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Take control of your history

There is a fight brewing against the attempt to re-write history

BY GARY BLEDSOE

(NDG Wire) I want to ask you to come forward and do what you can to help us prevent what might be an incredible miscarriage of justice. A conservative group on the Texas State Board of Education is attempting to re-write his-

tory. The proposals would re-write history in such a manner as to harm not just African-Americans but essentially all school children in the State of Texas. It would harm all school children by teaching falsehoods or refusing to teach truths that are politically

unpalatable to extreme conservatives in Texas. This will cause all Texas public school students to be put at a disadvantage with their counterparts in other states when competing on national exams and in many ways make our State be looked at by others

with low regard. What appears to be obvious is a desire for some to brain wash Texas students so that they will believe and act a certain way, even become a member of certain political parties. Some things should

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Leading insurance companies providing coverage to young adults immediately

(NDG Wire) Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson announced last week that a growing number of insurance companies such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, Humana and Kaiser Permanente have joined WellPoint and United Healthcare in providing

coverage for graduating college seniors and young adults under the age of 26 in advance of the September start date included in the recently signed health insurance reform legislation.

The new law, which passed by Congress last

month with Congresswoman Johnson's support, required health plans to allow young people up to their 26th birthday to remain on their parents' insurance policy at their discretion.

This new law means greater access to more af-

fordable coverage; greater accountability to end the worst practices of the insurance industry; greater innovation and competitiveness in our economy; and greater stability and security for seniors, students,

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New book from local author: *In the Shadow of Big Tex*

A story about family values as told by a native of South Dallas

(NDG Wire) Ed Harris' new book, *In the Shadow of Big Tex* highlights what really happened during the Civil Rights Movement and Black Power Struggle in South Dallas This is a story

from a native of South Dallas that explores growing up in the 1950-60's in South Dallas. The writer shares what really happened in Big D, as the rest of the nation took to the streets. How did

the white power brokers manage to keep Black Dallas in their place as others across the nation carried out the fight for Civil Rights.

In recent years Uptown in Dallas has exploded,

many unaware of the rich heritage such as Old Freedman's Town, the area bordered by State and Thomas streets. Today Deep Ellum is

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Seventh Annual CityArts Festival moves to Fair Park



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Garland Civic Theatre to end 2009-2010 season with *Funny Girl*

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A Black Wall Street living memorial

BY JAMES W. BREEDLOVE

(NDG Wire) On April 19, 2010 hundreds of survivors and family members of the victims gathered at the Oklahoma City National Memorial to mark the 15th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing. The bombing, a devastating act of domestic terrorism killed 168 people, including 19 children, and injured more than 600 others. Television coverage burned im-

ages of the catastrophe into the nation's psyche with chilling photos of bodies being removed from the rubble.

As in previous years, the fifteenth anniversary memorial service began at 09:02 a.m., marking the moment the bomb went off. The somber service included speeches by local, state and federal dignitaries.

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Sean Godfrey

(NDG Wire) UT Dallas graduate student Sean Godfrey is on a mission to create something he had difficulty finding when he needed it most: a robust support system for survivors of brain injury.

After he earns his master of science in communication disorders from the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, his goal is to establish a research and rehabilitation center that will advocate on behalf of traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivors.

His journey to the com-



munication disorders program began in 1999, when he was riding with two friends in a pickup truck that was involved in an accident. His friends walked away from the wreckage, but Godfrey was not so

lucky.

The impact of the accident hurled him through the front windshield. He suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI), a fracture to the base of his skull and a broken hip and tailbone. He needed surgery to repair a ruptured stomach.

Godfrey's recovery was long and arduous. He had to focus not only on healing his broken body, but also on learning how to compensate for the effects of the brain injury, some of which are permanent. He also had to overcome a debilitating case of post-traumatic amnesia, which is partial or total loss

of memory, and aphasia, which is the inability to use or understand language.

"I have learned how difficult it can be to overcome a TBI," said Godfrey. "People call it a silent epidemic because if you saw someone who has suffered a TBI, there would be no way to know that he has some serious deficit in communication and language and his cognition isn't at the level it was before the incident."

Godfrey is now committed to helping other survivors of brain injury, which is why he chose UT Dallas' nationally ranked communication disorders program.

"We're communicative beings," Godfrey said. "A speech-language pathologist can be the voice of a brain injury survivor. Depending on the extent of the injury, I can teach patients how to re-establish communication channels or coping mechanisms when they can't communicate. I'll be in the best position to help."

After graduation, Godfrey wants his rehabilitation center to help TBI survivors continuously improve their quality of life and become fully functioning and contributing members of society.

"After an accident like

the one I had, if you can't figure something out or you can't voice what you want to say, if you have these thoughts and feelings inside but you can't express them, you get frustrated, anxious, and easily excited," Godfrey said.

"That's why I'm in this field—for advocacy. I want to create a bridge program, a support system, be a case manager for survivors of brain injury."

Godfrey welcomes input from other brain-injury survivors at his website brainmemos.com. He can also be reached via e-mail at s3ankg@gmail.com.

Tiffanie Tilman

In an impressive and eclectic career that spans more than 15 years, Tiffanie Tillman is known worldwide as a trail-blazing and respected figure in the entertainment and broadcasting industries. Tiffanie has a fiery passion for three things: entrepreneurship, journalism and people. After years as a publisher and editor of an entertainment magazine, called *Nitelife Magazine*, she left the highly visible position to

pursue her career in Internet business opportunities. During that time, the magazine and newspaper industry was declining, yet Internet opportunities were exploding. Tiffanie took full advantage of the growing market by building an award-winning online virtual assistant staffing company and a reality-based talk show, called *Gripping Conversations*.

Gripping Conversations, a talk show that's affection-



ately known as "No fluff, No bull. Real talk," showcases regular people discussing real life issues involving relationships, politics, culture, social injustices and breaking news. "I like to call it 'pur-

pose-driven' TV," says Tiffanie of her weekly show that is heard by more than a million listeners world-wide. Tiffanie created the show because she felt mainstream media was not discussing topics in ways everyday people wanted to hear them.

Tiffanie says, "I will never compromise the show's content or authenticity by selling out to the highest bidder. We speak the voice of everyday people and will always make their voices the most important aspect of the show." The show is

owned and distributed by Tiffanie Tillman Worldwide and airs in various times, on multiple formats. Adult men and women of all backgrounds can gain something from the show.

As an award-winning business owner, talk show host and motivational speaker – Tiffanie Tillman has explored and succeeded in all of these facets of the business and entertainment industry. It's obvious Tiffanie has a drive for versatility.

2010 shows no sign of Tiffanie slowing down. With

more stations picking up her TV show almost weekly, the Renaissance woman is also in the process of writing books and securing endorsement and spokesperson partnerships.

Tiffanie lives in Orlando, FL with her 12-year-old son Wayne Tillman. Her entrepreneurial spirit is still soaring. For more information visit TiffanieTillman.com and GrippingConversations.com. Participate in daily discussions on Facebook.com/GrippingConversations.

Jane DeNike

Jane DeNike traces her first fashion influences to the congregation of the Houston church her family attended when she was four years old.

"My family had just moved here from New York and I was fascinated by all the bright colors, bold patterns and beautiful purses the women carried," she said. "I had never seen anything like it. I would look at each woman's wardrobe and think about what I would add to

make the outfit better and what hat, scarf or other accessory could really make the look unique and special.

I was a budding stylist before I knew it."

Combining those early experiences in the church pew with the trained eye earned after more than 20 years of working for luxury retailers such as Macy's and San Francisco's Wilkes Bashford, Dallasite DeNike recently opened, Ditto Boutique, an upscale, designer resale shop in the Park Cities area. The store at 4326 Lovers Lane features clothing, jewelry and accessories by top designers Prada, Donna Karan and Chanel, as well as many others.

"Dallas-Fort Worth is ready for a resale shop for luxury items with a quirky,

maybe even funky, sensibility," she said. "Many women love designer clothes and wear them frequently, but they may combine them with something inexpensive to make the outfits their own.

"I want to help my customers find those unique clothing items and accessories to really make their wardrobes special and beautiful."

Select pieces and wardrobe staples from less expensive names such as Banana Republic, J Crew and Anthropologie also are welcome on consignment. There's also a separate salon of lower-priced, new items directly from the clothing markets.

"We have shoppers of all ages come to Ditto, whether they are purchasing, browsing or selling items," DeNike said. "We are constantly adding new selections."

New and gently worn items for spring and summer are accepted January through June, while fall and winter items are received July through December.

"Ditto is chic and carries a wide selection of clothing in sizes 0 through 16, as well as few items in larger sizes," DeNike said. "There's also a wide selection of Marc Jacobs handbags and shoes by Tory Burch, Burberry, Miu Miu and Manolo Blahnik."

Chanel sunglasses also are available, but more would be welcome, DeNike said. Designer suits and dresses in smaller sizes also are in demand.

"Like many women, my fashion influences come from everywhere and everything," DeNike said.

"Whether a woman's style is trendy, romantic, classic, or a little bit of all of those, I want her to find

something she loves at Ditto, and something she'll love wearing time and time again."

For more information about Ditto or to inquire about consignment, call DeNike at 214-350-5540.



