possible," she said.

Other findings from Shetgiri's study:

1. Children living in poverty have nearly twice the odds of bullying their peers.

2. Children between 10 and 12 years old are more likely to be bullies than children aged 16-17.

3. African-American and Latino children have higher odds of bullying their peers when compared to white children, whereas Asian/Pacific Islander children have lower odds.

Shetgiri's study concludes that children at risk of engaging in bullying behavior may be identified by assessing for emotional, developmental and behavioral problems and by evaluating their parents' perceptions and their mothers' mental health.

"Negative parental perceptions of the child ... and suboptimal maternal mental health were associated with higher odds of child bullying perpetration, whereas positive parental involvement ... was associated with lower odds of bullying," the study concludes.

The study includes the largest known U.S. sample to be analyzed for risks and protective factors for bullying perpetration.

Shetgiri also is an assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center and Flores is a professor of pediatrics, clinical sciences and public health at the academic institution.

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In an increasingly global and diverse world, no company can afford to ignore the talent pool of highly qualified people of color. A shortage of minority talent in the C-Suite means that consumers are not benefiting from innovations and products tailored to their needs. Companies must to tap into this rich talent pool or risk losing traction in new multicultural markets at home and abroad.

Key Findings:

- Multicultural employees are highly ambitious. Nearly 35 percent of African-Americans, nearly half of Asians and 42 percent of Hispanics are "willing to do whatever it takes to get to the top" compared with 31 percent of Caucasians.

- Despite high levels of ambition and aspiration however, people of color continue to be under-sponsored; only 8 percent of people of color—9 percent of African-Americans, 8 percent of Asians and 5 percent of Hispanics—have a sponsor, compared to 13 percent of Caucasians.

- Among people of color, sponsorship is particularly crucial in invigorating ambition and driving engagement. 53 percent of African-Americans with a sponsor are satisfied with their rate of ad-

vancement, compared with 35 percent of those without such advocacy and 55 percent of Asians with a sponsor are content with their rate of advancement, compared with just 30 percent of Asians without such backing.

- However, people of color too often feel that they have to hide their true selves, a discomfort that breeds two-way distrust and distance. More than 35 percent of African-Americans and Hispanics and 45 percent of Asians, for instance, say they "need to compromise their authenticity" to conform to their company's standards of demeanor or style.

- An alarming fifth of Hispanics, a third of African-Americans and 29 percent of Asians believe that a "person of color would never get a top position at my company."

- Adding to the sense of distrust and exclusion—the feeling that "people just don't see you as a leader"—are incidences of outright bias and discrimination that are taboo to openly discuss. Overall, nearly 40 percent of African-Americans and 13 percent of Asians and 16 percent of Hispanics have experienced discrimination in the workplace owing to their ethnicity, compared to about 5 percent of Caucasian men

and women.

- The desire by people of color to "pay it forward" is robust; at the senior level, an impressive 26 percent of African-Americans, and a fifth each of Asians and Hispanics feel obligated to sponsor employees of their same gender or ethnicity—compared with 7 percent of Caucasians. However, all too often, they are hesitating. Sponsors of color—especially at the top—worry that they do not have the armor or ammunition to pull protégés of color up the ranks. Just 18 percent of Asians, a quarter of Hispanics and more than 20 percent of African-Americans currently are sponsoring someone at their company, compared with 27 percent of Caucasians.

- Multicultural protégés are also hesitant; while multicultural employees are more likely than Caucasians to see benefits in having a multicultural sponsor, they are also more likely than Caucasians to think that there are disadvantages to having a sponsor of color. Despite the need for sponsorship, people of color nevertheless worry—most even more than sponsors of color do—about the taint of favoritism on their careers if they enter into a minority-minority sponsor relationship.

Texas first: University of Texas offering a new Black Studies doctoral program

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved a new doctoral program in Black Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, marking a first for the university, the state of Texas, and the American South and Southwest.

The Department of African and African Diaspora Studies (AADS) in the College of Liberal Arts will administer the new degree program, which was approved by the board at their regular meeting Oct. 25.

"This is a historic moment for The University of Texas at Austin and for the state of Texas," said department Chair Edmund T. Gordon.

"In 1952 the university awarded its first degree of any kind to an African American student. We are overjoyed that today, 60 years later, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved the creation of a new doctoral degree in Black Studies. We have come a long way and will continue to press forward."

Through the new program, the university will credential scholars with expertise in the discipline cre-



ated by and about people of African descent.

Gordon said the doctoral program provides a balanced curriculum that will give students a strong foundation in Black Studies, while also exposing them to the theories and methods of disciplines in the arts, humanities and social sciences. It also will offer students a unique opportunity through its affiliation with a policy institute, the Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis.

"I'm extremely proud and delighted that UT Austin has become the first university not only in Texas but in the entire American South and Southwest to offer a Ph.D. in this important area of study," said President Bill Powers. "Expertise in Black Studies at the doctoral level will inform our understanding of arts and culture, history, and

even policy as it relates to this vital stream of world influence. It also will make Austin a center of intellectual activity in this field."

The Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, founded in 2009, has quickly established itself as one of the top departments in the nation, said Randy Diehl, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

"This doctoral program promises to be one of the most significant developments in graduate education in our college and at the university," said Diehl. "The outstanding faculty will play a crucial role in developing a new generation of scholars who will make significant contributions to education and society."

Black Studies at UT Austin consists of two units in addition to AADS: the John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies and the Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis. These three interrelated entities mutually reinforce the research, teaching and service mission of Black Studies and provide a robust base for advancement of the discipline.

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith to celebrate serving North Dallas for 150 years

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church (CCTOF) has announced the dates of their 150th Church Anniversary Weekend. The celebration is scheduled for Nov. 10-11.

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Temple of Faith campus – The public is invited to the Community Block Party featuring children's activities, video game truck, free food and music. There will also be a mini health fair featuring Carter Blood Care.

Sunday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The morning worship services will feature guest speakers, proclamations from elected officials honoring the service of the church to the com-



munity and the debut of This Far by Faith, a special video of CCTOF's history.

Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal / White Rock Chapel Methodist Church was the first African American Church established in Far North Dallas and the first such establishment for African Americans in the North Texas area.

CCTOF moved to its sanctuary, the Temple of Faith, in January of 1999. It

has a membership of over 6,400. Under the visionary leadership of the late Dr. Jerome McNeil, Jr., CCTOF served the community through over 90+ ministries like the Jail and Juvenile Detention, Teen Mentoring, Men and Women's Fellowships, My Father's House Christian Bookstore, the Healthy Beginnings Child Care, One Church One School and Operation Blessings outreach ministry.

Now lead by Rev. Kwesi R. Kamau, CCTOF describes their church as a contemporary example of Jesus' hands extended while meeting the needs of the citizens of the North Dallas area.

Delta's hosting Community Market Festival

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host its annual "Community Market Festival" on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Southwest Center Mall, 3662 W.

Camp Wisdom Road in Dallas.

The Community Market Festival is Delta's commitment to promote economic development and to provide an opportunity for local business owners and/or vendors to

present their products to the general community. As an organization of over 250,000 predominately African-American women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is uniquely positioned to impact the communities they serve.

Frisco hosting 2012 Arborfest Celebration

The public is invited to spend time enjoying the outdoors with family this weekend while learning more about the dozens of different trees in the City of Frisco. The 2012 Arborfest celebration is on Saturday, Nov. 3, in Frisco Commons Park, located at 8000 McKinney Road. The celebration starts at 9 a.m. with a ceremonial tree planting.

