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People In The News



Former Heavyweight Champion Lennox Lewis will speak to West Dallas students about having healthy minds and healthy bodies on Thursday, May 3 at 2pm. Lewis is in Dallas as part of The Real Estate Council's FightNight which raises funds for Neighborhood Redevelopment. Lewis will address students from Pinkston, Sequoia, Amelia Earhart, Thomas Edison and West Dallas community schools as well as Dallas Housing Authority and YMCA representatives.

Lennox Lewis retired as the reigning heavyweight champion of the world in 2004 with a career record of 41-2-1, with 32 KOs. He is the new expert commentator for the HBO BOXING AFTER DARK series—his first foray into announcing. Highlights of his career include defeating top boxers Mike Tyson, Evander Holyfield, Vitali Klitschko and Hasim Rahman.

As one of North Texas' largest charity events, FightNight benefits The Real Estate Council Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by The Real Estate Council, dedicated to community development. Since 1989, FightNight has raised more than \$15 million for the foundation.

Lewis will speak at Lakewood Family YMCA, 3737 Goldman Street, Dallas. For more info visit www.reccouncil.com or call 214-692-3600.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson will be honored this Friday as the 2007 Woman of the Year at the 53rd Annual Awards Luncheon, hosted by the Women's Council of Dallas County.

"I am honored that an organization with such deep civic roots would choose me for their annual award," said Congresswoman Johnson. "And I am pleased to be in the distinguished company of the other strong women being honored for maximizing their leadership potential through community service."

Lisa Oglesby Rocha will receive the distinguished individual award; Martha Blaine, the outstanding public servant award; and the Women's Issues Network (WIN) will be honored as the most distinguished organization.

"Due to her decades of service to the Dallas community and focus on advocacy for children and women's development, we are proud to name Congresswoman Johnson our Woman of the Year," says Jan Pruitt, the CEO of the North Texas Food Bank and President of Women's Council of Dallas County.

The luncheon will be held on Friday, May 4, 2007, 11 am to 1 pm at The Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Avenue, Dallas.



Lyne Pitts, an Emmy-award winning producer and veteran network news executive, has been named Vice President, NBC News.

"Lyne is one of those rare executives that brings a unique mix of editorial expertise and a true knack for news judgment, combined with an excellent management style," said Steve Capus, NBC News President.

Pitts' responsibilities include oversight of the News division's strategic partnerships and overall production management. She also serves as the division's point person on diversity issues.

Pitts came to NBC News as executive producer of "Today, Weekend Edition," in February, 2006. Under her direction, "Weekend Today" remained the dominant weekend morning news program topping "Weekend GMA" by millions of viewers each week, and delivering its highest rated February sweep in three years.

Prior to joining NBC News, Pitts held a remarkable 23-year career at CBS News.

Pitts graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communications from Stanford University, and she is a member of National Association of Black Journalists. Pitts resides in Montclair, NJ with her husband, CBS News national correspondent Byron Pitts. Together they have five children.

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Texas Southern Regents Chairwoman Resigns Under Pressure From Governor

AP
The embattled chairwoman of Texas Southern University's governing board resigned today before a scheduled vote by the state Senate to remove her from the post.

Belinda Griffin submitted her resignation to Gov. Rick Perry who appointed her to the board in 2003 but asked for her and other regents to step aside last month amid financial problems at the historically black university.

In a separate vote, the Senate withdrew the nominations of regents David Diaz, Earnest Gibson III and Bill King at Perry's request. The governor had appointed them after the previous legislative session in 2005, and the Senate had yet to confirm them.

As part of a turnaround plan for TSU, Perry had asked all of the regents to resign last month in favor of a single conservator. The governor and state lawmakers are now considering an alternative proposal that would allow the appointment of a smaller, reform-minded board for up to one year.

Perry initiated the impeachment process against one of his own appointees for the first



Belinda Griffin, TSU Regents Board Chairwoman

time in six years as governor Friday by formally notifying the state Senate of his desire to remove Griffin from the post.

Perry moved to impeach Griffin after she refused to resign immediately and defiantly scheduled a meeting of regents for Monday, May 12. With 11 candidates in the field, voters have had a more than difficult time keeping up with the candidates and their views on the issues.

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Dallas Mayor's Race: You Can't Tell The Players Without A Scorecard



Tom Leppert

By: Paul Hailey
The Dallas Mayoral election is in full swing, early voting has already started and the Election Day on Saturday, May 12. With 11 candidates in the field, voters have had a more than difficult time keeping up with the candidates and their views on the issues.



City Councilman Don Hill

There is time to catch up however, eleven candidates all but guarantees a subsequent runoff election.