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Carrollton-Farmers Branch Superintendent not in compliance

This is in reference to a news story on Channel 11 (KTVT) television station about my comments that the Superintendent of the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District (C-FB ISD), was **NOT** in compliance with his signed contract on April 30, 2010 and to date, **he still is not**.

The superintendent has worked for the C-FB ISD long enough to know that to be a superintendent in this district, one of the major requirements is to be a resident within the boundaries of the C-FB ISD, paying the same school taxes as other residents in the district and feeling the same repercussions (good or bad) because of the superintendent's decisions for the district. There is nothing in the contract that states that living in a motel or a hotel qualifies as a resident in the district.

Like many citizens in the district, I personally like

the current superintendent, but a contract, according to the laws of the United States, must be met per the agreement that is signed by all parties involved; and when the agreement is not met by the date on the contract, it is breached, it becomes null and void and it is terminated. Therefore, a new contract must be signed.

Now my questions to the Board of Trustees are these: How is this any different from the Trustee that was voted in by the taxpayers 52% to 48%? Also, the same Board of Trustees has already spent (wasted) nearly a quarter of a million dollars appealing three rulings of a judge stating that the trustees must abide by the vote of the taxpayers and seat the new board member. And how do you tell students that it is okay to keep a contract that has been breached because you

are comfortable that one of the parties to the contract has met the "spirit of the contract"; just because the superintendent has good intentions to move to the district?

According to the law of the contract the superintendent must move within the district in 270 days after signing the contract.

It has long been a value in my family; and many Christian households teach that the Word of God makes it plain that the 'road to hell is paved with good intentions' but for one reason or another good intentions doesn't get the job done.

The residents in the district never voted on the superintendent's contract; but we voted for and were relying on our trustees to look out for the best interest of our students and our tax dollars. No one asked the trustees to waste our money and ignore our wishes for

them to be wise with spending our tax money.

As I previously stated on Channel 11, our Board of Trustees' contract with the current superintendent is breached, a new contract must be signed and the superintendent's position should be up for grabs. The citizens of C-FB ISD should seriously consider replacing the trustees that are up for election with individuals that are concerned with doing what is right for the district according to the laws of our land and not the 'spirit of the law'. Some members of the Board of Trustees are not being good role models for our children nor are they keeping their 'oath of office'.

Shirley Demus Tarpley
Former C-FB ISD Teacher and former Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Carrollton, Texas. 972-416-6109.

McKinney Bond Package

Dear McKinney Citizens:

On May 8, 2010 the City of McKinney will bring a bond package for you to approve. As we know from the up keep of our own homes, we are always improving our living dwelling so that we are more comfortable but also we want to continue increasing the value of our homes. Due to the economic conditions, we are

not placing our homes on the market but we are doing more home improvements. McKinney is the community that we live in and we need to be proactive in sprucing it up like we are doing with our home improvements. This will be a benefit for us as a community as we anticipate the next growth cycle and continue improving our home values.

This bond election al-

lows us the resources to be proactive. In this bond package we have a chance to fix up infrastructure, roads, dams, lakes, and streams.

We also have the opportunity to purchase land while it is low then take advantage of the lower construction costs.

In fact while banks are not lending money, because the city of McKinney has such an impeccable credit

rating we are able to receive an incredibly low interest rate and us, as tax payers, will NOT see an increase in our taxes.

I am excited and extremely hopeful about McKinney's future.

Let's all get involved and VOTE YES on May 8th for ALL of the proposed bond initiatives.

Marta Gore
Enthusiastic McKinney Citizen

Public hearing in Dallas on proposal to end Saturday mail delivery

(NDG Wire) The Postal Regulatory Commission announced a public hearing will be scheduled in Dallas on whether the U.S. Postal Service plan to eliminate Saturday delivery should be implemented.

"The Commission has developed a disciplined schedule to ensure a timely,

thorough review of the Postal Service's proposal," said Chairman Ruth Y. Goldway.

Persons wishing to be considered for inclusion on a field hearing witness panel may contact the Commission at www.prc.gov, by clicking the "contact PRC" tab or by phoning 202-789-6800.

By law, the Postal Serv-

ice is required to ask the Commission for an Advisory Opinion in advance of any change in nationwide service. Commission procedures provide for public, on-the-record hearings to analyze and cross-examine the Postal Service's "five-day" proposal and supporting evidence. During the process, mail

users and interested members of the public may offer supporting or opposing views, both informally and as part of more formal, technical presentations. The nationwide elimination of Saturday mail delivery service is one of the most significant changes the Postal Service has ever presented to the Commission.

7 ways to keep your brain healthy

Expert offers these important tips to avoid cognitive disease

(NDG Wire) The brain is our body's most important organ and we must strive to keep it healthy and active. Studies have shown that regular exercise can not only improve brain function, but also potentially prevent the onset of cognitive diseases such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Parkinson's.

Fitness and health expert William Smith, M.S., author of the new book *Exercises for Brain Health*, offers these

strategies for keeping our brain healthy and our mind sharp at any age.

Get plenty of physical exercise. Exercise generates increased blood flow to brain tissue. This increased blood flow generates an enhanced oxygen dense environment that enhances the opportunities for the creation of new brain cells (neurogenesis) to occur. Walking, resistance training, and yoga are good examples.

Work on posture. Exercises that target balance and posture are very effective as they demand motor skill coordination. Foam rollers are used for these kind of multi-tasking exercises.

Keep learning. Research indicates people with higher levels of education are less likely to experience cognitive decline. Lifelong learning and an inquisitive, curious mind can do wonders to maintain mental sharpness.

Wash food thoroughly. Parkinson's is a secondary form of dementia. Chemical exposure from pesticides and herbicides is a Parkinson's risk factor. Ask your grocery store produce manager how their vegetables and fruits are produced and harvested.

Reduce stressors. Inflammation is one of the mostly overlooked stressors on the brain. Light therapy, proper nutrition, and quality

sleep are ways to combat the effects of a pro-inflammatory body.

Drink plenty of water. The human body is made of 60% water, and the brain 80%. Water is found in important body fluids such as cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). So stay hydrated.

Stay social. Whether as part of a community social group or volunteer organization, social activity is essential for preserving cognitive

function. And you can be a help to your friends and neighbors as well through your good works.

Exercises for Brain Health features physical and mental exercises that are specially designed to strengthen both mind and body. Featuring progressively challenging programs and assessments, this book will keep readers motivated along the path to a healthy and active brain.

Breast cancer study shows race discrimination

By Dianne Anderson (NNPA) Something once thought to be just a figment of African-American imagination – racial discrimination at the doctor's office – might get a reality check soon in light of the new numbers.

That's the assessment of Georgetown University researchers, who found that Black women with sufficient health insurance and diagnosed with breast cancer had their treatment delayed twice as long as insured White women.

"We thought having health insurance would even the field and that insured black women would have had the same rate of evaluation as insured White women, but that was not the case in our study," said Heather Hoffman, Ph.D., assistant professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services.

Looking at 581 women with breast cancer examined between 1997 and 2009, researchers found that delayed treatment was greater for Black women, but at the same rate as uninsured White women, who faced similar delays.

The test area included seven hospitals in the Washington, D.C., and was funded by the National Cancer Institute.

"Black women should

be the focus of breast cancer screening outreach and follow-up because they experience greater delays in diagnosis and in treatment than white women, regardless of insurance status," said Dr. Hoffman. "We need to determine what other barriers contribute to diagnosis and treatment delays in insured black women and all uninsured women."

Elizabeth Martin, a "Reach to Recovery" volunteer for American Cancer Society, said the study rings true, especially in her own case, where she had excellent health insurance, but at a young 41 years old, her own diagnostic delay could have cost her life.

Back in 1998, she was told her first mammogram came back normal. A few months later, she felt the three small lumps, and basically brushed off as a Black female problem of fibroid tumors, not to be overly concerned.

"They examined me and told me that African American women have dense breasts and are known to have a lot of fibroids so don't worry about it. At that time I always heeded my doctor's words so I didn't worry about it," she said.

But, as the months went by, the lumps got larger.

Later, she went in for an unrelated checkup and mentioned the lumps again to her doctor, who attributed

the increased size of the lumps to water weight gain during her menstrual cycle.

In recent years, several scientific studies indicate that African American women are at risk of more aggressive cancer starting an earlier stage. They are half as likely as White women to have breast cancer, but twice as likely to die from it.

Many months later, she brought up her concerns again with her internist on another visit.

"I said my OB/GYN told me not to worry about it and he looked at me and said, 'No, we're going to worry about it,'" she said. "He sent me to a breast surgeon for a biopsy and the rest is history."

After trailing the state, holding workshops, and listening to women's individ-



ual stories, she doesn't believe that her own experience is isolated. And she believes that women must fight for their proper healthcare if they feel that lump.

Today, Martin is the American Cancer Society's Regional Council Chair for the Border Sierra Region, covering San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial Counties. She also goes into churches, wherever invited, to share her story and help other women in the community.

"My journey has empowered me to be my own

advocate. My journey also proves that this article is truthful," she said.

By the end of this year, roughly 40,000 women are projected to die from breast cancer in the United States. At the same time, statistics show that women who catch their cancer early will have a 98 percent chance of living past that critical five-year survival window.

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less of insurance status," said Dr. Hoffman. "We need to determine what other barriers contribute to diagnosis and treatment delays in insured black women and all uninsured women."