Learn how you can help protect and improve our

urban forest. Frisco Commons Park has more than forty different tree species. Members of the Urban Forestry Board will be your guides for tree identification tours through the park.

The Urban Forestry Board will also announce the winners of the annual Champion Tree Competition. This year's categories are sweet gum and ash. The winning trees must be on private property and within

the Frisco city limits. Winners of the 2012 tree competition will receive plaques to display in front of their champion trees.

Arborfest is sponsored by the Frisco Urban Forestry Board and the Frisco Parks & Recreation Department. Frisco Garden Club will also take part in the celebration. For more information call 972-292-6500.

Sisters Network Dallas Hosts Breast Cancer Walk and Health Expo

Sisters Network Dallas invites the DFW community members to take 6,000 steps for the 6,000 African American Women who lose their lives to breast cancer each year. The walk will be held Nov. 3 at P. C. Cobb Sta-

dium, 1702 R.B. Cullum, Dallas, Texas 75210 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

The "6,000 SISTERS, 6,000 STEPS FOR HOPE BREAST CANCER WALK AND EXPO" is sponsored by Cancer Treatment Cen-

ters of America and the Dallas Area American Postal Workers Union. Honorary Chairs are: Bobbye Sanders, President of Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and Tonya J. Holt, Democratic

Candidate for 5th District Court of Appeals, Place 11.

Funds raised will support Sisters Network Dallas programs that provide ongoing community education, fund mammograms for under or uninsured women,

partner breast cancer survivors with recently diagnosed women, and support women facing financial challenges during treatment.

For more information on donating or to register for the walk, go to www.sistersnetworkdallas.org.

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and Ipsos, an independent research company, the undecided voter is typically a White female who didn't go to college and makes less than \$25,000 a year.

"They don't follow politics very closely. It's not like they've been thinking about politics for the past year," explained David Bositis of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

Bositis said that now is when undecided voters are turning their attention to the presidential election.

In an effort to reel in those undecided voters, the Obama campaign released the "Blueprint for America's Future," a detailed manuscript outlining the president's plan for his second term.

The "Blueprint," the Cliff Notes from recent campaign speeches, includes steps to end the war in Afghanistan, a proposal for energy independence, strategies to add construction jobs for much

needed infrastructure projects and 100,000 teachers to the nation's classrooms.

After Romney took a decisive victory in the first presidential debate, President Obama sharpened his attack winning the last two debates.

"He didn't come out of the gates swinging or running the fastest, he came out on top in the last debate," said Angela Minor, director of the Martin L. King, Jr. Forensics Program and debate team at Howard University.

Minor said that President Obama's strong showing in the final presidential debate left a lasting impression with likely voters.

"I would rather see a presidential candidate that progressively gets stronger than a presidential candidate that comes out of the gate stronger and then weakens as he goes," said Minor.

Some political analysts believe that Romney's "Etch-a-Sketch" shift to the center following the Republi-

can Primary weakened his already tenuous standing with his base and may have limited any bounce that followed the first presidential debate.

"I think the help has already been exhausted," said Lorenzo Morris, chairman of the Political Science Department at Howard University. "He moved enough to the center to make himself more credible with independent voters. Now payback is coming in."

Morris said that when Romney embraced key provisions of the Affordable Care Act, pivoted on abortion rights, and backed President Obama's handling of Syria and Afghanistan he raised doubt of the "extreme" conservatism he boasted of in the spring. Now rallying his base may be an uphill battle.

"He has to reinforce those conservative ties, because he can't abandon his base," said Morris. "They are the ones that are going to get him over."

But some experts say that Americans still want to leave the voting booth with hope for a brighter future and that President Obama could lose last minute undecided voters in the weeds of a policy paper, especially given criticism of his "professorial" tone and lengthy explanations of his goals and accomplishments during his first term.

"Some of Obama's failings is that he comes off as too technical," Morris said. Morris suggested that President Obama lose the bullet points and seek to inspire voters with a vision of a better tomorrow here in the United States and around the world.

"Talk as Reagan did about the United States as a 'shining city upon a hill,'" Morris said. "Talk about the United States of tomorrow and that United States of tomorrow doesn't have to be a detail, it simply has to be a vision."

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4Soils Bible app allows children to learn about 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'

4Soils has created a series of Bible apps for kids to learn "the greatest story ever told."

Bible Heroes, the creation of Stanford University graduate student Lusi Chien, is the partner parents, youth ministers, and school teachers need to effectively teach the most memorable stories of the Bible to children. The series of apps takes the latest technology and mixes in effective storytelling, entertaining games, and rich illustrations for little minds to begin an everlasting connection with Him.

"Despite the plethora of apps out there, there were few biblically accurate yet entertaining and engaging apps for young children," Chien said. "Children are spending 43 minutes per day on mobile devices. We need to create quality biblical content for them

where they want to be."

The company, founded in February 2012, was established to stand strong in midst of "mindless games" for kids that have saturated the app market.

The core principles of Bible Heroes are to:

- Allow children to experience life the fullest (John 10:10);

- Inspire all kids to put their hope in God (Psalm 130:5);

- Delight children with Bible adventures to help them learn to delight in the Lord (Isaiah 61:10);

- Make the Bible accessible and fun for the new generation; and

- Reach the nations with technology (Matthew 28:19).

On May 1, the Bible Heroes: Noah and the Ark app was released on iTunes as a tester. After listening to what customers had to say

about the Noah app, Chien said it has been updated several times. Noah's story was soon accompanied by Bible Heroes: David and Goliath and Bible Heroes: Daniel and the Lions, and Bible Heroes: Jonah and the Giant Fish on iTunes.

Christie, a mother of two girls, said Bible Heroes is a great way to get kids excited about the stories and characters in the Bible. In addition, she applauded the "enthusiastic narration, the cute graphics and animation, as well as the fun and interactive games."

"The best thing about it is that each story drives home a key, biblical lesson for kids to learn," she added. "Normally, I wouldn't let my kids plug themselves into video games, but this one is the exception."

Scott Varney, an associate pastor, said Bible He-

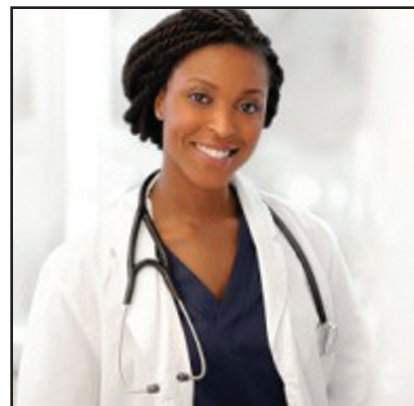
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TWU receives \$3 million in federal HRSA grants for nursing scholarships

Texas Woman's University will help more economically disadvantaged undergraduate and graduate students pursue a degree in nursing with \$3 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

HRSA's Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) Program has given TWU \$650,000 a year for four years to use for scholarships for undergraduate students pursuing a nursing degree. The program also has awarded the university \$100,000 a year for four years for scholarships for graduate students pursuing a nursing degree.

"These scholarships will provide financial assistance to many students wanting to enter or remain



enrolled in our renowned nursing program, allowing these students to better serve the state of Texas and the nation as practicing nurses," said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life.

This marks the third consecutive year TWU has been awarded HRSA grants for student scholarships. To date, TWU has received more than \$4.8 million in HRSA grants for student scholarships.