The crowded race has given new meaning to the baseball phrase: you can't tell the players without a scorecard. Listed below is a "scorecard" outlining

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97.9 The Beat's Rickey Smiley Morning Show Holds Special Mayoral Candidate Breakfast Broadcast

Radio One Inc., Dallas KBFB FM '97.9 The Beat's Rickey Smiley and his morning show cordially invite you to the Live Breakfast Broadcast at Dallas' City Hall Friday, May 4, 2007 from 6 a.m. - 10p.m. 97.9 The Beat will be inviting 2007 Mayoral Candidates to be apart of the show in hopes to encourage our millions of listeners and people in the audience to get out and vote. 97.9 will also be giving away \$10,000 during this event.

With the upcoming elections on May 12, 2007, the Mayoral Candidates will have the opportunity to utilize this platform and reach an audience that they may not have had the opportunity to reach. Mayoral Candidates are encouraged to voice the public on why they should be voted for and how they plan on making a difference in the city of Dallas.

97.9 The Beat has been running a contest for



the past six weeks called 'The Rickey Smiley Scratch for Mayoral Broadcast Page 9

Black Lawmakers Partner With Hispanic Caucus To Combat Anti-Immigrant Attitudes



Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-Mich.)

By: Jonathan E. Kaplan
The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) plan to create a task force to study immigration issues and provide information about the impact of immigration reform on the black and Hispanic communities.

The CBC last week invited Rep. Luis

Gutierrez (D-Ill.), chairman of the CHC's immigration task force, to speak about immigration reform at the group's weekly meeting; the small task force will include three yet-to-be-named members from each caucus.

Having a more in-depth conversation is a good idea," Gutierrez said.

The task force is designed to help the two groups coordinate efforts to pass an immigration reform bill while opponents of immigration reform attempt to stir up anti-immigration sentiment among black Americans.

A recent survey by the University of Chicago's Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture found that 48 percent of black young adults agreed that "the government treats most immigrants bet-

ter than it treats most black people in this country."

At least one pressure group, the Coalition for the Future of the American Worker, is trying to capitalize on that sentiment by running full-page advertisements in The Washington Post and Roll Call.

Featuring a black man, the advertisement reads: "Amnesty for illegal workers is not just a slap in the face to black Americans. It's an economic disaster."

"It's an obnoxious ad," Rep. Artur Davis (D-Ala.) said when asked about it. "T. Willard Fair, a self-described civil rights advocate who resides in Miami, founded the group."

"We need to give [the issue] some real attention. We're impacted, but not involved in it," he said, adding that illegal immigration is harmful to black Americans "simply because of where we are positioned in the socioeconomic structure in America."

Some black lawmakers are con-

Anti-Immigrant Attitudes Page 10

Garland Chamber Host Final Candidates Forum

Garland voters get last look at city, GISD candidates.

By: Justin Jones and David Ross

Few mayoral candidates across the state will carry the kind of city government "nuts and bolts" credentials held by Garland mayoral candidate Ronald Jones. Jones who spent 15 years in the city's executive management offices, five of those as assistant city manager will become the city's first African American mayor if elected on May 12.

"I want to make Garland the city of choice for businesses to locate and succeed, for people to live and raise a family, with a government that is accessible and open and where education and the performing arts thrive," Jones said at Chamber of Commerce luncheon this week. "As far as becoming the first African-American mayor, I will also be a mayor for



Ronald Jones, Garland Mayoral Candidate

everyone."

The Garland Chamber of Commerce luncheon offered the city's business and civic leaders a final look at the mayoral, city council, and GISD Board of Trustees electoral candidates.

Mr. Jones and his two oppo-

Garland Candidates Page 5

Rhodes Mediation Offers Convenient And Affordable Legal Services

By: Sean C. Wright

It may be surprising in 2007, but many people of color still attempt to handle legal matters or appear in a courtroom without competent legal assistance. Blacks, more often than other ethnic groups, don't fully understand the processes of our legal system, which often puts them at a distinct disadvantage. Rhodes Mediation & Court Services provides services for the community to improve these conditions.

"We assist people who are Pro Se (the Latin legal term describing self-representation in court) in filling out paperwork, researching, composing professional letters and claim



Terry Bradley, Rhodes Mediation Services Chief Operating Officer

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Students From L.G. Pinkston High Tour New Real Estate Structure With "Real Life" Role Models In Industry

Students With Talent In Art, Math And Science Realize A Future In Real Estate Is Possible

The future of Dallas' blossoming real estate industry – more than 25 seniors from L.G. Pinkston High School – toured what will become the largest structure in Uptown Dallas for inspiration and career focus. In an unprecedented effort to mentor and encourage inner city students to use their talents in the industry, a group from The Real Estate Council, called "Real Life Role Models" (RLRM), welcomed these students enrolled in an elective called "Career Preparation Class."

The goal of the "Real Life Role Models" program is to find various methods to

inspire and enlighten the youth in Dallas about the possibilities of discovering a future in real estate. Jim Moran, a representative from TREC, said, "There are high schools filled with students who consider a career

make an impact on their communities."