For more information on free mammograms and cervical cancer checkups for women under and over 40, contact the Inland Agency "Every Woman Counts" program at 951-241-8723.

To reach out to churches with breast cancer information, contact Martin at qemartin@san.rr.com.

For more information, see the American Cancer Society at www.acs.com.

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workers, entrepreneurs and small business owners.

"One in three young Americans has no health insurance now — and the announcements by these health insurers are a major step in the right direction," says Congresswoman Johnson. "I hope other insurance companies will follow suit, and give graduating seniors and unin-

sured young Americans the peace of mind of an immediate offer of coverage. The law has given companies six months to prepare for the new coverage offer, but the sooner insurance companies provide stability and security to the most uninsured age group in America, the better off these young people will be."

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Dozens of local animal groups participate in May 1 Mega Pet Adoption Event

(NDG Wire) More than 2 dozen area animal shelters, humane societies and rescue groups will come together at The Ballpark in Arlington Saturday, May 1, for the 3rd annual Lone Star Pet Adoptathon, a community event designed to promote animal-welfare organizations as "THE place" to find happy,

healthy dogs and cats available for adoption.

The Adoptathon is an annual event sponsored by the Texas Animal Shelter Coalition (TASC) and coincides with National Be Kind to Animals Week. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Parking Lot E, directly across from the Ballpark at

the corner of Ballpark Way and Road to Six Flags.

Among the shelters and groups that will be on site with adoptable dogs and cats are Alley Cat Angels of Texas, North Richland Hills Animal Shelter, Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART), Dallas Animal Services, DFW Labrador

Retriever Rescue, KittiCo Cat Rescue, Humane Society of North Texas, Irving Animal Services, DFW Tzus & More Rescue, Operation Kindness, Arlington Animal Services, Grand Prairie Animal Services and Companions for Life.

Other activities include food vendors, test drives in

new Subaru vehicles, low-cost microchips and ID tags, and a chance for children to tour an Arlington Fire Department fire truck. Admission to the Adoptathon and parking are free. The cost to adopt a dog or cat varies depending on the specific shelter or rescue group.

The Ballpark is located

at 1000 Ballpark Way, just south of I-30 in Arlington. Sponsorship support for the Lone Star Pet Adoptathon is provided in part by MORITZ, Acu-graphics, The ASPCA, Subaru, Dyson and Nature's Select.

For more information, visit www.ShelterCoalition.org.

Spring Job Fair April 22 at Eastfield College well attended

(NDG Wire) Eastfield College's Career Services Office hosted its Spring Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

on April 22.

The event was free and open to students of Eastfield College, the Dallas County

Community College District and the general public. Co-sponsored by Career Services, Office of Student Life, TRiO/Student Support Services, State Representative Robert Miklos, and the USDE Job Location & Development Program. Special employer sponsors include AutoZone, Volt and TRG Field Solutions. Sponsorship fees paid by employer sponsors will go towards four Career Development Scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

There were 28 employers and more than 300 job seekers attended.



Special Employer Sponsors for the Spring Job Fair include Bob Masengil, Autozone; Sandra Kaperonis, Volt, and Representative Robert Miklos.

Dallas Bar Association 'Law Day' Luncheon honors local judiciary

Nearly 250 local judges and lawyers will be on hand Friday, May 7, as U.S. District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn presents the keynote address at the annual Law Day Luncheon sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association.

Law Day is celebrated each spring in bar associations across the country. This year's theme is "Law in the 21st Century: Emerging Challenges and Enduring Traditions." In addition to honoring our local judiciary, one of the goals of Law Day

is to assure that today's youth are equipped with the understanding and the skills necessary to effectively function within our country's democracy. In addition, Law Day teaches the youth of today to become engaged in the law and to consider how the law can better serve the needs and interests of the people.

Additionally, students from Dallas ISD who have won essay and art contests related to this year's Law Day theme will receive their

awards at the luncheon.

The luncheon will be held at the Pavilion at the Belo Mansion (2101 Ross Ave. in downtown Dallas), at noon, Friday, May 7, and is open to the public. Open seating begins at 11:45 a.m. Garage parking is available (enter from Olive Street). RSVPs and advance payment are required. Tickets are \$35 per person, and can be purchased by contacting Michelle Dilda at MDilda@dallasbar.org.

Rep. Carol Kent presents literacy award to the Richardson Adult Literacy Center



From left to right: State Rep. Carol Kent, Barbara Berthold, president of the Richardson Adult Literacy Center, RALC executive director, Mimi Tanner, and David Russell, vice president, external affairs, Verizon Communications.

(NDG Wire) In honor of ongoing and significant contributions to improve literacy in North Texas, Rep. Carol Kent, House District 102, presented an NTFF Bridge Award to the Richardson Adult Literacy Center. The award was given to Executive Director, Mimi Tanner, and RALC president, Barbara Berthold, during an April

14 luncheon ceremony, at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth.

"The RALC transforms the lives of its students by meeting the functional literacy needs of adults in Richardson and the Richardson Independent School District. In addition to providing English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction at no cost to stu-

dents, the RALC is heralded for providing individual, specialized attention to students so they may become successful and literate," said Rep. Kent.

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center is a non-profit, accredited Pro Literacy America affiliate. They train volunteer tutors, recruit adult students and match students to tutors.

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home to rock and alternative bands, funky shops and restaurants but it was once known around the country as a jazz music hotbed.

The book provides historical context about South Dallas and the Black community but it is also a personal story of a growing up in that com-

munity ~ the good and the bad. Harris addresses the struggles he faced within his family and community as well as the impact of racism

on his life and his family. Harris examines not only the cruelty of White racists but the impact of inaction by Black community leaders.

From South Dallas to the Army and the role of education in shaping his destiny, Harris shares how he eventually settled into his role as a

father and community activist.

The book can be purchased at www.intheshadowofbigtex.com.

Documentarian Mark Birnbaum to capture SLANT 45 Initiative

Award-winning filmmaker offers experience and creativity for service-learning program

(NDG Wire) After a nationwide search, the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee and Big Thought have announced Mark Birnbaum as the Producer and Director of a documentary film highlighting the SLANT 45 program, which officially kicked off in February. SLANT 45—Service Learning Adventures in North Texas—is the youth education program of the Host Committee. The historic initiative is expected to involve more than 20,000 elementary-age students (grades 3-5) from across the region who will log at least 45,000 service-learning hours tackling projects to better their

communities.

Birnbaum, who has won several honors including the George Foster Peabody Broadcasting Award and gold medals from film festivals in Berkeley, Chicago, Houston and Charleston, was chosen from several candidates for this historic undertaking.

"I'd been aware of the remarkable work Big Thought was doing in schools for the past few years," Birnbaum said. "The opportunity to make a documentary about this ambitious project is the sort of thing a filmmaker dreams about. The scope will be challenging, but we look forward to revealing the individual stories of kids and

communities that SLANT 45 represents."

The documentary is expected to capture the creativity, imagination, and good hearts of North Texas children as they participate in one of the most ambitious service-learning programs in history.

Birnbaum's films have probed, celebrated and exposed people to places and personalities from all over the globe. With *Stop the Presses: The American Newspaper in Peril* (slated for nationwide broadcast this year on American Public Television) he offers "an absorbing account that should appeal to anyone concerned

with the future of democracy" (Cinematical). In *Larry v. Lockney* (PBS) he tells "a riveting story of good people on both sides trying to do the right thing for their children and their town" (Houston Chronicle). The *Big Buy*, about Tom DeLay's rise and fall, "presents its evidence clearly and with a welcome sense of humor" (New York Times) and is "more feisty and fun than a drunken barbecue in Beaumont" (Tallahassee Democrat).

SLANT 45 was designed and will be managed by North Texas-based Big Thought (www.bigthought.org), one of the nation's leading nonprofit organiza-

tions focused on improving education through creative learning.

Former Dallas Cowboy Daryl Johnston is chair of SLANT 45, and President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush are honorary chairs. The program is funded by Bank of America and local philanthropists, Ted and Shannon Skokos.

Before the year is over, Birnbaum will capture children at work on an array of projects—limited only by their imaginations—from blanket drives and community gardens, to murals painted over graffiti, to a neighborhood walking program. He will also document

their crafting of reflective artworks that will showcase the lessons learned through their involvement with SLANT 45.

"SLANT 45 is about showcasing the heart, imagination and hard work of thousands of North Texas children. This film will be a powerful testament of SLANT 45's impact on the youth of our region, and our hope is that this program might serve as an inspiration and model for future Super Bowl host cities," said Daryl Johnston.

To register online or for more about SLANT 45, please visit www.slant45.org

Time machine broken?

Bring the kids to the NTHC for a blast from the past in any of 6 camps

(NDG Wire) The time machine at your house may be out of order, but the North Texas History Center (NTHC) specializes in bringing the past to its visitors in fun and engaging ways. Whether your child would like to be a Civil War soldier or become handy at leatherworking, the NTHC has very economical options for some fun this summer. June 9 through Aug. 3, the NTHC will be hosting six summer camps. Each camp will spotlight a different activity, and allow kids and/or adults to learn in a hands-on environment.