SDS Program was established through the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990 to increase diversity in the health professions and nursing workforce to ensure culturally effective care and reduce health disparities. The program provides grants to eligible health

professions and nursing schools for use in awarding scholarships to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

More information on how students can apply for these scholarships will be posted on the TWU College of Nursing site at www.twu.edu/nursing beginning March 4, 2013. For additional information regarding this funding, contact the TWU Student Life Development Office at 940-898-3861.

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said, "Families impacted in minority neighborhoods have lost or will lose on average, \$37,084 or 13 percent of their home value." By comparison, the overall average American homeowner affected by nearby foreclosures will lose only seven percent of their home value, or \$21,077.

The most recently-available census data shows that African-Americans and Latinos comprise less than 30 percent of the nation's population. Yet together, neighborhoods of color shoulder over half of the \$1.95 trillion in the drain on neighboring property values due to foreclosures.

"CRL's report is troubling evidence of how much the economic cost of foreclosures are spilling over into communities all over America," said Wade Henderson, president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. "Communities of color – which have been targeted for years by predatory lenders, and abused for years by mortgage servicers – have been practically

drowning. Until policymakers get serious about reducing foreclosures and restoring meaningful home ownership in all communities, a full economic recovery will likely remain out of reach."

In addition, communities of color still suffer from stark wealth gaps compared to whites. Earlier this year the U.S. Census Bureau found that African-Americans, Latinos and Asian-Americans together lost nearly 60 percent of median household net worth from 2005-2010. During these same years, median net worth for white families dropped by 23 percent. With fewer investment portfolios and lower earnings, the hope to build wealth for communities of color often rests with the value of their home investment.

As troubling as the report's findings are, the report also acknowledges that it does not even cover all the negative impacts of foreclosures. In addition to reducing nearby property values, foreclosures also result in myriad other costs such as lost revenues to local gov-

ernments, neighborhood blight, and increased crime.

"Families who lose a home cannot tap home equity to start a new business, pay for higher education or secure their retirement. Loss of a home also removes a financial cushion against unexpected financial hardships such as job loss, divorce or medical expenses, and eliminates the main vehicle for transferring wealth intergenerationally," said the report.

Janet Murguia, president and CEO of the national Council of LaRaza agrees: "The wealth drain triggered by foreclosures is continuing unabated, hurting Latino families and other vulnerable communities the hardest. We're calling on policymakers to show strong leadership in stopping the foreclosure crisis and making fair and sustainable housing a national priority."

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Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Middle School opened in Dallas



Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Middle School

Community leaders, students and parents joined Dallas ISD officials in touring Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Middle School, 2939 St. Rita Drive, during the official dedication ceremony Friday, Oct. 26.

Principal Barbara Moham welcomed visitors to the environmentally sustainable school, which combines cutting-edge technology with innovative design. Moham was followed by the Justin F. Kimball High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Color Guard, led by Sergeant Calvin Breedlove, as they presented the flags. Dallas ISD Superintendent of Schools Mike Miles was joined by Trustee Carla Ranger who thanked the audience for approving the 2008 \$1.35 billion bond program that made the school possible.

tor J. DeFayette, delighted the audience. Speakers representing several aspects of Rev. Holmes' community involvement—from the beginning of his career to his

him. A spiritual leader, political powerhouse and civil rights activist, Holmes is known for passionately advocating for social justice and equality.



Principal Barbara Moham joins Rev. Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. at the new school dedication.

current advocacy for education—shared their personal memories.

Following presentations by Rev. Rickie Rush from the Inspiring Body of Christ

Larry Zerby, Director of Design for Dallas ISD's construction services, provided a project overview. Perkins + Will served as the project's architect team, AECOM as the project manager and Rogers-O'Brien acted as the general contractor.

In May 2008, Dallas voters supported a \$1.35 billion bond program, paving the way for the district to build eight elementary schools, four middle schools and two high schools, and construct 177 new classrooms on 13 existing campuses. In addition, the bond program will provide roughly \$521 million to renovate more than 200 schools, and add 19 new science labs at six secondary schools and updates to 16 school kitchens and 22 lunchrooms. Information on the allocation of bond funds can be found at www.dallasisd.org/bond2008.



State Rep. Yvonne Davis with Rev. Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. at the new school dedication.

Both the Zan W. Holmes Lionettes Dance Team, led by Director Yolanda Burton, and the middle school choir, led by Direc-

Church and David Whiting with Comerica Bank, Rev. Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. thanked Dallas ISD for bestowing such an honor upon

Race for the Cure spotlight

Nearly 22,000 gathered at NorthPark Center on Saturday, Oct. 20 to support Komen Dallas County and to celebrate the 30th annual Komen Dallas Race for the Cure. The theme this year was "Race Together So No One Races Alone".

The annual Survivors March featured thousands of breast cancer survivors, from one-year to half-a-century, created a sea of pink behind the Dallas Cowboys Drumline for a moving Race finale.



Breast cancer survivor KoCo Powell, 38, flashes a smile while running the 30th Komen Dallas Race at NorthPark Center on Oct. 20. Powell has become a strong advocate for Komen Dallas County, which paid for the mammogram that found Powell's breast cancer last year. Since then, the local Komen affiliate also has helped with her ongoing treatment and her rent.

Dallas Police Department partners with community to reduce crime

The Dallas Police Department's Office of Community Affairs will implement a Crime Reduction Program called 10/70/20, which will target 5 Multi-family Complexes in the Southwest Patrol Division. The philosophy of 10/70/20 is that 10 percent of the people in the community



are Non-Tolerant regarding crime and are involved in the prevention of crime, 70% are Tolerant, and not involved, and 20 percent are the Criminal Element who commit crimes. The goal of this program is to mobilize the 70 percent to an attitude of Non-Tolerance and to

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Obama Can Get Re-Elected Without a Majority of Popular Vote

BY GEORGE E. CURRY
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Even if President Obama loses the popular vote on Nov. 6, as some national polls are projecting, he could still get re-elected by winning in the Electoral College, where he currently holds an edge over Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

If that scenario plays out, it would mark the third time that has happened in the nation's history and the first since George W. Bush entered the White House in 2000 after losing the popular vote to Former Vice President Al Gore, Jr. by 500,000 votes.

"The Electoral College is a process, not a place," the U.S. Electoral Colleges notes on its Web site. "The founding fathers established it in the Constitution as a compromise between election of the President by a vote in Congress and election of the President by a popular vote of qualified citizens."

States have the same number of electors as they have members in their congressional delegation. In addition to the 535 mem-

bers of Congress, the 22nd Amendment provides that the District of Columbia is allocated three electors and treated like a state under this process.

A majority — 270 of the 538 electors — is needed to become president and vice president. Generally, electors are selected by the candidate's political party and can be counted on to support the party's nominee. With the exception of Maine and Nebraska, all states have a winner-take-all system. That's important for large states, such as California, which has 55 electors or 20 percent of the votes needed for victory.

The names of electors generally appear on the presidential ballots in most states. States tabulate the votes of electors in December of an election year before forwarding results to Congress for a final count.

A 2009 report by the Congressional Research Service (CRS), titled, "Electoral College Reform: 111th Congress Proposals and Other Current Developments," stated: "...This system has elected the candidate with the most popular votes in 48 of the 52 presidential elections held

since the 12th Amendment was ratified in 1804. The four exceptions have been negatively characterized by some commentators as Electoral College 'misfires.'