The group toured AZURE, the 375-foot, 202-unit luxury condominium in the heart of Harwood International Center on the corner of Wolf and McKinnon. Additionally, the group took "Safety 101," a class designed by Harwood International and Balfour Beatty, general contractor for AZURE, to educate the students about the necessity of safe working environments in real estate developments.

Moran told the students at the AZURE marketing center looking to define their career path, "If you can touch it and see it, you can make anything a reality"

One such student that is looking to make his aspirations a reality is Pinkston High School

senior, Stefan Hailey. "I have always loved computers and enjoyed looking at floor plans. I had no idea I could combine the



Spence Sosa, vice president of development and member of "Real Life Role Models", shows seniors from L.G. Pinkston High School the scaled model of AZURE, a 375-foot luxury condominium currently being built on the corner of Wolf and McKinnon.

Technology where he now hopes to contribute to the real estate industry.

"When helping these students achieve their dreams, it's best to start at the top," said Spence Sosa, vice president of develop-

ment at Harwood International. "There were future architects, marketing moguls, engineers and real estate developers in this group. The future only looks bright for Dallas."

Meredith Lee, with AZURE, stands near Stefan Hailey (left), both Pinkston H.S. seniors learning about the technical components of AZURE's model. Both students plan on applying their passion for computer technology to the world of real estate.

4th Annual Remembering Mom Luncheon Celebration

The Remembering Mom organization will hold its 4th Annual Remembering Mom Luncheon Celebration on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 12 noon. The luncheon will be held at the Tremont Retirement Community, 5550 Harvest Hill Rd., Dallas.

The luncheon is for adult women who have experienced motherless.

Annually, the women gather



Various activities will take place during the luncheon that allow the women an opportunity to share memories of their mother with others including a candle-lighting ceremony, memory reflection and discussions. Resolutions offered, a balloon launch, etc. while still feeling a sense of celebration in spite of the physical absence of the mothers.

This year's guest speaker, June Hunt, author, singer, speaker, and founder of Hope for the Heart, a world-

wide, biblical counseling ministry, which features the award-winning radio broadcast by the same name heard daily across America.

An annual scholarship will be offered to a young adult female who has experienced motherless. The candidate must be 18-25 years old, with plans to attend college or graduate school, pursuing a major and career of their choice. The candidate selected must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, and be living in Texas. The scholarship amount will range from \$500-1,000 per semester. Scholarships will be

awarded in the spring of each year for the fall semester. The potential recipient must submit a 500-word



essay about their Mother, and the importance she feels to pursue an education in spite of her Mom's absence.

For more info call Regina Franklin-Bassey at 214-755-9644. For registration contact Audrey Riser: 972-291-1116. For Luncheon inquiries contact Amy Preston, 214-403-5181 or Pat Davis, 214-460-9153. www.rememberingmom.org or mail to: regina@rememberingmom.org



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Around The Town

Ongoing

The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney

Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglass Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-9089.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistanceleague-gcc.org.

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low-income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist

Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.

The Frisco Housing Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Kumaasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. For more info call S-Ankh Rasa at 214-298-5858.

Late Night at the Dallas Museum of Art. Join us on the third Friday of each month at 1717 N. Harwood. \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students with current school ID. 214-922-1200, publicprograms@DallasMuseumofArt.org.

Dallas Baptist University-North Leadership Empowerment Luncheon Series is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Dallas Baptist University-North, 3211 Internet Blvd., Suite 100, Frisco. For more info, call 214-333-5777 or e-mail dbunorth@dbu.edu.

The Yundae Show the live

television taping every Thursday. The doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:45pm. There are door prizes and giveaways each week. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Check it out at: www.theyundaeashow.com

May 3

Cinco De Mayo Celebrate the anniversary of the French-Mexican Battle of Puebla with Mexican folktales, music, and crafts. Ages 6-12. Arcadia Park branch library, 1302 N. Justin Avenue 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm FREE 214-670-6446

May 4

1st Friday African Village Night with KUMAASI African Ensemble Enjoy live African drums and dance for all ages and families! Food available! 1325 Levee St 8 pm - 11:30 pm FREE, for info contact rasaman@kumaasi.org 214-298-5858

May 5

Better Your Body Get up & Go Tour: Dallas Convention Center, 650 South Griffin Street, \$10.00 adults/\$6.00 Kids 12 & Under; 516-883-4791; www.betteryourbody.com

Two Sisters in Gospel-Starring Myrna Summers and Sara Jordan Powell: The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Naomi Bruton Main Stage, 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, 10 am - Noon; \$10, Ticket info 214-743-2440

McKinney Farmers'

Market. Downtown McKinney corner Church & Louisiana. 8 - 1 a.m. Contact: 214.850.0886

Cinco de Mayo Parade. Parade begins at Old Settler's Recreation Center going to Downtown. 11 a.m. Contact: 972 562 8310

Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Aparicio's downtown McKinney. 12 noon - 1 a.m. Call 214-733-8600.