Summer offerings at the NTHC include a Civil War Camp on June 9, Cowboy Night on July 9, Farm Camp on July 13, Archaeology Night July 16, and

Leatherworking on July 28th. A Toys and Games morning on August 3 will round out the summer. Toys and Games as well as the Farm Morning are \$10 each, all other camps are \$25 each.

"Summer should be a time to both relax and learn new skills, so we are offering experiences that allow for both," explained Sarah Hatcher, Education Curator. "Our camps are affordable and fun, with great topics and wonderful instructors. I'm looking forward to them."

Registration materials must be received 10 working days before the camp begins. To register, contact Sarah Hatcher at sarah@northtexashistorycenter.org or (972) 542-9457 ext.102.

McKinney students qualify for state visual arts competition

(NDG Wire) A total of 14 students from McKinney Boyd High School and McKinney High School advanced to the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) competition this month.

While at the competition, students had the opportunity to participate in art workshops, portfolio reviews, and college scholarship contests while a jury of accomplished art teachers from around the state judged their submitted competition artwork.

Students who qualified and participated in State VASE from McKinney Boyd High School are Kate Barea, Chris Hernandez, Elizabeth Johnson, David Matthews, Michael Norris, Jessica Sadasivan, Victoria Tracy, and Kyle Welch. Seven of these fine artists received medals for their artwork at state. One of these students, Jessica Sadasivan, received at Gold Seal award for her artwork. This is the highest honor that can be given to a visual art student in the state of Texas. Her art creation

will be on exhibit in the Texas State Capital until next November where it will then be placed on exhibit.

Students who qualified and participated in State VASE from McKinney High School are Lydia Abernathy, Tori Newton, Audrey Lafon, Blanca Ramirez, Ethan Wisener, and Hannah Wisener. Tori Newton and Lydia Abernathy received medals for the artwork at State VASE.


"Congratulations to all of our students for a very successful region and state VASE showing," said Roy Renzenbrink, McKinney ISD Director of Fine Arts.

In February, these same students participated in the Region 10 VASE in Plano. At Region VASE, participating students brought artwork created in their art classes to engage in an interview/critique with a certified juror who evaluated their work based on a standard based rubric and their understanding of the processes involved in the development of their artwork. Only academically

eligible high school students in grade 9-12 throughout Texas participate in VASE. More than 1,600 entries were

submitted and only about 150 were chosen to advance to the state competition.

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Collin College students Andrew Kohut, Shirin Tavakoli named 2010 Coca-Cola Scholars

(NDG Wire) Collin College students, Phi Theta Kappa members and Plano residents Andrew Kohut and Shirin Tavakoli were

recently selected as 2010 Coca-Cola Scholars.

Tavakoli was named a Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar while Kohut is a Coca-Cola

Finalist.

"I was extremely happy to receive the scholarship because I know I am one step closer to furthering my education," Kohut, a sophomore on schedule to graduate this summer with associate degrees in Computer Information Systems and General Studies, said. "Collin College has provided an excellent opportunity for me to excel in my desired field of study and further develop a lifelong network. Receiving the Coca-Cola scholarship helps me to manage my rent, utilities, transportation and book expenses when I transfer to The University of Texas at Dallas."

As a Coca-Cola Scholar, both Kohut and Tavakoli will receive \$1,000 scholarships.

"I was honored when learning I was selected as a 2010 Coca-Cola Bronze

Scholar. I felt that my hard work and dedication paid off," Tavakoli, a sophomore who plans to transfer to Southern Methodist University, said. "Collin College offers so many academic and leadership opportunities that are available to all students. The support of the college leadership, as well as qualified and outstanding faculty and staff, played a huge role in my academic and leadership accomplishments. I owe my success to the stakeholders of Collin College."

Selection as a Coca-Cola Scholar is based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team Competition. The program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by PTK Honor Society, which is hosting its 92nd annual convention from April 8-10 in Orlando, Fla.



Photos by Nick Young, Collin College photographer
Photo 1: Kohut and Tavakoli

Plano East High School student wins local essay contest

(NDG Wire) Jasmine Berry, a seventeen year old senior attending Plano East High School is the winner of a Essay Contest. The contest was sponsored by the men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Iota Iota Graduate chapter located in the North Dallas area. Her winning essay was entitled *How have President Obama Influenced Your Career Goals*

and Aspirations.

After winning the local contest, Jasmine's essay was reviewed on a state level as well, and was awarded 3rd place. In the picture, she proudly displays her certificate and monetary award.

Jasmine will be attending the University of Houston this fall. She is a active member of the Plano Branch of the Boys & Girls

Club and has displayed great leadership skill, honesty, and compassion for helping others. She is also the Vice President of the Keystone Starz club and was voted "Youth of the Year."

Jasmine strives for success in every aspect of her life and has become a leader in the club and the community.



Counselor to speak at VNA of Collin County Hospice Family Luncheon

(NDG Wire) Larry Barber, a licensed professional counselor and Director of CounselingWorks, GriefWorks, and KidWorks, will speak on "Difficult Days In Grief" at the May 24 hospice family luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association of Collin County.

The luncheon is from noon to 1 p.m. at the Grand Texas Seniors Community on 2491 Country View Lane in McKinney. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling VNA of Collin County at (214) 733-5500.

VNA's hospice family luncheons offer supportive

company from friendly and understanding people to individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one.



Larry Barber, a licensed professional counselor, will be the featured speaker at the VNA of Collin County hospice family luncheon on May 24.

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Every Tuesday

The Irving Public Library invites families to enjoy stories and music in both English and Spanish. **Family bilingual storytimes** are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the East Branch Library, 440 S. Nursery Road, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. For more information, call 972-721-2458.

Ongoing

African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. (Doors open at 6:30 pm.) Collin County Republican Party HQ, 8416 Stacy Rd., McKinney. Call Linda Wynn Drain, 214-498-7574 or website www.aarcc.com

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce, CCBCC General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Call 469-424-1020 or email: info@CCBlackChamber.org for location.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or meeetup.com/378.

Group Business Seminars at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, (214) 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com

LimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

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

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

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April 9

J. Suzette Sample Sale Thousands of Women's Clothing Items from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Everything \$5, \$10 or \$20, admission is free. Info: 972-359-0001.

April 30

Party in the USA Fathers and daughters (ages 11-15) will enjoy an evening of music and dancing in the Windhaven Ballroom. \$20 per person. Info: Plano Parks & Recreation Department 972-941-7250 or www.plano.parks.org.

Healthy "U" Expo: The community is invited to enjoy a day filled with health talks, screenings and giveaways at the Healthy "U" Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

the Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson St., Irving. The event, for ages 18 and up, is free. Call 972-721-2496.

May 1 – September 5

Modern Twist, Bamboo Works from the Clark Center and the Art of Motoko Maio at the Crow Collection of Asian Art in Dallas

May 1

1st Annual Douglass Senior Citizens Prom for all seniors citizens 55 years of age and up at the Southfork Hotel-Plano, TX starting @ 7-11p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person, formal prom attire is required. Info: 972-941-7174

Southeast Dallas Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festival is presented by the Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce, which will celebrate the upcoming Cinco de Mayo. Parade lineup starts at 8:45 a.m. at the old Carnival supermarket shopping center at Buckner and Bruton in Pleasant Grove, rain or shine, starting at 10 a.m. It will end at Crawford Park, 8740 Elam Rd., where the festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details to this event, visit www.sedallascincodemayo.com.

May 2

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, North Dallas Suburban Alumnae presents an **Emerging Artist Showcase, A New Decade of Intellectual and Cultural Renaissance** at the Best Western Dallas Hotel, 8051 LBJ Freeway and admission is free and is open to the public.

May 3

Eisemann Center Presents **Celebrating CHOPIN!**, featuring concert pianist Jeffrey Siegel. *Chopin and the Future*, will be held in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre at 7:30 pm. *Chopin and the Future* will include the works of Chopin that both delight the ear and

point to the future. Info: www.eisemanncenter.com or 972-744-4650.

May 6

Irving International Women's Consortium Celebrity Purse Auction benefiting IIWC Programs will be held from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Las Colinas Country Club, 4400 N. O'Connor in Irving. Call 972-541-1141 for more info.

May 7

Health Yes Preventative Screenings will be set up to offer ultrasound testing that can help people determine their risk for heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis, and other life-threatening conditions. Health Yes! Screenings are accurate, affordable and non-invasive. All results are reviewed by local, board-certified specialist. Clients will receive results and images within 4 business days so clients and their doctor get the full story from their screening. Pre-Registration is required 1-888-802-3114 Mention Source Code when registering F1891B Please call 888-547-9045 or visit www.healthyes.com

May 8

Celebrate Mama! Join us for the Mother's Day Celebration of the year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our free Celebration will have elements of music, prizes, entertainment, shopping and more for the whole family! Event benefiting Hope's Door. Please bring any of the following items for our collection bin: twin pillows, twin size sheet sets, towels, laundry detergent and fabric softener sheets. All items must be new. Admission is FREE. For more information contact Sundra Taylor at 972-768-4074 or www.blissfuleventsandexpos.com

May 11

Collin County Insurance Expo One-day seminar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is geared towards independent

Insurance Agents or agents looking to become independents. Networking, excellent keynote speaker with CE, over 40 exhibitors to meet and gain new information regarding obtaining contracts, expanding your business, and making new contacts. Even registration includes 2-hour CE course, lunch, and exhibits. Admission \$45 for IIAD members; \$55 for non-members. For more information contact Tracey Evers or Jennifer Fitzsimmons at 214-360-0666 or visit www.iiadallas.org.