"In three instances (1876, 1888 and 2000), the Electoral College awarded the presidency to candidates who won a majority of electoral votes, but gained fewer popular votes than their principal opponents. In a fourth case (1824), the House of Representatives decided the contest by contingent election because no candidate had an electoral vote majority."

Unlike Gore, who accepted the results after the Supreme Court halted the counting of ballots in Florida and handed down a decision favoring Bush, House Republicans would likely use the outcome to increase their partisan attacks on President Obama. They would most likely call for abolishing the Electoral College, a position they did not take when Bush assumed the presidency after losing the popular vote.

By design, the U.S. Constitution is not easily



amended. Proposed amendments must be approved by a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate and passage by three-fourths of the states, usually within seven years. Over the past 200 years, more than 700 proposals have been introduced in Congress to reform or eliminate the Electoral College. None have been passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

The CRS report noted, "In the final analysis, given the high hurdles — both constitutional and political — faced by any proposed amendment, it seems unlikely that the Electoral College system will be replaced or reformed by constitutional amendment un-

less its alleged failings become so compelling that large concurrent majorities in Congress, the states, and among the public, are disposed to undertake its reform or abolition."

Under the present system, a joint session of Congress will be convened on Jan. 6 to officially count the electoral votes. The vice president and president of the Senate preside over the session and announce the official tally.

In the unlikely event that neither Obama nor Romney receives the 270 electoral votes needed to become president, the Republican-led House of Representatives would pick the president and the Democratic-controlled Senate

would select the vice president. That means Romney would probably be elected president and Joe Biden would likely remain as vice president. Few political scientists expect that to happen. Going into this week, Obama was leading in 11 polls taken in battleground states, Romney was ahead in four and two were tied.

Every president re-elected in the last 50 years returned to office with a larger share of the popular vote than they had received in their first term. If Obama loses the popular election to Romney, he would be the exception. And if he loses the election and wins in the Electoral College, the strained relations between Republicans and the White House is likely to grow worse.

Mark McKinnon, a political strategist for George W. Bush, told the Washington Post, that if Obama returns to the White House in that manner, "the Republican base will be screaming that Romney should be president, and Obama doesn't represent the country." He added, "It's going to encourage more hyperpartisanship."

Voter Intimidation Efforts Still in Play

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Although President Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney have duked it out in three televised debates and are running opposing ads in the waning days of the election, a nastier fight to intimidate Black voters is taking place away from the limelight.

"It has taken many disguises," says Chanelle Hardy, senior vice president of policy at the National Urban League's Policy Institute. "Robo calls, telling people the date has changed, telling people that there are criminal penalties for showing up without an ID or that if you haven't paid your child support, you'll be arrested are some of them."

Last week, anonymous billboards popped up across Black and Latino neighborhoods in Ohio and Wisconsin,



Maya Rhodan

two battleground states. "Voter Fraud is a Felony! Up to 3 ½ years in jail and a \$10,000 fine," read the signs.

Although the nearly 200 signs have been taken down, Debbie Hines, an attorney and the blogger behind LegalSpeaks.com, says the efforts to intimidate are just pieces of a larger scheme to keep Democratic voters from the polls.

"It's as if they said, 'If the voter ID laws don't work that well, let's make telephone calls, let's follow them

around, let's put up billboards to intimidate them,'" says Hines.

Since 2010, state legislatures have been passing laws that make it more difficult to vote, such as requiring government-issued photo IDs and cutting back on the number of days citizens can vote.

But the latest efforts go far beyond that.

A Tea Party organization, True the Vote, and its Ohio affiliate, the Voter Integrity Project, have been urging conservatives to become poll watchers to make voting feel like "driving and seeing the police following you."

They have also sought to remove 2,100 names from polling rosters in Ohio, many in counties President Obama won in 2008, according to the Los Angeles Times.

In fact, a number of instances have come to light recently, as reported by The Nation magazine's Voting Rights Watch 2012, that prove there

have been a number of efforts to blatantly discourage voters from getting to the polls, aside from the billboards in Ohio.

In Virginia, another battleground state, a contract employee of the Republican Party of Virginia was arrested recently for dumping voter registration cards. Voter information fliers in Arizona were printed in Spanish with the wrong election date.

Hardy of the National Urban League said such actions are part of a larger effort to keep people of color from helping to re-elect President Obama.

"In '08 we saw what we were able to accomplish — the Black vote was outstanding and similar to the White vote for once in our history," Hardy says. "It's clear from the timing of when the ID action were introduced that there were bad actors in our society who sought to keep that from happening again."

Although supporters of the tougher voter requirements say it is an effort to reduce fraud, others said it is a solution in search of a problem.

"There's been no data that shows that in person voter fraud exists," says Hines, the attorney who is fighting increased voter restrictions. "It happens but you have a greater chance of being stricken by lightning than there being a person involved in voter fraud."

According to a study by a Knight Foundation funded project called News21, there were a total of 2,068 alleged election-fraud cases since 2000, only 10 of which involved voter impersonation — the very issue that led states across the country to enact strict voter identification laws.

"The intention of the suppressors is to shave off a small percentage of the Black vote to help Gov. Romney secure the win," says Rashad Robinson, executive director of Col-

orofChange.org, that organization that led the campaign to remove the intimidating billboards in Ohio. "But Black folks are used to feeling this kind of oppression and we aren't afraid to fight back. And we know that it could have an opposite effect and end up getting people more mobilized."

In an effort to prevent these voter suppression and intimidation practices from being successful, organizations from National Council of La Raza to the NAACP and even members of Congress are fighting back to make sure every American's voice is heard on Election Day.

The National Urban League has been involved with getting voters educated about their rights and empowering citizens with the information that will ensure that their voice is heard on Tuesday.

"We're hoping they don't have as much of an effect,"

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Is Obama/Biden vs. Romney/Ryan really the best the two parties could do?

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First, did the Republican Party at their convention select their strongest presidential candidate by selecting Gov. Mitt Romney? Secondly, did the Democrats select their strongest team to win for their party and lay a foundation for 2016 by nominating Vice President Joe Biden to serve again? Did the activities of party delegates lay the foundation for their party's future success or were these gatherings, in both cases, another aged political tradition, symbolic of a larger and historical trend in American society of, "boys will be boys," "boy's night out" or "boys business"?



Paul Ryan and Mitt Romney

Neither convention impacted the American public the way they should and could have. Both parties, considering America's domestic and foreign concerns, failed to generate the interest the American people wanted and needed. Both events ended with the main discussion being the speeches given by First Lady Michelle Obama, and Ann Romney, a candidate for that position.

At the 2012 political coronations/conventions in Tampa, Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina, the Republicans did not crown/select their strongest candidate and the Democrats did not crown/select their strongest team. Both had ample oppor-

tunities to do so and change the course of history; neither seized the moment.

The next four years will be challenging ones, for the next president, especially in the area of foreign policy. The GOP delegates did not respond to the above challenge in their selection, nor did they create the needed interest for a party out of power. During the next four years, America does not need an amateur president, especially one that needs on-the-job training in foreign affairs.

Where did the Republicans and Democrats go wrong in their selections?

The Mormon Church and Blacks

Surely, the local and national media, inspired by the small business magnate, will pull the Trump Card, and not

1978, the Mormon church removed this long standing religious justification for racial discrimination.