May 6

Plano's AsiaFest 2007 Celebrating Asian American Heritage Foundation (CAAHF): Demonstrations of Asian cultural activities including calligraphy, origami, painting, traditional dances, fashion shows, musical instruments, and other cultural arts. 901 E. 15 Street, 75074 in Plano, 10 am-5pm, FREE, Call 972-740-2109; www.comittee@asianamericanheritage.org

May 9

African Chamber of Commerce DFW luncheon with Dallas Morning News (Belo) - J Leatherwood : Bill J Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth Room 202A in Dallas, 75215. 12 noon ; 214-421-6155

May 10

Ladies Night Out at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts. Heard-Craig Hall. 6 - 9 p.m. Contact: 972.569.6909 www.heardcraig.org

May 10

Lt. Calvin Spann, Tuskegee Airman 7 p.m. City of Allen Public Library Auditorium This is an exciting opportunity to hear

an eyewitness to World War II. Tuskegee airmen were part of a special African-American unit who were determined to excel in battle. After the program, Mr. Spann will be available for questions. A reception will follow and refreshments will be provided.

May 12

Take the First Steps Towards Homeownership and sign up for a FREE Workshop: NACA Workshop, 10 a.m.-2p.m.; Life in Christ Family Church, 1312 Johns Ave, Lancaster, TX 75134. To reserve a seat to: www.naca.com or call 1 888 302 6222.

The First Annual Divas and Daughters: Special Guests Erykah Badu, Tommy Young West, Pat Peterson, Alisa Peoples, Liz Mikel, Candy West, Nayrok; TBAAL Clarence Muse Theater 7:00 PM; Corner of Akard and Canton Streets, Dallas; Ticket info, Ticketmaster; 9729990929

Second Saturday on the Square. Downtown McKinney Square. 7 - 10 p.m. City Contact: 972.548.7830 www.artsinstitute-ofmckinney.com

May 14

John Legend in Concert : 7:00 PM, The Majestic Theatre; 1925 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75201 214-373-8000, www.ticketmaster.com

May 15

Stephen F. Austin State University to Host 11th Vendor Fair and Exhibit: Theme is "Forget E-mail; Let's Talk!"

FREE. Sponsorships are available at \$50, \$100 and \$200 and will include one, two, or three lunch reservations and recognition in printed materials. For more info, contact the SFA Purchasing Office at (936) 468-2206 or register online at www.sfasu.edu/purchasing/vendorsfair.

June 2

Tennessee State University Scholarship Fundraiser Fashion Show and Luncheon; 4th Annual Scholarship Fashion Show and Luncheon. Dr. Melvin N. Johnson, President of Tennessee State University, will be the guest speaker. Two scholarships will be awarded, one to a newly admitted student and the other to a returning student, both from the DFW Metroplex. For more information: rsvp@tstsu07@yahoo.com www.tenstatediversityalumni.org ; 11:30 AM, Cityplace Convention Center, 2711 N. Haskell, Suite 100, Dallas, \$35.00, 972-578-1406, Ticket information

June 8

Jazz At The Muse: New Birth Brass Band; 9:00 PM; Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre. The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Naomi Bruton Main Stage, 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas. Ticket info 214-743-2440.

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Texas State Representative Rafael Anchia To Speak At Paul Quinn College Commencement

Texas State Representative Rafael Anchia will speak at Paul Quinn College's commencement ceremony 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5 on campus at the Richard Allen Chapel as 110 students graduate before friends and family.

Anchia's passion and proven commitment for education makes him an ideal speaker, said Interim President Michael J. Sorrell and Board of Trustee's Chairman Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram, who jointly made the selection.

"We are thrilled to have Rafael as our speaker. He is the #1 rising star on the Texas political landscape. His selection by the faculty and board is further evidence of Paul Quinn's understanding of its role in the future of our city, state and country," said inter-

im president Michael J. Sorrell. During his first term, the North Oak Cliff resident



Texas State Representative Rafael Anchia

focused on fighting crime, improving public safety, reforming ethics laws and funding

health coverage for women and children.

First elected in 2004, Anchia serves as the representative of House District 103 in the Texas House of Representatives. District 103 includes portions of western Dallas — including North Oak Cliff, West Dallas, La Bajada, Los Altos, Love Field, North Park — and sections of Irving, Farmers Branch and Carrollton.

The Red River Athletic Conference includes schools in Texas and Oklahoma, such as Texas Wesleyan University, Bacone College and Houston Baptist University. The conference crowns a champion in 12 events, including baseball, golf and soccer. For more results from the Red River Championship, go to www.redriverconference.com.

Collin County College Students Win National Awards

An international spotlight turned to Collin County last week as a delegation of honor society students returned to Collin College with five commendations. Phi Theta Kappa honor society presented the prestigious awards at their annual convention in Nashville, Tenn., April 11-15.

According to Phi Theta Kappa, this year almost 500 chapters competed for the society's most coveted awards. Exceptional members, officers, advisors, college administrators and chapters are recognized annually at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention for their achievements. The Hallmark Awards Program is the Society's capstone awards competition annually recognizing excellence in programs that promote the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship.