May 14

Smucker's Stars on Ice is proud to welcome America's leading medal contenders - 2009 Men's World Champion Evan Lysacek; 2006 Olympic Silver Medalists Tanith Belbin & Benjamin Agosto; and 2006 Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen. They will be joined by World Champion and Six-Time National Champion Todd Eldredge; and Two-Time World Bronze Medalist and Three-Time National Champion Michael Weiss; and more, including several medalists from the 2010 U.S. and World Figure Skating Championships and the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. For more information, visit us online at www.starsonice.com or at www.americanairlinescenter.com.

May 14-16

The Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival is an award-winning, multi-day eclectic arts and music festival that draws over 70,000 attendees... and we're celebrating our 18th anniversary in 2010! Festival programming includes two main outdoor performance stages, the Acoustic Café, our award-winning Singer/Songwriter Stage, the family friendly Kidz Korner, Teen Zone, strolling entertainers, buskers and acrobats, the Taste of Texas Food Garden, the City of Richardson Petting Zoo, the Art Guitar Auction, and lots of interactive

displays and exhibits. For more information, please visit them at www.wildflowerfestival.com

May 15

The Hamilton Park Historic Preservation Foundation is hosting its first Hamilton Park Golf Classic at the Eastern Hills Country Club, 3000 Country Club in Garland. The shot-gun starts at 8:00 a.m.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving North Texas McKinney Office is hosting a **Celebration of Life Memorial and Tribute "The Legacy They Left Behind"** 10:30 a.m. at the Dr. Glenn Mitchell Memorial Park Fountain; 300 W Louisiana St, McKinney.

Bicycle Fest: To kick off ozone season and National Bike Month, Irving will host a Bicycle Fest from 10 a.m. to noon at Centennial Park, 444 W. Second St. The event will offer a unique chance to network with area cyclists, discuss safe bicycling routes, and learn about adult and children's bicycle safety. Several "meet and ride" locations are being coordinated for those who would like to bike to the event as a group. Interested bikers should email contact information to bikeirving@gmail.com to join a group. Call 972-742-2296.

May 29 – November 7

Amon Carter Museum's Ansel Adams: Eloquent Light features 40 photographs by the artist. Admission to the Carter is free.

June 10

Dr. Cordell Adams author of *Light Bread* is appearing at Allen Public Library, 7 p.m.

June 25-26

The Dallas Symphony presents **Planet Earth Live** June 25 and 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Info: 214.692.0203 or visit DallasSymphony.com.

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Seventh Annual CityArts Festival moves to Fair Park

(NDG Wire) Moving a month earlier to May 7 – 9, the seventh-annual CityArts Festival presented by TXU Energy will feature a diverse mix of festivities for families and art aficionados alike to enjoy against the backdrop of historic Fair Park, a national landmark featuring the world's largest collection of art deco exhibit buildings, art and sculpture. Highlights of the three-day weekend extravaganza include a record-breaking line-up of more than 250 renowned juried artists at The 500, Inc. Artist MarketPlace, more than 50 entertainment acts including headliner Bugs Henderson, free Fair Park museum visits at select times, a Crafters Village, concessions offered by popular North Texas restaurants, plus huge culinary and children's areas.

Free and open to the public, CityArts Festival will run Friday, May 7, from 6 – 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 8, from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.; and Sunday, May 9, from noon – 6 p.m. Indoor and outdoor activities will take place in the Automobile and Centennial Buildings, Court of Honor, Exposition Plaza and the Esplanade at Fair Park (1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd, Dallas, 75210).

"With all its many great assets, Fair Park is a perfect setting for CityArts Festival, and in fact, it was designed for exactly this kind of event," said David Luther, chairman of Friends of Fair Park. "With ample parking, easy access to DART, its massive size and historic beauty, it's a fitting venue for this increasingly popular and expanding festival to flourish."

The 500, Inc. Artist MarketPlace will almost double in size from last year. The popular juried art fair will showcase fine art and original works by more than 250 renowned Texas and national artists inside the Automobile Building. The artistic talent will include ceramic maker Rose Downs, glass guru Lyn Foley Lampwork and Eric Mort Art Glass, Elkin Studio

Jewelers, leather and textile creator Cosette Originals, mixed-media artist Steve Hunsicker Studios, painters Maria Reyes Jones, Vernon Rollin III and Ovcharov Art Studio, Clark Crenshaw Photography and wood-worker Daryoush Ababaf. Bigger and better, the expanded art area gives The 500, Inc. an increased opportunity to raise money for cultural arts organizations in the Dallas area.

"We are thrilled about the magnitude and assortment of talented artists on board for CityArts Festival," said Dillard Coates, president of The 500, Inc. "Everything from ceramics, pottery and blown glass, to jewelry, leather goods, fine art and large-scale pieces including sculptures and metal and wood works, will be on view to buy or just admire. The artists were chosen for their originality and premium quality, and our festival goers will see that."

Offering something for everyone, a variety of indoor and outdoor entertainment will rock Fair Park with more than 50 musical, dance and performing arts groups set to show on multiple stages. Serenading sounds from around the world will range from jazz, blues, pop, R&B and classical rock, to African drumming, Chinese folk and Latin salsa, to retro swing, classical compositions and even kid-friendly acts.

"TXU Energy has been a strong supporter of the CityArts Festival since it began, and we're all looking forward to a weekend of good food, fun and entertainment," said Michael Grasso, chief marketing officer for TXU Energy. "TXU Energy has a long history of supporting the communities we serve, all across Texas. Our involvement with City Arts Festival gives us an ideal opportunity to support the Dallas community and connect with our customers."

The legendary Texas-grown rockin' guitarist Bugs Henderson will perform an outdoor gig Saturday at 8

p.m. at the Fox 4 Stage. Other big-name bands will include The Zydeco Stingrays set for Friday at 8:30 p.m. and the high-energy Latin dance ensemble Havana NRG! headlining Sunday at 4:30 p.m. The Dance Stage will feature moves by the Dallas Black Dance Academy, Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico and many others, plus a concert by the Dallas Wind Symphony Quartet on Saturday at 11 a.m. The Time Warner Cable Family Stage inside the Centennial Building will feature ongoing entertainment from folk acoustic duo

indoor art exhibit and the Time Warner Cable Family Stage will stay open all weekend including Friday; the other indoor children's area will be open till 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.)

Foodies and wine lovers will want to congregate at the Culinary Showcase for cooking demos and samplings by local chefs, wine tastings, wine pairings, mixing sessions and other delectable delights to tempt the palette. Chefs from Canary Café, Crosby Catering & Coffee, Kirby's Prime Steakhouse, Parigi, Whole Foods Market and other local hubs will par-

day off with a Mediterranean mix including baby spinach salad, roasted pistachio and berries with champagne vinaigrette, plus Greek pizza at noon. Other Sunday cuisines will include vegan ribs and creamy coleslaw by Chef Jeanette Prasifka of Crosby Catering & Coffee and other appetizing fare from the Latino Culinary Institute.

Throughout the park, well-known vendors and restaurants will stock Texas-style treats and meals including Dick's Last Resort, Fletcher's Corny Dogs (founder of the State Fair fa-

times. (Check cityartsfestival.com for complete schedules.) The African American Museum will be open for free from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and will feature the "23rd Carroll Harris Simms Black Art Competition and Exhibition" and "GEMS: African American Museum's Permanent Collection." The Texas Discovery Gardens will offer free admission Saturday and Sunday until 5 p.m., meet-and-greet with artist Sharen Chatterton from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday as she paints acrylic garden scenes, plus a \$2 discount to the Rosine Smith Sammons Butterfly House and Insectarium.

The Hall of State will feature *Tom Lea in Dallas* for free at the Margaret and Al Hill Lecture Hall, which will include a screening of *The Brave Bulls* at 7 p.m. on Friday, plus seminars at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and a screening of *Wonderful Country* at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future will be open for free from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and will feature the Artist & Dance Program – Honoring Asian Heritage Month on Saturday from 4 – 5:30 p.m. The Museum of Nature & Science will offer free admission to the Science Building from 5 – 9 p.m. on Friday.

Title sponsor for CityArts Festival is TXU Energy. Other major sponsors are Prudential, MetroPCS, City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, Time Warner Cable, Baylor Healthcare System, Ben E. Keith Beverage Company, Bud Light, Coca-Cola, Community Coffee, FAGE Yogurt, North Texas Tollway Authority, Solemar Wines, Ultimate Vodka, and The Patrón Spirits Company. DART is the Official Transportation Provider.

Parking will be available at Gates 2, 5 and 6. Or ride DART's Green Line to the Fair Park Station. For details and schedules, call 214-421-9600 or go to cityartsfestival.com.



Bella Ruse, teen singer-songwriter Hayley Orrantia, plus nostalgic sounds by 60s-era surf band The Big Guns and more.