I am sure the American public would be interested in a PBS documentary on Romney's views and the racial ban on Blacks that placed racial limits on their aspirations. Surely those racial restrictions, those protests, the Genesis Group, and the candidate's response should be explained.

Imagine, on the other hand: what would the response be if two Knee-grows ran for a national public office, and it was revealed that earlier in their lives both had belonged to a so-called Knee-grow nationalistic group viewed as pro-communist and had tries with other anti-American organizations in other foreign countries?

While growing up in the 1940s, in legally segregated America, in a traditional Baptist environment, part of our teachings at home, church and school was that we were to be careful in our dealings with other faiths. This was especially true of those that viewed and taught the color of our skin was somehow a curse.

From Secretary of State to President?

Given the foreign policy challenges facing America in the next four years, the delegates at the Republican National Convention should have concluded their convention with the drafting of Dr. Condoleezza Rice, a former Secretary of State, an expert in foreign affairs and the right person to challenge the vulnerable sitting 44th president of the United States.

We have heard the stories about why Dr. Rice would not run, but she has never been drafted by her party to lead this country, and that makes a difference. It does not matter that she is an only child or single. It should be noted three former presidents were single



Dr. Theman Taylor Sr.

at the time they took the oath (3rd - Thomas Jefferson, 15th - James Buchanan and 22nd - Grover Cleveland, who married while in office). Also two of them were former Secretaries of States (Jefferson and Buchanan).

The Republican Party drafting her to lead the GOP would be no small task, but a great challenge for Dr. Rice. Despite the less than positive perception minorities have, we must remember the Republican Party's 1850s origins included opposition to the expansion of slavery. Then later the Republican Congress passed the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, the first Civil Rights Bill that became the 14th Amendment. Also, Ulysses S. Grant, a Republican, signed a Civil Rights bill in 1875.

In the modern era, it was one of Dr. Rice's favorite presidents, the 40th - Ronald Reagan, who signed the bill creating the first and only federal holiday for an African American. Dr. Rice loves her country and party and has served both in an extraordinary manner. She would be following in the footsteps of other presidents who first served as Secretaries of States:

3rd - Thomas Jefferson,
4th - James Madison,
5th - James Monroe,
6th - John Quincy Adams,
8th - Martin Van Buren,
and

15th - James Buchanan.

During the next four years, our foreign policy will require more than a speech; we must deal with the rise of Iran's threat, the violence in Syria, Iraq, Damascus, and Russia's influence. Also, our loss of respect and friends in other parts of Africa and Asia, and the forever 'on and off' Israeli and Palestinian issues. We would welcome

discussion or debate on foreign policy between the sitting 44th President Barack Obama and Dr. Rice.

The GOP needed and should have drafted Dr. Rice, who served Presidents Reagan and his successor George H. W. Bush, in foreign affairs and was appointed Secretary of State by the 43rd President - George W. Bush.

The GOP gathering in Tampa, Florida made a terrible oversight when they failed to draft the strongest candidate to lead the Republican Party, Dr. Condoleezza Rice.

Is Biden the best the Democrats could do?

The Democratic Party at their gathering in Charlotte, North Carolina this summer crowned the candidate, who is also the sitting 44th President of the United States, and his Vice President, Joe Biden. The two men are now asking for another four-year term to complete the task they started. The president maintains that it will not be easy, but long and hard: he claims he can solve the problems of the economy, jobs, healthcare, national security, taxes, and place America back on a stronger foundation.

Considering the task ahead in domestic and foreign affairs, can this 2008 winning team repeat in 2012, while at the same time lay the foundation for a victory for the Dem-

ocratic Party in 2016, and beyond? Obama claims his reelection is the first step in solving America's concerns and finishing what his administration started.

The 44th President has followed a good format and needs more time; however, out of his second term while securing his legacy in history, comes the possibility of the next Democratic candidate for president, one who can carry the party.

Let's be clear, Biden has served his party and his country well, but he cannot carry or lead his party in 2016. This researcher is not certain Biden even wants to be a presidential candidate in 2016.

Thinking of the future, the delegates, along with the approval of Obama should have praised Biden creating a climate where he could leave gracefully, and then announced Hillary Rodman Clinton as his new vice president partner in the coming term. She loves her party and country; she has a history of service and the office of the Vice President of the United States represents a new challenge.

Hillary Rodman Clinton, from Wellesley to Yale Law School, former First Lady of Arkansas, and of the United States, then a Senator from New York, would not be a Victoria Woodhull in the 1872 Presidential Election, and, one hundred years later Shirley Chisholm in the 1972 presidential race, nor the 1984 vice presidential candidate, Geraldine Ferraro. While Clinton benefits from their experiences, she has the experience of also serving as Secretary of State of the United States.

Her lack of military experience should be no problem. Some of our best presidents did not have the honor of being in the military; examples are the 32nd - Franklin Roosevelt and the husband of Hillary, the 42nd President, Bill Clinton. Having Hillary Clinton on the 2012 ticket would have strengthened the

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NDG Gossip: Lil Wayne suffers from health complications and recovers at his mom's house

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Last week was a scare for Lil Wayne and his fans. Dwayne Michael Carter was hospitalized on two separate occasions in Texas and Louisiana, where he most recently hospitalized for dehydration and a severe migraine. The hospitalizations occurred a day apart and this was more than enough to cause up a stir among his audience. After being hospitalized in Texas and preparing to leave for Los Angeles the following day, an emergency landing unfolded in Louisiana on the rapper's private jet, as his illness became apparent. Fans all over have shown concern and support



Lil Wayne

and in response Weezy has tweeted, "Thanx for all the prayers! I am good."

Now the rapper is taking it easy and laying low at his mother's house who resides in Louisiana. He needs his rest so he can power up and re-deliver on

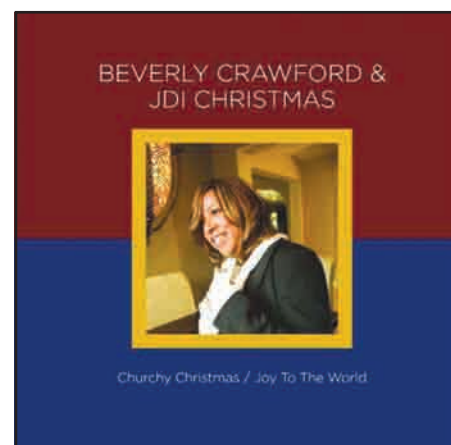
the mic as anticipated. Besides, it is doctor's orders that he not fly and replenish his strength. Wayne is working on upcoming music so his energy is needed, and we know that he is on the way to recovery to make his fans happy. To say the least, Wayne is a musical spectacle to those all over.

Because of this health scare however, Weezy missed a scheduled trial court date against Quincy Jones III over song rights' issues and music Jones used in a documentary about the rapper. But health comes first and business will resume.

Beverly Crawford releases a "churchy" Christmas CD

Is it possible for Christmas music to be churchy? No doubt, if your name is Beverly Crawford. The CD hit the streets Oct. 30 and featuring the churchiest Christmas songs, delivered only as Grammy & Stellar Award winning powerhouse *Beverly Crawford can, Beverly Crawford & JDI Christmas - Churchy Christmas / Joy To The World!* is signature JDI music that you can sing on Sunday morning.