Phi Theta Kappa named Collin College student Frank Pallone, of Rockwall, Distinguished President for his leadership of the Collin College chapter. Student Diana Gonzales, of Plano, was named Distinguished Member, and

Collin College speech professor Angela Putman, of Dallas, received the Paragon Award for chapter advisers.

Professor Angela Putman and the Phi Theta Kappa students who have recently been nationally recognized for their



(From left) The 2006-07 Collin College Phi Theta Kappa officers: Laura Pardo, Melinda Archach-Sutter, Audrey Koehler, Carlos Valera, Stephanie Hall, Frank Pallone, Danya Salinas, James Guin, faculty sponsor Angela Putman, Sidney Ovalle, Rachael Carranza and Chadi Elkhoury at the organizations international conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Phi Theta Kappa also commended Alpha Mu Tau as a Distinguished Chapter given to the top 25 in the society. The final award was a Scholarship Hallmark. The Collin chapter planned and implemented a comprehensive program to earn its 2007 Scholarship Hallmark, one of only 25 nationwide.

"We are proud of all our honor societies at Collin College," said college president Cary Israel. "However, special recognition must be given to

significant achievements. They are the best of the best and we applaud their service and scholarship."

Collin College serves more than 41,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin College is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

Plano ISD Honors Teachers At Gala

Plano ISD's Teacher of the Year Gala, "On the Red Carpet: Night of a Thousand



Stars," will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Nearly 1,400

educators, PTA leaders, school and city dignitaries and corporate sponsors will be on hand to celebrate teaching excellence.

On Thursday, May 10, at Plano Centre, Plano ISD will honor 67 Teacher of the Year nominees and 66 Beginning Teacher of the Year nominees, recently selected by their school peers. Nearly 1,400 educators, PTA leaders, school and city dignitaries and corporate sponsors will be on hand to celebrate.

Plans for the gala are underway and led by a committee of school district staff and community volunteers. Co-chairing the event are Karla Oliver, executive director for government and community relations, and Ann Boswell, community leader and Plano ISD Council of PTAs board member.

"The Teacher of the Year Gala is one of Plano ISD's most exciting and rewarding events," noted Ms. Oliver, who will join a group of district and community leaders to interview experienced Teacher of the Year nominees in early February and make selections for Plano ISD's 2007 Teachers of the Year (elementary and secondary) and several top "Excellence in Teaching" award winners who will all be announced at the May 10 gala.

The experienced teachers who are candidates for Plano ISD's Teacher of the Year were nominated and elected by their peers at their schools. The Beginning Teachers of the Year were also nominated by their peers; however, they are not eligible for the Plano ISD Teacher of the Year.

Stephanie Ward Gallery Offers Summer Artist Program For Talented Children

Stephanie Ward Gallery in Plano is now enrolling students for its uniquely designed program for talented and gifted school-aged artists. The program will be held at the gallery at 920 18th St. in Plano and will be taught by working professional artists.

"This program is especially designed for students that show a sincere interest in the visual arts," said Stephanie Ward owner of the gallery. "We will be very selective about the children we pick for this program, because

we want to maximum its effectiveness."

Children from ages 7-13 years old are invited to participate in this program designed by area artists and art school administrators.

The program goes from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Students will get a constantly exposure to art and artists.

The program cost \$225 per week and supplies are included. Parents that are interested in the program should call the gallery

at 469 229-0024. Class size are limited to 8 students and total enrollment is 30.

"We are looking for students that could benefit from hands on professional help," said Ms. Ward. "We want to help develop the large body of talented children in this city and hopefully one day create the next Picasso or Rembrandt."

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Financial Focus - How To Choose A Financial Advisor



Marcia Donaldson

If you're like most people, you have a variety of financial goals: college for your children, a comfortable retirement, a vacation home and so on. You might be able to achieve all these goals on your own—but you will likely find it a lot easier if you get a little help from a financial advisor.

But how do you choose the right one? For starters, ask your friends, relatives and co-workers whom they use. Then interview some of the people they recommend. What questions should you ask at such an interview? Consider these:

- What are your qualifications? Make sure you are talking to someone who, at a minimum, has all the required licenses for selling securities.

- What type of experience do you have? Find out how long someone has been a financial advisor, but don't rule out a person with only a

limited amount of experience—a new financial advisor frequently brings a great deal of enthusiasm to his or her work. A financial advisor's longevity is less important than whether he or she has had experience working with someone like you—someone in your financial situation, with your goals and your investment preferences.

- What is your investment philosophy? Try to learn if someone favors a specific style of investing or a particular class of investments. These styles or classes may be well-suited for some investors but inappropriate for others. If you believe the person you're talking to has a "one size fits all" mentality, you might want to look elsewhere.