Kid-friendly fun will be aplenty at the Prudential Children's Area and Art Exhibit which will house arts and crafts, interactive art, storytelling, demos and more inside the Centennial Building during the day. Quiggly's Clayhouse, Inc. will have 10 pottery wheels for children to try out. Big Thought will host a children's art exhibit sponsored by Prudential featuring works by Dallas ISD students participating in its Thriving Minds After-School program, along with hands-on activities and performances by local youth at the Big Thought booth. Other crafts will include origami folding, coloring, drawing contests, unity wreaths, Mother's Day cards and more. Plus, outdoors there will be children's activities, bounce houses, bungee jumping, rock-climbing walls and other rides and revelry to keep kids amused. A nominal fee will apply for certain rides and rock-climbing walls. (Note: Select outdoor rides and activities, the

participate. On the menu are tequila tastings, banana sushi, chocolate and wine pairings, short ribs, Greek pizza, tamales, vegan ribs and more.

Celebrity Chef Andre Bedouret from the Milestone Culinary Arts Center will be on tap to kick off the culinary run at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by Chef Vicky Zamora of La Victoria at 7:30 p.m. and tequila tastings at 9 p.m. On Saturday, Chef Carla Chavez of Whole Foods Market will begin with a banana sushi and granola children's demo at noon, followed by head chefs Janice Provost and Chad Houser of the Oak Lawn favorite Parigi at 1:30 p.m. Chocolate connoisseur Dr. Sue Williams will sample and sell her infamous heart-healthy treats, chocolate bark and chocolate ganachi, coupled with red wine pairings at 3 p.m. Afterward, Chef Daniel Nemec of Kirby's Prime Steakhouse will dish up prime braised short ribs, followed by creative cocktails with Rick Shew at 6 p.m., Chef Mico Miguel of MCM Restaurants at 7:30 p.m. and tequila tastings at 9 p.m. Chef Mansour Gorji of Canary Café will kick Sun-

vorite), Nuevo Leon Mex Mex Restaurant & Catering, RJ Mexican Cuisine, The Butcher Shop, Selim's Doner Kebab House, Aint No Mo Butter Cakes, Celebration Station, CiCi's Pizza, Marble Slab Creamery, Texas Holiday Cakes and dozens more.

The Crafters Village will offer a retreat for creative folks complete with demonstrations of visual and performing arts inside the Centennial Building. In addition, vendors and artists from around Texas will set up shop offering unique items such as handmade and silver jewelry, apparel and accessories for adults and children, summer-time essentials including sandals and spa packages, scooters, college and sports memorabilia, customized keepsakes, candles, organic soaps and body products, plus artwork and decor including pet portraits, paintings, wood carvings, wall hangings and more.

Guests will be able to enjoy "dancing water" shows choreographed to music at the Esplanade Fountain, plus the Fair Park museums will offer free admission and special programming at varying

Two Pro Boxing Texas Title Fights feature Dallas boxers

Proceeds benefit Dallas Youth Club that built their character

(NDG Wire) Two Dallas boxers will compete for their first state professional championship on April 30, 2010 at The Palladium @ Gilley's in Dallas. The boxing line-up of six bout card starts at 7:00 p.m. at 1135 S. Lamar in Dallas. Charles 'The Future' Hatley of Dallas faces Marcos Primera of Asheboro, North Carolina for the super welterweight Texas title. Larry 'Slomoshun' Smith of Dallas faces Eloy Suarez of Mexico in the middleweight Texas contest.

Hatley has a professional record of 10-0 (9 KO's) going into this super welterweight match. "This will be the biggest fight of

my career," Hatley said. "I am confident, but there is a lot of pressure having my first pro title fight in my home town."

This is Smith's tenth professional match. He has a pro record of 8-1 (6 KO's). "I love the sport which is why I have been boxing for 21 years," said Smith. "I am excited about the match."

Hatley and Smith, both amateur champions, are being trained by Greg Hatley Sr.; president of Black Gloves Promotions which is promoting the event. The event is sponsored by Hatley Brothers Roofing and Construction. Black Gloves Promotions is donating ten



Competing on April 30 are Charles 'The Future' Hatley and Larry 'Slomoshun' Smith

percent of the proceeds to the Oak Cliff Boys and Girls Club. "Both my sons and I came up in that club,"

Mr. Hatley Sr. said. "The club helped build our character." Club Director, Lois Cross says the money will be used for the Keystone Club program. "It is good to see when alumni appreciate what the club has done and give back."

Other boxers on the bout card include Greg 'The Technician' Hatley Jr. who will be seeking a light heavyweight title. He made it to the semi-finals of the Olympic trials in 2004. Christian 'Angel' Faz of Dallas will be in a light-weight contest.

The determination of the Hatley boxers in pursuing Olympic gold was documented by Dallas film-

maker Chris Howell over a seven year period. The film "Sweet Science" had its world premiere Monday night April 12, 2010 at the Dallas International Film Festival

The announcer is Roland Gamez, an amateur boxing official and a former Dallas Fire Department assistant chief who has a passion for the game.

The Media Weigh-in will be held Thursday April 29, 2010 at Hooters, 2201 N. Lamar in downtown Dallas at 1:00pm.

For ticket information call 469-324-7187 or visit www.blackglovespromotions.com

The Collin Theatre Center Announces 2010-2011 Season

(NDG Wire) The Collin Theatre Center will launch their 2010-2011 season in October with the Southwest Regional Premiere of *U.S. Drag*, by Gina Gionfriddo and the family-friendly musical *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner, Andrew Lippa and Michael Mayer. *U.S. Drag* will be performed October 7-17, 2010 in The John Anthony Theatre and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* will be performed October 12-17, 2010 in The Black Box Theatre. The last show of 2010 will be the odd, whimsical tale, *Hello Human Female*, written by Matt Lyle in The Black Box Theatre, performances are December 2-12, 2010. Starting the New Year will be the World Premiere of a new musical based on the music of Diane Warren, *The Rhythm of the Night*, playing March 4-14, 2011, and the 2010-2011 season will close with Paul Slade Smith's hilarious comedy *Unnecessary*

Farce, playing April 28 – May 8, 2011.

U.S. Drag, winner of the Blackburn Prize as the outstanding play written by a female, is a fascinating treatise on the lure of fame and money in our contemporary culture. The story revolves around Allison and Angela, two intelligent liberal arts graduates who refuse to settle for working for minimum wage. They think that they deserve better than toiling in the basement of Conde Nast, and so they drift around making their living by scamming drinks and "cab fare" from men in bars. They keep their rent cheap by living with Ned, a rich and tightly-wound Wall Streeter who lets them live with him so long as they bring home hot girls for him to meet. Angela and Allison are always on the lookout for a quick and easy way to make money, so when James alerts them to the \$100,000 reward for the latest Manhattan serial killer,

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Garland Civic Theatre to end 2009-2010 season with *Funny Girl*

(NDG Wire) Garland Civic Theatre will end the current season with a production of *Funny Girl*. Performances are scheduled to run through May 8, 2010 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street in downtown Garland.

Funny Girl is one of Broadway's most priceless jewels. It tells the story of the rise to fame and romance of the great stage star of comedy, Fannie Brice.

Funny, lively and touching, this musical extravaganza created by Jule Styne, Bob Mearill, and Isobel Lennart sings, dances, and laughs us into a perfectly entertained frenzy of delight. The show is directed by Kyle McClaran.

Call the Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 for tickets. Tickets are \$25 on Friday and Saturday evenings and \$23 on Thursday evenings and Saturday or Sunday matinees.

There are discounts available for those who are over 59 and under 19. Students over 19, KERA members, and DART riders also can get a discount. Special rates are available for groups of ten or more. There is a service charge added to each ticket.

Visit the GCT website at www.garlandcivictheatre.org or call 972-485-8884 for additional information.



Rachel Joy Robertson as Fanny Brice (Photo courtesy of Celeste Rogers)



Samsung Electronics & Metroplex Technology Business Council Seek Disruptive Technologies

(NDG Wire) The Metroplex Technology Business Council (MTBC), through its TechQuest program, is partnering with Samsung to find innovators of disruptive technologies. Samsung is seeking technology companies, university researchers or industry technologists with innovations in several different categories:

- Software & hardware innovations for next generation consumer electronics; intelligent assistance, novel & intuitive user interface, context-awareness, acoustics, real 3D, etc.

- Green & eco-friendly environment; high-efficient low-power solutions, energy harvesting, smart grid, eco-friendly materials, etc.

- Healthy & safe living; ubiquitous healthcare solutions, intelligent home appliances, privacy & security solutions, etc.

- Next generation communications infrastructure;

advanced RF, multimode multiband solutions, cloud computing, contents & service convergence, M2M, sensor networks, etc.

"The tech industry is leading the way to economic recovery, and it starts with companies like Samsung, which actively seek new partnerships," said Bill Sproull, MTBC President and CEO. "Disruptive innovations are what drive industry transformation and market creation."

Details about the application and selection process, as well as applications, are available at <http://metroplexmtbc.org/Events/TechQuest-Program/Samsung-TechQuest.aspx>. Applications will be accepted through mid-June.

Finalists matching Samsung's criteria will meet with local Samsung leaders and representatives from Samsung's headquarters in Korea.

City of Irving Elections and Voting

(NDG Wire) Early voting for the general and charter elections has started and will continue through May 4. See early voting hours and locations below.

Early Voting Hours

Through April 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 1 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 2 – 1 to 6 p.m.

May 3-4 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early Voting

Locations in Irving

City Hall, 825 W. Irving Blvd.

Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Valley Ranch Library, 401 Cimarron Trail

Election Day is May 8.



For a look at this year's candidates and the proposed amendments to the city charter in English and Spanish, visit www.cityofirving.org. For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at 972-721-2493 (English) or 214-422-3751 (Spanish).

MillerCoors Urban Entrepreneurs Series celebrates 10th Anniversary

North Texans among the 2010 grant winners

(NDG Wire) Celebrating 10 years of economic empowerment through its MillerCoors Urban Entrepreneurs Series (MUES), MillerCoors has awarded \$1.4 million to emerging minority businesses since 1999. Over the past decade, 100 entrepreneurial enterprises have received grants from the company to either start, or further develop their business.

"Ultimately, our goal is to foster economic growth and to one-day turn many of the businesses that come through the program into minority suppliers for our company," said Larry Waters, director of multicultural relations for MillerCoors. "MUES is much more than just a hand-out. We track the progress of our winners, and maintain contact with them offering tools, resources and counsel to help ensure their success."

The MUES program was launched in 1999 to stimulate economic growth

and development in urban communities. The program continues to chart steady growth, providing Web-based educational resources including Webinars, blogs and business advice from national judges and past winners.

Continuing its commitment to small business development, MillerCoors recently announced the winners of its 2009-2010 MUES Competition. Rising to the top of a highly competitive field were five dynamic businesses, which competed by developing and presenting viable business plans for a total of \$200,000 in business grants. The winners were honored in a special gala reception hosted at MillerCoors new corporate headquarters in Chicago.

"We are fully invested in helping small businesses succeed, especially given the current economic climate," Waters stated. "As an industry leader, we recognize that entrepreneurship fuels our economy

and ultimately provides economic empowerment and job creation."

"Celebrating the 10th anniversary of MUES is phenomenal, and speaks volumes to the commitment of MillerCoors," said eDali Pollard, senior business consultant, Entrepreneurship Center for the Chicago Urban League. "We cannot express how important a program of this type is to helping entrepreneurs obtain, and build further upon a solid foundation."

MillerCoors 2009-10 winners join a rich legacy of diverse and progressive companies, with concepts ranging from energy audits, custom gaming and advertising, a shared kitchen and catering service and electronic point-of-sale software.

In acknowledgement of the program's 10th anniversary, the top winner received a grant of \$100,000, with the four runners-up receiving grants of \$25,000 each to

contribute to either the start-up or expansion of their businesses. The 2009-2010 winners are:

- Rex Wills | \$100,000
Hi-tek POS – Raleigh, NC

- Di Yonna Mitchell and Yohance Mitchell | \$25,000

- Vision Tutoring – Rex, GA

- Tonya Ojuluwayo | \$25,000

- Splice Kitchen – Chicago, IL

- Joshua Hernandez and Justin Moore | \$25,000

- Tap Me Games – Chicago, IL

- Karen DaCosta and Malcolm Jackson | \$25,000

- BumbleBee Energy Solutions – Grand Prairie, TX

The new season of the MUES series is set to launch May 1st, and will continue its green efforts embarked upon in 2009 with online entry and judging platforms via the program Web site.

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NTTA board approves collection and administrative fee policy

(NDG Wire) Recently the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) Board of Directors approved its new collection and administrative fee policy.

Many initiatives of the new policy have already been implemented such as:

- Reducing the \$25 administrative fee on the violation invoice by 67 percent to \$8.33 per transaction if the invoice is paid before

the invoice is sent to the collection agency

- Allowing all transactions on the NTTA System to be processed through the ZipCash process, providing motorists another opportunity to pay their tolls without any additional fines

- Creating an ombudsman program to ensure consistency and fairness in the NTTA collection process

- Redesigning invoices



to communicate the benefit of prompt payment as well as consequences if the request for payment is ignored

- Streamlining the process used to gather forwarded addresses by communicating directly with the

National Change of Address Database

The NTTA will be launching a comprehensive communications program to inform motorists of the NTTA's collection process and the benefits of prompt payment. Furthermore, the NTTA is in the process of developing an incentive program to reward motorists who keep their Toll-

Tag account in good standing and customers who pay their ZipCash invoices on time.

"Our collection process aims to recover tolls and the cost to collect the toll in a cost-effective manner. We've already made many customer-centric enhancements to our current process. Going forward, we are going to focus on communicating the benefits

each payment type," said NTTA Executive Director Allen Clemson.

"We appreciate the 90 percent of customers that pay for their toll road usage on-time without the need for additional fines. It's important that we do everything we can to collect from the violators so the paying customers are not subsidiz-

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Perhaps the most touching and poignant part of the service was the roll call reading by relatives of the names of each person who died in the blast.

Following the ceremony, many of the family members passed in a solemn procession by the memorial's 168 empty memorial chairs. They paused near a large American elm dubbed "The Survivor Tree" because it withstood the blast 15 years ago.

Under a state law signed this month, the bombing and its aftermath will become a regular part of history classes in Oklahoma's schools. Most of the media reported the Oklahoma City bombing as the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil at that time.

However, another terrorist attack goes virtually unnoticed and unmemorialized. Approximately 106 miles northeast of Oklahoma City during the course of some 18 hours on May 31-June 1, 1921, the city of Tulsa erupted, fueled by a firestorm of terrorism and violence perpetrated by a white mob hell bent on ethnic cleansing.

Entire Black neighborhoods were destroyed; an estimated 300 blacks were killed, more than one thousand homes were burned to the ground, leaving over 9,000 people homeless.

In all, some 40 square blocks were laid to waste including the city's thriving Black commercial Greenwood district. Dubbed the

"Negro Wall Street," Greenwood was an economic powerhouse.

The rigid segregation of the time forced Tulsa's Blacks to create their own business district. However, the white Tulsa business owners began to feel resentment. White residents of Tulsa referred to the area north of the Frisco railroad tracks as "Little Africa" and other derogatory names. They were threatened by the success of the African American community and worried that the community might continue to grow.

The thriving "Negro Wall Street" that was giving blacks a sense of independence and self-determination was a festering keg of dynamite. The match that ignited the riot was an alleged assault of a white woman by an African American man that was published in the Tulsa Tribune.

The Greenwood businesses were some of the finest in the country; 21 restaurants, 30 grocery stores, 21 churches, two theaters, banquet halls, recreation facilities, a hospital, two newspapers, a black bus line, schools, libraries, hotels, and professional buildings that housed doctors, lawyers, dentists and realtors.

All were destroyed making a surreal wasteland. The total property loss was estimated at 1.5 million dollars; a staggering amount in 1921.

One observer who visited Tulsa following the

conflagration wrote, "in terms of sheer brutality and willful destruction of life and property, this orgy of mayhem and murder stands without parallel in America." Not one white person was ever arrested or charged for the Tulsa Massacre.

The president of the Tulsa chamber of commerce furnished news associations across the country with a press release stating, "...as quickly as possible rehabilitation will take place and reparations made."

But the reality of rehabilitation and restitution never materialized. Tulsa's white leaders secretly plotted to do precisely the opposite of their promises.

A conspiracy of silence evolved, key documents disappeared, and white business and political leaders at the state and federal levels worked feverishly to sweep the massacre beneath the carpet of history.

The Black community of Tulsa attempted to revive Greenwood during the '30s and '40s without the promised help. They were partially successful, but, less than a decade later, dissected by highways, emptied by suburban drift, and rebuffed by officials at every turn, the revival efforts finally succumbed.

All that remains of the magnificent vision and entrepreneurial determination that created "the Negro Wall Street" is a single gentrified block of Greenwood

Avenue, surrounded by new urban-renewal projects, a new university complex, and a new cultural center that houses a jazz museum.

As an historical footnote, some historians feel that Adolf Hitler and the Germans based their plan for their "final solution" to the Jewish problem on America's treatment of Blacks between 1914 and

1935.

A fitting monument to honor Black America and its heroic Black martyrs would be to create working replicas of Tulsa's "Black Wall Street" in urban communities across the nation. These dynamic memorials, rising like a phoenix from the ashes, would be a living testament to the African-American men and women

who in spite of the blatant inequalities of a separate but equal nation accomplished the unimaginable; transforming their dreams into reality.

Black America it is time to do it again. In fact, it is past time.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com.

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be sacrosanct, like the future of the young people of this State. They should be taught the truth and not be taught things so that will act, look, talk or think in a robotic and monolithic way that some may desire.

The African-American and Latino Members of the Texas Education Agency (there are five of them combined) have done a tremendous job in trying to prevent this. However, there are 7 members of the Board who seem intent to follow through with this come hell or high water, and the conservative movement is such to where there are 3 other members who are presented with serious political risks if they buck this anti-truth movement. The Board wants to do things such as: (a) have school children taught about the failures of affirmative action and the Great Society; (b) have students taught about the value of limited government (remember it was the Government that said you had to permit Black children to your schools or let them vote in elections); (c) have the Confederacy taught in a positive light particularly regarding the contributions of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee; (d) limit teaching and descriptions of former President Thomas Jefferson because of his belief that there needed to be a separation of church and State, (e) teach that gains by racial and ethnic minorities were the result of the Good Graces of whites rather than the civil rights movement; (f) teach that the Texas War of Independence with Mexico led to freedom for all Texans when in fact the two primary reasons the Texans wanted to secede in 1836 was that the Mexican Government prohibited slavery and required that in order to own property you had to be Catholic; (g) not teach about many great and important Black and Hispanic leaders in Texas history while requiring that non-Texans like Phyllis

Schafly be emphasized (she is the conservative who opposed women's rights back in the 1970's); (h) have limited teaching about world geography and objective

make your history they can define who you are. There is clearly a movement to say that Government doing things they don't like is a bad thing and to try and get

was reported to have said or suggested that during the first six months of an Obama administration there would be an attack on the United States because of actions by people who Obama [or his people] were engaged with in some way. When the Associated Press confronted her around the November 2, 2008 about this, she indicated there was nothing to correct.