Ever since the release of the successful inaugural JDI Christmas project (Norman Hutchins & JDI Christmas - featuring the #1 hit "Emmanuel"), JDI has received requests to release another JDI Christmas project. Well it's taken a little bit of time but Beverly Crawford & JDI Christmas is well worth the wait! Recorded live in Dallas and backed by the 200-voice Antioch Fellowship Voices of Praise, *Beverly Crawford & JDI*



Christmas - Churchy Christmas / Joy To The World! definitely is not your typical traditional Christmas album.

Kicking off in high gear with Beverly's churchy version of Joy To The World, be prepared to also be blessed by the Year-Round classic *Precious Lamb of God*. Written and performed by singer/songwriter extraordinaire Shanika Bereal (God's Property), this second single is a timeless gem designed for

worship all year long. Finally, rounded out with outstanding guest appearances by the incomparable Earnest Pugh (on the jazzy "Hosanna"), Professor James Roberson (on the orchestral big ballad "I

Wanna Be More"), Patrick Lundy & the Ministers of Music (on the ultra-funky Christmas dance tune "Emmanuel") among others, *Beverly Crawford & JDI Christmas* is truly an timeless classic that will bless you not just during the holidays but all year-round.

You can order it on iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/beverly-crawfordjdi-christmas/id567398230>.

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identify arrest or deter the 20% from engaging in criminal activity.

On Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. the Dallas Police Department's Office of Community Affairs and the Southwest Patrol Division will begin by

assessing the needs of three multi-family apartment complexes and two residential areas.

The group will meet at Willow Grove Baptist Church, located at 1222 W. Kiest Blvd. in Dallas at 9 a.m. and go out into the

community to begin the door to door assessment of residents' relationship with the Police Department and their crime concerns.

A follow-up meeting will take place Tuesday, Nov. 13 to discuss the results of the assessment.

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roes helps students understand the biblical principles.

"As a dad, I'm always concerned about what my daughter is reading, watch-

ing, and listening to. As a pastor, I have a global concern about what we are corporately teaching our children about Jesus," he said. "I find that technology is a great tool not only for teaching our children im-

portant biblical principles, but also it can be used to make it fun!"

"I believe it is to be a 'must consider' for all fam-

ilies who want to help their children understand the scriptures," Varney said.

Apps in the works include the stories of Esther and Joseph and the Multicolor Coat, Chien said. The Bible Heroes apps are compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad, iOS4.3 or later is required for the app to operate.

In the company blog, titled "Telling The Greatest Story Ever Told," Chien provides customers with a backdrop of the process behind the creation of app. The four-part series includes the theory behind the storytelling and illustration choices.

Chien said her organization is always looking for ministry partners, pastors, teachers, and parents to partner with them in achieving their mission - to spread God's word in difficult-to-reach and under-evangelized regions of the world.

To learn more about 4Soils, visit www.4soils.com and the company blog at www.4soils.com/blog.



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Center, which is temporarily serving as a shelter for those impacted by the storm near Atlantic City.

President Obama and Governor Christie took an aerial tour of some of the areas most affected by Hurricane Sandy aboard Marine One.

In his comments during the visit to the Community Center President Obama said, "I want to just let you know that your governor is working overtime to make sure that as soon as possible everybody can get back to normal. Hopefully if your homes aren't too badly damaged we can get the power back on and get you back in. For those of you whose homes are damaged we've also got Director Fugate of FEMA and one of the things we're going to do is to activate and make sure you guys are getting the help you need as quickly as possible."

President Obama assured the residents, "The main message I just want to send is that the entire

Governor Christie added, "I just want to tell all of you exactly what the president just said. 'I know he means it. We took a whole tour of the coast. He got a chance to see the destruction along the coast of New Jersey and we've been working with Director Fugate here to make sure that we need the things we need to get here. This state is working hard too, you know we're working hard. I want to thank the president for coming here today. It's really important to have the president of the United States acknowledge all the suffering that's going on here in New Jersey and I appreciate it very much. We're going to work together to make sure we get ourselves through this crisis and get everything back to normal. Thank you for coming, sir.'"

President Obama assured the residents, "The main message I just want to send is that the entire

country has been watching what's been happening and everybody knows how hard Jersey's been hit," he said. "You guys are in our thoughts and prayers."

Sandrine Burel, who had to be evacuated by boat from her Lafayette Boulevard home and stay at the shelter, said it was an honor to see the president in the same room.

"It's nice to know that he thinks of the little people too," she said.

Wednesday Governor Mitt Romney has three campaign stops planned in Florida on Wednesday. President Obama will resume his campaign appearances on Thursday with former President Bill Clinton in Wisconsin and Ohio.

Details and quotes regarding the President's tour of New Jersey were provided by pool reporters traveling with the President.

Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau names new chairman

Bill Boyd, founder, President and CEO of Sunbelt Motivation & Travel, Inc., a full service incentive travel and merchandise, meeting and convention management company headquartered in Dallas, has been appointed by City of Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings to serve as chairman of the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau (Dallas CVB) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The announce-



Bill Boyd

ment was made by outgoing Chairman Hattie Hill at

the Dallas CVB's annual meeting, held today at the Dallas Arboretum.

"As chairman, Bill will bring extensive experience in meeting and convention management to the Bureau," said Dallas CVB President and CEO Phillip Jones. "Bill's expertise is ideally suited for this role as the Bureau moves toward achieving an ambitious room night goal and evolving the Dallas brand."

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Hardy says. "The folks who came up with the bad laws have generated more attention than they intended getting people more encouraged to vote early and absentee."

Throughout the election season, Robison and ColoradoChange have also been working to stop attempts to end early voting in Ohio, petitioning the Secretary of State and making sure members of the community stay informed about their rights.

"There are millions of dollars being spent by forces that do not share our values, that

want to make our communities less safe, make our young people have a rougher time getting ahead by ignoring public education," says Robinson. "We want to ensure that people know their rights and make their voices heard."

In addition, members of the UN affiliated Organization for Security and Cooperation will be bringing in members from the international community to monitor the election.

Debbie Hines will be one of many attorneys on hand to monitor polls in states like Virginia, where she'll be, to make

sure "voters rights aren't under attack."

She says the most important note Blacks and other minorities should take away from the intimidation schemes is that their votes matter.

"I don't think Blacks should take for granted the value of their vote," Hines says.

"Because for Republicans to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to get the laws passed, to do all of the things that they're doing, our vote is valuable."

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from home to perform reserve duties.

- As you transition to civilian life, you may be able to deduct certain job-hunting costs.

- Most military installations offer free tax-filing and preparation assistance during and/or after tax filing season.

- The IRS's Armed Forces' Tax Guide provides an excellent summary of many important military-related tax topics (www.irs.gov).

A few suggestions and precautions for military families facing financial challenges:

- Each base command offers free financial specialists to discuss personal finances and help with budgeting; many banks and

credit unions also offer these services.

- Each military branch has a relief society and many grant emergency loans. Turn to them first before taking out a payday loan.

- Check-cashing outlets, pawn shops and other lenders are prohibited from charging more than 36 percent interest to military families for payday loans.

- If you do go off-base for financial assistance, you're responsible for disclosing your military status in order to receive military rates.

- Before signing loan documents, make sure you fully understand all conditions (annual percentage rate, monthly payment amount, fees, penalties,

etc.) Don't hesitate to take the paperwork home to think it over or consult with a financial advisor.

- Avoid pawn shop loans that use your car's title as collateral. Besides paying a very high rate, missing a payment could cost you ownership of your car.