- How will you communicate with me? Financial advisors run their business in different ways, so there's no one "right" way of communicating with clients. However, you need to feel comfortable that someone will always be available to answer your questions, review your accounts, evaluate your situation and make appropriate recommendations. If you are interviewing someone who has a partner or an assistant, find out whom you are likely to be communicating with,

should you decide to become a client.

- What services do you provide? Find out just how a prospective financial advisor can help you. For example, some people sell investments only, while others offer investments and insurance. Keep in mind, though, that you don't need to be a "one-stop" shop-

per when it comes to obtaining a wide range of services. In fact, you might want to ask a prospective financial advisor if he or she has developed working relationships with legal and tax advisors. This "team" approach can be quite beneficial to you, especially when you get into the area of estate planning.

• How are you paid? Financial advisors get paid in several different ways: fees, commissions, salary or some combination of these methods. One way isn't necessarily any "better" than another, from your point of view, but you should have a clear understanding of what type of compensation is being used.

Your association with a financial advisor is one of the most important business relationships you'll ever have, so make sure it's a good one—right from the start. Marcia Donaldson, a licensed Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments. You can contact her at (972) 542-1530.

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Garland Candidates Page 1
nents Lee Alewine and Mike Rose are running to succeed Bob Day, who is stepping down after serving the two-term limit. Alewine is closely connected to the chamber and says he wants to improve Garland's economic development and redevelopment programs.

Rose who has run a combative attack styled campaign with plenty of mudslinging has questioned both Alewine's and Jones' abilities and accomplishments claiming that Alewine's service on the economic development partnership was more advisory than operational and that Jones' impact on improving Garland's municipal court operation was minimal.

Rose who also gives himself credit for bringing beer and wine sales to stores in Garland ran unsuccessfully for the City Council in 2002. It is unclear whether beer and wine tax revenue have had a positive impact on the city's budget yet he said in an interview with the GJN. "We need to hold the city staff accountable and responsible, and we need to communicate better with the public," Rose told the chamber.

The Garland ISD Board of Trustees Place 1 race also features three candidates. Rowlett resident and retired attorney Larry "The Treeman" Glick is hoping to bring some balance

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to the Garland School Board. Rowlett is a part of GISD. Glick a kind of "Johnny Appleseed" in the Rowlett community is a recipient of Highest Honor awarded by Coyle Middle School Band, served on the Board of Directors-Rowlett High School Band Boosters and the Board of Directors- Coyle Middle School Band Boosters and volunteer at Stephens Elementary.

Glick told the chamber he wants to add a global gap of how education can work with business to ensure GISD students are prepared for a global economy. Increasing students' knowledge of math and science will give them a competitive edge Glick says.

Glick will face Louis Coates and Jim Spence.

In other GISD races, GISD Place 2, candidate Robert Harris who did not attend the chamber luncheon and Place 3 candidate Linda Griffin are running unopposed.

In the Garland City Council races, District 3 candidate Preston Edwards who will replace Harry Hickey is running unopposed. District 8 candidate Darren Lathen who will occupy Randall Dunning's seat is also running unopposed.

The contested District 6 race pits incumbent Barbara Chick against Marcus Reed in a rematch of their 2005 contest, while Scott Lemay and Rick Williams face off in the District 7 race.

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AAA: Texas Gas Prices Rise For 12th Straight Week

Retail gasoline price trends were mixed across Texas this week after eleven straight weeks of increases, according to a weekly survey released Friday.

The weekly AAA Texas survey showed regular-grade gasoline prices remained essentially unchanged this week at \$2.78 per gallon. The average increased 1 cent per gallon nationwide to \$2.88.

"Gas prices increased less than a penny in most areas of the state this week and two communities saw slight decreases," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "We'll have to see if this represents a peak in spring gas price increases or only a pause. The market remains volatile with continued refinery mishaps and continued strong demand."

Regular-grade gas prices were highest in El Paso, where they rose 2 cents per gallon to \$2.87. Corpus Christi still had the cheapest gas after a 1-cent

increase to an average of \$2.69 per gallon.

These are average per-gallon prices of regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas metro areas and the change from last week, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch released Friday:

Austin-San Marcos - \$2.763,

up 1.0 cent
Amarillo - \$2.849, up 0.9 cent
Beaumont - \$2.737, down 0.9 cent
Corpus Christi - \$2.691, up 0.9 cent
Dallas - \$2.812, up 0.6 cent
El Paso - \$2.871, up 1.9 cents
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Church News



Sister Tarpley

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder and Senior Pastor: The best exercise for your heart is to reach down and pull other people up! **Psalm 119:105; & 165.** He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass! **Matthew 6:13-14.** As a Christian, you should never let adversity get you down, except on your knees! **Daniel 6:10.** It is easy finding reasons why other folk should be patient. **Matthew 7:3.** There is nothing so wonderful in the world next to the love of God as a good mother. **Proverbs 31:10; John 19:25.**