We need you to ask the Board to back off and teach truth to our children. Teach our children about the good and bad of both parties but don't try to use them as guinea pigs for a large scale brainwashing operation, and teach history in an accurate light and don't belittle the contributions or efforts of African-Americans and Latinos as is presently proposed. The Texas NAACP will be working with the Legislative Black Caucus of Texas and the League of United Latin American Citizens among others to address this issue.

Please fax letters complaining about this to the State Board of Education at 512-463-9008 for State Board of Education and to the Texas NAACP Office, attention Yannis Banks at 512-322-0757. We will be joining together for a rally

at the Capitol early on May 19th and then will proceed to the last public hearing by the State Board on this sub-

ject before they vote (the public hearing is on the 19th and they are expected to vote on the 21st).



analyses of circumstances relating to America's largest cities; and (i) even question one's right to vote if you are not sufficiently informed. The list goes on and on, great Black Texans like Hendrick Arnold, Samuel McCullough, Lonnie Smith, Juanita Craft, Maceo Smith and others are not mentioned. Additionally, it limits to early grade teachings such great Americans like Thurgood Marshall. Looking at the proposed curriculum in social studies it would appear Lyndon Baines Johnson must be from another State and that one political party is for whites and the other is for minorities. This is really divisive for our State potentially.

If people can shape and

our children to agree with them. And they want to change history and negate the positives of the civil rights movement and even brain wash individuals into thinking that when the Government provides remedies for past wrongs such as when affirmative action is engaged or when the Great Society attempts to lift people out of poverty that our children will be taught that these things are wrong in such a manner as to suggest that such teachings are true. Now it is true that people should be entitled to have such positions but our children should not be made to suffer from political idolatry.

One of the members of the group of seven is a lawyer Board Member who

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ing violators' trips on the region's toll roads."

The NTTA encourages all customers to get a TollTag. Motorists without a TollTag pay 50 percent more than TollTag customers. TollTags can also be used to pay tolls on any toll road in Texas, as well as parking and/or pass-through at the Dallas/Fort Worth International and Dallas Love Field airports if the account is backed with a credit or debit card.

"We'll also be communicating directly with our TollTag customers on the importance of making sure their account information

is accurate so the NTTA does not incur costs pursuing payments from TollTag customers. The NTTA currently waives all administrative fees for TollTag customers but will begin charging TollTag customers the ZipCash rate if their account falls into arrears to offset the additional cost of collection when they are billed because their account is not updated," said Clemson.

The NTTA is statutorily required to bill the registered owner of the vehicle when the tolls are not paid at the toll booths. All motorists have a responsi-

bility to update their vehicle registration information with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Updating vehicle registration becomes more important as the NTTA continues its transition to all-electronic toll collection.

"If motorists have concerns about their ZipCash invoice or TollTag account, we encourage them to contact the NTTA. We have a history of flexibility with our customers and want to make the payment process as smooth as the driving experience," Clemson said.

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Sister Tarpley

"And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Caniace queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship," Acts 8:26 & 27. (KJV)

Philip was conducting a meeting; a "revival" is what we would now say in our day and time. And, God was really blessing in the revival; many were being "saved" delivered and healed. There was great joy in the revival.

But, in the midst of the revival, the Holy Spirit spoke to Philip and instructed him to immediately leave the revival and go to a different place to speak to this one particular person. Philip was so sensitive to the directive of the Holy Spirit that he left what would be called a Holy-Spirit filled, miraculously healing and deliverance successful revival to speak to another—an Ethiopian eunuch. The result of his

trust in and his obedience to God was that Philip led the eunuch to faith in Christ and he baptized him.

God's ways of determining where we invest our time and energy often have very little to do with our results. The danger for Christians is to only determine that we are in the center of God's will simply be the success or failure of the events we are involved in. Our plumb line for determining success can only be these: trust in God and obedience to Him. You see, it's not about you, it's not about me, it's all about Him, our God almighty! Christians should do like Philip, immediately respond in trust and obedience to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you hear the Holy Spirit's voice especially when you are troubled and going through your trials.

Also, a pilot was experiencing difficulty in landing his plane because of fog; and the airport decided to bring him in by radar. As he began to receive directions from the ground he suddenly remembered a tall pole in the flight path and appealed in panic to the control tower about it. The reply came blunt, "You obey instructions, and we'll take care of obstructions."

Trust and Obey God

How many Christians hesitates to trust and obey God's Word because of problems and difficulties that they are facing. If we would only trust and obey God, He is capable of dealing with the problems and difficulties.

Things to Ponder: The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to God can stand up to anything. God sends miracles everyday. We just have to train our eyes to be aware of them!

In God's Holy Word we

read that His grace is sufficient to meet every need. This becomes clear when trials come and we pray continually. It is these times that we need to call on Him more, bowing in complete submission on our bending knees. We then become His softened clay ready for God to mold us. Heartaches, tragedies, disappointments and pain are God's (the potter's) tools for our Spiritual gain. Just remember, as Christians whatever trials and hardships we encounter each day only confirms us to His will and His way.



Pictured from left to right: Principal & Chief Creative Officer of Break of Day Design Ad & PR LLC, Dawn Mann, Director of Human Resources of Girls Incorporated, Robin L. Robin, SPHR and Howard University student and former Girls Incorporated member, Bianca Bailey

Congresswoman Johnson joins their efforts to empower young women to be smart, strong and bold

(NDG Wire) Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson released the following statement recently in support of Girls Inc. programs.

"Building on the premise that education opens doors of opportunity, I support Girls Inc. programs because they provide thousands of young

women with resources that allow them to lead positive lives and gain healthy self-images." Girls Inc. serves young women

ages 6 to 18 in more than 1,500 sites in over 300 cities across the United States and Canada. Its award winning programs address: math and science, health and relationships, peer pressure, substance use prevention, media literacy, economic literacy, violence prevention sports participation and civic engagement.

Bianca Bailey, a Dallas native and a former member of Girls Inc., credits her success to the organization. Bailey attends Howard University and is majoring in Chem-

ical Engineering. Bailey appreciates Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson's dedication to Girls Incorporated. Through Girls Inc. programs and community partnerships, girls and young women have the opportunity to meet and interact with strong female role models, who help them gain a deeper understanding of how their personal achievements can make a powerful difference in the world. "I've always looked up to Congresswoman Johnson," says Bailey. "She's my role model."



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they jump at the chance to make an "easy buck." But things are never as easy as they seem.

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown is delightful family musical that highlights a day in the life of loveable Charlie Brown. All of your favorite "Peanuts" characters are here; including his dog Snoopy, who thinks he is the German ace known as The Red Baron; Linus, who forever needs his security blanket; Linus' aggressive sister Lucy; the silent but wise birdie, Woodstock; and the dapper pianist Schroeder, who is obsessed with

Beethoven. They deal, in their own special ways, with such juvenile concerns as baseball, sibling rivalry, unrequited love, and school.

Hello Human Female is an odd and whimsical tale with the message that being full of love, kindness and understanding can make up for pretty much all of our apparent shortcomings. When an online dating service connects Tamela, a guileless 37 year old virgin looking for love, with Dr. Gorn, an evil scientist with ambitions of world domination, things don't go according to plan. Tamela falls instantly in love

with Dr. Gorn's henchman, Bork; a simple, misshapen, noodle-armed creation. But, when Tamela takes Bork home to meet her Mother, Bork is quickly sent away on what ultimately becomes a journey of self-discovery. The play follows Bork on his trek, with Tamela hot on his trail as they come across a coterie of eccentric individuals.

The Rhythm of the Night is a World Premiere of a new musical featuring the songs of pop composer Diane Warren. This musical will trace Ms. Warren's Grammy award-winning career in an

exciting evening of song and dance; including such pop hits as "Because You Loved Me" (Celine Dione), "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" (Aerosmith), "How Do I Live?" (LeAnn Rimes), "Un-Break My Heart" (Toni Braxton), and many others.

Unnecessary Farce is a hilarious comedy in the tradition of Lend Me a Tenor and Noises Off. In a cheap motel room, an embezzling mayor is supposed to meet with his female accountant, while in the room next-door, two undercover cops wait to catch the meeting on videotape. But there's some confusion as

to who's in which room, who's being videotaped, who's taken the money, who's hired a hit man, and why the accountant keeps taking off her clothes!

The Collin Theatre Center is located on the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College in Plano (2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.) Season tickets

will be on sale in June. A General Admission subscription includes five shows for \$43. A Student/Senior (age 55+) subscription includes five shows for \$33. For a information about the Collin Theatre Center's 2009-2011 season, please call 972-881-5100 or visit www.collintheatrecenter.com.

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