Many governmental and private organizations provide financial information aimed at the special needs of the military, including:

- The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office of Servicemember Affairs (www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers) features a variety of financial planning tools.

- Military OneSource (www.militaryonesource.mil) helps service members

and families juggle such concerns as money management, spouse employment, education, parenting, childcare, relocation and deployment.

- SaveAndInvest.org, a financial education program created by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority to improve military members' saving and investing knowledge (www.saveandinvest.org/MilitaryCenter).

- The GI Bill provides a broad range of education benefits for veterans (www.gibill.va.gov).

- The government provides an intensive, three-day Transition Assistance Program for separating or retiring service members and spouses to ease reentry into the civilian workplace (www.taonline.com/TAP-Office).

It's vital that our military understand the benefits available to them – as well as the financial pitfalls to which they may be vulnerable.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.



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Daily

Activity Time Highland Hills at Highland Hills Branch Library, 3624 Simpson Stuart Rd.; 214-670-0987

Personal Views: Texas Black Folk Artists at African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave.; 214-565-9026

Every Tuesday

Dallas Comedy House Open Mic at 2645 Commerce St; 214-741-4448

Through November 3

Cutting Edge Haunted House at 1701 E. Lancaster Ave in; 817-348-8444

Through November 5

Dale Chihuly at Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road; 214-515-6500

Through November 21

Autumn At The Arboretum at Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Rd

Through November 25

Beyond the Lens: The Photography of Resistance and Liberation at Dallas Holocaust Museum/ Center for Education and Tolerance

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 Discovery 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

Through December 8

New Life Skills Certificate program for African Women each Saturday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Audelia Branch Library located 10045 Audelia Rd. (at Church St.) in Dallas. Info: hellen.fissahaie5@gmail.com

Through December 11

Movie Night @ the Library at Irving Public Library Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd at 6:30 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: 972-781-2628

Through December 18

TeenScene Movie at Irving Public Library, 801 W Irving Blvd; Free; 972.721.2628

Through December 28

Jazz Happy Hour Fridays at Champagne's Luxe, 5201 W Lovers Lane at 4 p.m.; Info: 214-352-7777

Through January 13

American Childhood: Celebrating Classic Toys at the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture, 100 S Houston

Dead Sea Scrolls & the Bible at MacGorman Performing Arts Center, 4616 Stanley Ave. in Fort Worth; 877-789-0876

November 3

The Chuck Burch Scholarship Fund 12th Annual Golf Tournament & Instructional Clinic at Country View Golf Club, 240 Belt Line Rd. in Lancaster; 972-227-0995

The Finishing Touch with Style Show! - Ages 10-14 at Bedford Boys Ranch, 2801 Forest Ridge Drive; Info: 817-952-2323

Charlotte Bobcats vs. Dallas Mavericks at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue; 214-222-3687

November 4

The Art of Bridal Style: The Ultimate Bridal Styling and Fashion Event at Wolfgang Puck Catering at Union Station, 400 South Houston Street; NovemberLily@live.com

VIROL Arts & Music Festival at American Airlines Center at 5 p.m.; Cost: \$25

Dallas Opera: Family Concert; Info: <http://dallasopera.org/>

November 5

Portland Trail Blazers vs. Dallas Mavericks at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue; 214-222-3687

November 7-11

Broadway's Next H't Mu-

sical at Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson; 972-744-4650

November 8

Council for Life Celebrate Life Luncheon at Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway; 214-668-1055

Dallas Sample Sale Preview Night at Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Frwy' 214-655-6100 or 214-744-7444

November 9

What's New in Psychopharmacology: An Update for the Non-Physician Mental Health Professional at Medical City Dallas Hospital, 7777 Forest Lane - Care Tower E; 972-566-4591

Waka Flacka Flame at Dallas House of Blues at 8:30 p.m.

November 10

Pass the Butter Please at TCU; Info: www.lifelong.tcu.edu 817-257-7132

Dallas' Best Pizza and More Pizza Tour at 2:30-5:30 p.m.; \$40; www.dallas-bychocolate.com/

Dallas Opera: Doctor Miracle; Info: <http://dallasopera.org/>

November 11

John Legend at the Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie at 7:30 p.m.; <http://www.axs.com/dallas-tx/music-events/john-legend-2012-november11-37474.html>; 972-259-3909

Nov. 15-Dec. 8

"Legally Blonde" by Garland Civic Theatre at Granville Arts Center - Small Theatre; 972-205-2790

November 16

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service circles Plano is considered an exceptionally well developed, disciplined, and professional department and its reputation and that of its former and current leaders precede it."

City Manager Bruce Glasscock described Crawford as "an exceptional leader who had impressed everyone he came into contact with during what was an incredibly rigorous selection process." SGR Executive Search identified 48 qualified candidates who were interested in the position from 21 different states. Before the three finalists were selected they had completed a compre-

hensive questionnaire; participated in online interviews; had legal/civil/criminal background checks conducted on them; had comprehensive media searches conducted; and completed two psychometric assessments as well as had extensive reference checks conducted.

On Wednesday of last week the three finalists toured the city including site visits to several fire stations. On Thursday they began the day with small group interviews with three panels of 13 Plano firefighters who had been selected by their peers to participate in the interviews. Following

these early morning interviews the finalists interviewed with three additional employee panels comprised of administrative and support staff, Captains and Lieutenants, Battalion Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs. Following this process the finalists interviewed with Deputy City Managers Lashon Ross and Frank Turner as well as several peer department heads. The day concluded with each finalist participating in a one-on-one interview with the City Manager. Assistant City Manager Lashon Ross, who oversees Public Safety and other departments for the city, expressed enthusi-

asm for the selection of Chief Crawford and indicated that she felt he was "exactly the right leader to help us take the Plano Fire Department to the next level." Ross indicated that while all interview panels were impressed with all three finalists as eminently qualified to lead a national pacesetter fire department like Plano,

it was clear that Crawford was "an exceptional leader who was the right fit for Plano at this point in our history."

Crawford is expected to take over the reins of the department on Dec. 3.

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Democratic Party and would have sent a strong message for 2016.

Both parties' delegates made serious political mistakes at their respective convention: both will suffer. One will suffer more than the other, only time will answer the question which one.

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Since the mistakes have already been made, we must

anxiously wait for 2016 for the prayers to be answers. Will either of the two Secretaries of State, Dr. Rice or Hillary Rodman Clinton make a run for the White House?

This author will conclude with 'TWO WORDS' Hillary Rodman Clinton, wrote as First Lady of Arkansas in 1989: STAY TUNED.

Dr. Theman Taylor, Sr., PhD in History from the University of California at Santa Barbara, born in Sunny South Dallas, Texas, attended H.S. Thompson Elementary School, a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1960, retired tenured History Professor, recently moved back to his home state.



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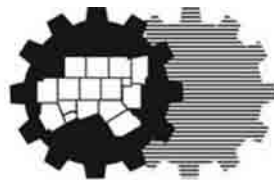
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Statements of Qualifications and Interest must be received no later than 5:00 pm, on Monday, November 5, 2012, to Tom Shelton, Senior Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. Copies of the Request for Statement of Qualifications and Interest will be available at www.nctcog.org/rfp by the close of business on Monday, October 22, 2012.

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November 4, 8 a.m.

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November 7

Join us for Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and come back at 7 p.m. for Prayer, Praise and Songs as we worship and praise God.

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November 7, 7 p.m.