A meal without God is like food without flavor! **Ecclesiastes 6:7; Proverbs 3:7.** Let Christ conquer things within you and you will conquer things without! **1 John 4:4; Romans 8:37.** Forgiveness cannot be explained - it must be experienced. **Ephesians 4:32; Luke 23:34; Colossians 3:13.** He weighs well and makes decisions who keeps eternity before his eyes. **2 Corinthians 4:17-18.** It is no secret what God can do; what He's done for others, He'll do for you. **Jeremiah 32:27; Hebrew 13:8.** By silent prayer we not only worship God, we witness to men. **Psalm 95:6.** No enemy can come so near that God is not nearer! **Hebrew 13:5.**

Keep your eyes on God and your fears will vanish! **Isaiah 12:2.** Kindness and friendship have helped to convert more sinners than arguments, eloquence,

Scriptures For May 2007

or learning! **Luke 19:10; Hebrew 7:25.** He that contemplates on his bed hath a day without a night. **Psalm 36:4.** While the Lord prepares a place for us, may He prepare us for that place! **John 14:1-3.** It's better to be alone than to be in bad company. **Proverbs 1:10.** When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the



Picture of The Week

Dr. Myrtle Hightower, member of Hill Chapel CME Church & Board member of MON-The Gazette and Ms. Lynn Morsburg @ Hill Chapel's "Round Up of God's Talented Children"

Shepard! **John 10:14; Psalm 127:2.** The Heavens declare the Glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. **Psalm 19:1.** Obedient service and blessings go hand-in-hand. **John 21:3-6.** The wicked win; then God judges them. **Psalm 37:12, 13.** When you look at yourself, you're depressed, when you look at others you're impressed, but when you look at Jesus you're blessed. **Hebrews 12:1-2.** Secret sin on earth is open scandal in

Heaven. **Ephesians 5:12.** A man who uses good judgment is like a pin; his head keeps him from going too far. **Proverbs 3:6.** "A man who has friends must show himself friendly." **Proverbs 18:24; John 15:13-15.** He who provides for his life is wise only for a moment, but is a fool forever. **Mark 8:36-37; Luke 12:18-20.**

Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world! **Jeremiah 32:27; & 33:3.** Although the tongue weighs very little, few people are able to hold it. **Proverbs 8:21; 34:13.** If God sends a man into a lion's den of trouble, He always goes there with him. **Psalm 91:15.** The folly of one man is the fortune of another. **Proverbs 10:1 & 14:18.** God always speaks loud enough to make a willing soul hear. **Deuteronomy 5:27.**

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May 6, 11 am and 3:30 pm
Come to our 10th Annual Anniversary with Bishop Ronald Cunningham, Presiding Prelate of the Eighth Episcopal District (TX) @ our 11 am service and Carter Metropolitan CME of Ft. Worth, TX will be our guest @ our 3:30 pm service with Pastor Jerome Price preaching.

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PEOPLE OF FAITH WITH A MIND TO WORK

Baptists Stage 40-Day Tent Revival In Downtown Dallas

Tent to hold National Day of Prayer Services

In a day when tent revivals are things of the past, a group of churches has decided to resurrect the once-common event. They're conducting a 40-day tent revival in downtown Dallas, led in part by Gaston Oaks Baptist Church.

More than 20 Dallas-area churches, seminaries and ministries are taking part in the outreach, held under a tent at Dallas Bible Church

from April 9 to May 18.

Bruce Troy, pastor of Gaston Oaks, said he can't wait to see results. He is one of 40 revival pastors scheduled to preach at the event. In addition to leading prayer groups and compiling a video documentary of the revival, members from Gaston Oaks are financing the event.

"All of my ministry life, I have been involved in doing things to reach the city," Troy said. "The church is in the city."

Organizers invited 2,900 churches within a 30-mile



radius of downtown Dallas to participate. The Christian leaders are holding daily morn-

ing prayer services and evening worship services, and more than six Christian choirs will join them during worship times.

Wayne Shuffield, director of missions, evangelism and ministry teams for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said he is participating because he has seen "the effects of fervent and urgent prayers of God's people and

the blaze of spiritual awakenings" that come from such revivals.

"[T]he time is now for all Christ followers to pray anew, 'Lord, do it again!'" he said.

Kyle Martin, the event coordinator, says the post-Easter timeframe is significant because the primary scripture related to the event, Hosea 6:3, explains how "the Lord will come down on his people like the spring rain" refreshing the ground.

"It's an attempt to reach the 30-something group that might not attend normally," Martin notes.

Veteran local TV weatherman Troy Dungan, who played a part in "The Dallas Revival" promotional video, concurs. He predicted that a "spiritual rain" will impact the city during the revival.

On May 3, a National Day of Prayer event normally held at Dallas City Hall will be under the revival tent.

Dallas Mayor's Race Page 1

who these candidates are and the odds on each of them to be the next mayor of Dallas, Texas.

For the record, these picks are highly subjective and completely unscientific.