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November 4

Join us in worship at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. as we praise and worship God's to the utmost.

November 7, 7:30 p.m.

Come to Bible Study as we go further in and deeper down into God's Word and we give Him all of the glory, honor and praise.

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November 4, 9:30 a.m.

You're invited to experience the joy of praising and worshipping God to the fullest at Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss Drive, Allen, TX.

November 7, 7 p.m.

Join us for our Church Wide Fasting each Wednesday (100% juice & water only); the fast begins at 12:01 am with our 1st prayer at 3:30 am; 2nd prayer at 12 Noon, and closing prayer at 6 pm. Then join us for Wednesday Night Live in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive, with old school prayer and testimony. Also, come to our Corporate Prayer and our Kidz Zone (an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.)

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November 4, 9:30 a.m.

Join us in our morning service as we celebrate Pastor Wattley's church anniversary; stay to enjoy our Education Ministries at 10:45 a.m. We will also have our Friends and Family Day as we fellowship, worship and praise God.

November 7, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wellness Ministry with Tamara Haskins, Director and Fitness Instructor. Call for details.

November 10, 12 p.m.

All Senior Saints are invited to our Double Nickel (55 and above) Luncheon @ the New-some Center on Amcott Street in McKinney. Activities include lunch, bingo and door prizes. Come and bring a friend. If you

are homebound, we will deliver to you. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than the Friday, (November 9th this month) before the luncheon and leave a message with your name, address, phone number and how many meals you need.

Dr. Charles Wattley
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November 4, 8 a.m.

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November 7, 7 p.m.

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

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November 4, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Sunday school with Elder/Superintendent Greg Mason; Sis. Vicki, adult class teacher and Evangelist Elizabeth McAfee, children class teacher/Director of children's choir; and stay for Morning Worship at 11 a.m. as we honor and praise God for His goodness.

November 8, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our School of The Prophets as Pastor Voss; who is a prophet, bring the Word of God; and we worship and praise God's Holy name.

Tonight and Tomorrow November 1-2, 7:30 p.m.

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With the 2012 Elections November 6th and the Holiday Season coming soon; along with the debate of Israel vs. Muslim faith, the Word of God and same-sex couples and marriages, I thought it would be a good time to reprint the following narrative that I received some years ago. Perhaps you have heard or seen this before or perhaps this is your first time reading this. Either way it should encourage you to, 'Have Faith in God' as you go through your trials or tribulations and the conditions our society is in these days and times. Prayer is always in order!

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life, and how things were so hard for her, given all that she is now going through. The young woman also told her mother that she didn't know how she was going to make it; and that she wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed that as one problem was solved, another appeared.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first pot she placed a carrot, in the second she placed an egg, and in the last pot she placed ground coffee beans. The mother let the items sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrot out and

placed it in a bowl. She then took the egg out and placed it on a plate. Finally, she ladled some of the coffee into a cup. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see?"

I see a carrot, an egg, and some brewed coffee," the daughter replied. The mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrot. She did and noted that it was soft. She then asked her daughter to take the egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, the daughter observed the egg was hard-boiled. Finally, the mother asked her daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What's the point mother?" Her mother explained that each of these items had faced the same adversity—boiling water—but each reacted differently. The carrots went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shells had protected its liquid interior, but, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The grounded coffee beans were unique however, after they were in the boiling water they had changed the water into something desired.

"Which are you?" the mother asked the daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or coffee beans?"

Are you a carrot, egg or coffee?

Are you the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do you wilt and become soft and lose your strength? Are you the egg that starts with a sensitive heart, but changes with the heat? Do you have a fluid spirit, but after death, a breakup, a divorce, a financial hardship or some other trail, have you become hardened and stiff? Does your shell look the same, but on the inside are you bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or are you like the coffee beans? The beans actually change the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and favor. If you are like the beans, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. How do you handle adversity? Coffee anyone? - Anonymous

Thoughts to Ponder: When a builder is confused he refers back to the blueprint and checks with the architect.



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leaders, in order to increase their impact on social justice. Under Jones' leadership of the initiative, Liberty Hill's grantmaking to black-led organizations doubled the first year and has been sustained at that level, and the increased investment has implications for positive, long-term outcomes for black children, youth, and families. Jones also led Liberty Hill's re-

alignment of its strategy to advance LGBTQ justice and equality, following the passage of Proposition 8 in California.

The national award was presented to Jones at the GCYF 27th annual national convening, the 2012 Annual Conference on Investing in Promising Futures for All, that took place earlier this month in El Paso, Texas.

NDG Bookshelf



BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

When you think about your future, you can see yourself clearly.

You'll have a great place to live, filled with all the things you love. You'll work a job you enjoy, maybe travel a little, and spend time with family. One day, you'll even retire somewhere warm.

Yep, when you think about the future, you can just see yourself.

Unfortunately, that's the problem. You can just see yourself.

NDG Book Review: *It's Complicated (But It Doesn't Have to Be)* by Paul Carrick Brunson

You don't want that, though. You want love, someone to grow old with, marriage, a lifetime companion. And you can find the map to that journey by reading *It's Complicated (But It Doesn't Have to Be)* by Paul Carrick Brunson.

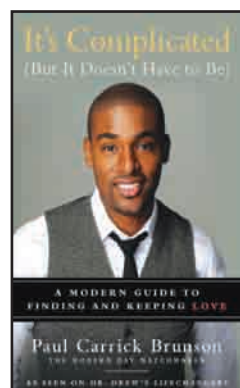
Throughout your life, you've had plenty of opportunity to date and find a mate. You've hooked up, dressed down, and met a lot of clowns but you haven't found a keeper and it's frustrating. Men are all afraid of commitment. Women are all shallow.

And there's Problem Number One, says Brunson: the word "all." Not "all" men are this. Not "all" women are

that. You're a unique individual and so are each of your prospective mates, so eliminate "all" from your vocabulary.

Next, get to know the individual that you are. You can't find love, says Brunson, unless you know and love yourself. Be aware of your own personality type, recognize your values, and understand that you have to be true to you.

Chances are that you're meeting plenty of people, but finding someone to spend your



life with means knowing the difference between wants and needs and remembering that there is no "perfect." You might have a list of things you want in a future spouse, but are you really going to turn away someone who

fills your soul if (s)he doesn't entirely fit your criteria?

You also have to know if you really want marriage or if you're looking for love because you think you should.

Keep in mind that your friends are not dating experts.

Get over the word "no" because it's just another word for "try something else." Learn how to flirt. And in the end, if nothing works right, know when to stop trying and move on.

When it comes to matters of the heart, it seems like everything should be common-sense... but it's not, which is why you need books like *It's Complicated (But It Doesn't Have to Be)* to find love.

Author and matchmaker Paul Carrick Brunson doesn't mess around in this book. He tells readers, straight-up, what they need to know to find love and keep it. He offers tips, reality checks, and homework,

but he's not above telling readers that there are times when he can't help – which is what makes this book refreshingly different: while so many how-to-date guides seem to put outward focus on prospective mates, Brunson advocates self-examination and introspection first.

If you think strong, solid love is what other people have, this book could change everything. *It's Complicated (But It Doesn't Have to Be)* might be something you should see yourself reading soon.

It's Complicated (But It Doesn't Have to Be) by Paul Carrick Brunson (Gotham Books, \$22.50, 304 pages)

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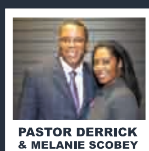
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