Tom Leppert (5-4 odds): Age: 52. Mr. Leppert is the former chief executive officer and chairman of Turner Corp. Construction Company and the favored candidate of the city's business interests. Supported by the Dallas Citizen's Council, Leppert is the best funded candidate and is using those funds to aggressively advertise. Leppert has made inroads to the black community, picking up key endorsements from busi-

nessmen and ministers. A veritable lock for the runoff election.

Don Hill (5-3 odds): Age: 55. Don Hill is an attorney and District 5 City Council member. He is the longest serving council member and is the choice of most of black Dallas; his support in the southern sector of the city is unquestioned. Hill's campaign is not very well funded, and he must overcome his highly publicized tax problems and FBI investigation. Another lock for the runoff, his ability to win will depend on how well he does outside of southern sector base.

Ed Oakley (7-4 odds): Age: 54. Ed Oakley is a Property manager and current District 3 City Council member. Oakley serves as chairman of the council's

Trinity River Committee, and has strong and active support from both Hispanics and gay voters in Oak Cliff. Dallas' first openly gay candidate for mayor, Oakley's sexual orientation could actually work for him, garnering him support in the northern sector of the city. Probable runoff participant, Oakley could be this election's big surprise.

Max Wells (6-2 odds): Age: 73. Max Wells is vice chairman, Sterling Bank and a former Dallas City Council member. The oldest candidate in the race, he has been active in Dallas politics for decades, and is particularly strong in north Dallas and Lake Highlands. Wells is well-funded, but will have problems in the southern sector, despite his

endorsement by County Commissioner John Wiley Price.

Darrell Jordan (6-1 odds): Age: 68. Darrell Jordan is an attorney who placed second to Ron Kirk in the 1995 mayor's race. Recognized as smart and respected for his legal mind, Jordan hasn't been able to outstep Leppert and Wells, has no real political constituency and will suffer from the fragmenting of the conservative white voters in north Dallas.

Sam Coats (10-1 odds): Age: 66. Sam Coats is an accomplished businessman who has a former airline and restaurant executive. Coats' challenges include poor name recognition, and concerns by environmentalists about his board membership

at major polluter TXI.

Gary Griffith (20-1 odds): Age: 58. Gary Griffith is a District 9 City Council member and businessman who has been elected to two terms. Griffith simply doesn't stand out in any significant way in this large field.

John Cappello (30-1 odds): Age: 50. John Cappello is the West Dallas Chamber of Commerce president and businessman. No money and virtually no name recognition outside of West Dallas seal Cappello's fate in this race.

Edward Opka (40-1 odds): Age: 47. Edward Opka is a Nigerian born real estate appraiser and developer. A trade expert, Opka suffers from lack of money and recognition.

Roger Herrera (50-1 odds): Age: 40. Roger Herrera is an attorney and the lone Hispanic candidate in this race. Not known outside of Oak Cliff.

Jennifer Gale (100-1): Age: 47. Jennifer Gale is a temp worker who is transient and a transgendered female. Gale has run in more than 10 previous elections in Dallas and Austin.

This election will all come down to whether a white candidate from North Dallas (Leppert), can defeat a long time councilmember in his own backyard in the southern sector (Don Hill). Prediction: Always go with the money- after a heated runoff election; Tom Leppert will be the next mayor of Dallas.

Anti-Immigrant Attitudes Page 1

cerned about the prevalence of anti-immigration attitudes within the black community and the potential impact on immigration reform legislation.

"I do worry. I encounter [anti-immigration sentiment] from progressives, anti-discrimination advocates," Davis said. "A point I make is that every 20 or 30 years there is a fight over immigration. The pro-immigration faction ends up winning."

He added that the "mean-spirited faction is not helpful" because "one day it is immigrants [being attacked], the next week it could be black Americans."

Black lawmakers said the anti-immigration sentiment stems from a lack of economic opportunity and a history of discrimination.

Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) agreed that an anti-immigration perception did exist, but said it was a "false perception [that] there's still discrimination and less discrimination against other people of color."

The CBC chairwoman, Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-Mich.), said, "It is a problem. We're losing jobs ... there's a lack of opportunity and access, the schools are not as good ... they

live it every day."

Anti-immigration perceptions are by no means widespread within the black community.

Polling conducted by the GOP-leaning Tarrance Group and Democratic-leaning Lake Research Partners for the National Immigration Forum found that more than 70 percent of white, black and Hispanic voters equally favor immigration reform.

The National Immigration Forum's poll also showed that if immigration reform does not pass, 16 percent of voters would blame congressional Democrats and 12 percent would fault President Bush.

House and Senate Democrats have said they want to pass an immigration reform bill this year. But underscoring the tension surrounding the issue, Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.), chairman of the conservative Senate Steering Committee, asked Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) to allow for a one-week review period before a bill is considered on the Senate floor.

Reid has said he wants to bring an immigration bill to the Senate floor by May 14. To meet DeMint's request, he would have to introduce the bill on Monday, May 7.

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