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## NAACP joins legal challenge to Arizona racial profiling law

(NDG Wire) A coalition with other civil rights groups, the NAACP filed a class action lawsuit today challenging Arizona's new law requiring police to demand "papers" from people they stop who they suspect are not authorized to be in

the U.S. If an individual is caught without papers they can be arrested and jailed. The extreme law, the coalition charged, invites the racial profiling of people of color, violates the First Amendment and interferes with federal law.

"We are joining this lawsuit because the Arizona law is out of step with American values of fairness and equality. It encourages racial profiling and is unconstitutional. African-Americans know all too well the insidious effects of

racial profiling," said Benjamin Todd Jealous, President and Chief Executive Officer of the NAACP. "The government should be preventing police from investigating and detaining

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Kirk Franklin

## Kirk Franklin: a conversation worth the wait

BY LATRISHA MCDUFFIE  
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

I must admit that I am a fan. Franklin is the top gospel artist in Nielsen Soundscan history, selling more than 12 million albums and more than 20 #1 gospel hits. I can almost name a Kirk Franklin song

for every moment of my life. So, waiting on the phone recently for the author who penned, *He Loves Me, Silver and Gold* and *Something About That Name Jesus*, was not an inconvenience. His assistant returned to the phone to ask for my continued patience

and to offer an apology from the esteemed gospel artist.

When Franklin picked up the phone you could hear the balls juggling in the air. He apologized again himself before explaining

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## Urban League and KB Home host educational homebuying event

(NDG Wire) The Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central Texas and KB Home, one of America's premier homebuilders, have partnered to host a "How to Buy a Home" event on Saturday, May 22 at the KB Home Studio, 2845 West

Airport Freeway in Dallas. The educational event will be held from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and topics that will be discussed include budgeting, credit counseling and restoration, bond programs, down payment assistance and home maintenance.

Lunch will be served.

Local experts will also be available to provide current information on renting vs. owning, how to evaluate the many home choices available in the market including new, resale and bank-owned properties.

"About half of all homebuyers today are first-time buyers, many of whom are wondering if homeownership is right for them and if now is the right time to buy," said Don Barrineau, president of KB Home's Dallas

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"Shoboy" Edgar Sotelo moves to mornings on CBS Radio's Mega 107.5

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TRUTH CLINIC

## Will God continue to bless America?

BY JAMES BREEDLOVE

*For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.* (Hosea 8:7)

Most of America's political leaders dutifully close their speeches with the words *God Bless America*.

As a nation we look to our leaders to create and implement new ideas to guide us through these confused and conflicted times. But the ideas must

be based on sound moral principles and our means of implementing them must be moral as well. Instead our nation seems to be mired in a quagmire of increasing moral deficiency that is in direct conflict with God's law. God has never been pleased with or continued to bless a disobedient nation.

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## Clay Harrison

Despite the recession, Clay Harrison, president of Skiles Group, said he is optimistic about his company's future and the revitalization of the commercial construction industry.

"It's a tough market out there for all of commercial construction," Harrison said. "We hope to see some real growth in the industry in 2011."

Harrison said Skiles, a Dallas-based general contractor and construction services firm, has weathered the economic storm by focusing on its clients.

"It's important to us to find new ways to bring added value to our clientele," Harrison said. "We are focusing our efforts on the pre-construction phase, so that we can become a valuable team member during the initial planning of a project. Many of our clients are using the integrated-project delivery method, which brings all members of the project team together at the very beginning of the project; this includes the owner, architects, engineers and the construction company. This helps us to build long-term

relationships with our clients, which helps us bring them extra value."

Harrison, 49, is no stranger to the construction industry. The son of a residential builder, Harrison began working at his father's company, cleaning jobsites when he was 14. His passion for construction continued to grow, influencing his studies at Texas A&M University where Harrison graduated with a bachelor's degree in construction management in 1982. After graduation, Harrison moved to Dallas. Once established in the profession, Harrison arrived at Skiles in 1987.

"I decided to go into commercial construction instead of residential because when commercial projects are complete, you are able to drive around the community and see the difference you've made," he said. "You know your work has really contributed the community."

Over the past two decades, Harrison has held a variety of positions at Skiles, while specializing in project management, estimating and preconstruction services. Harrison was named president of Skiles in 2008, and oversees company operations, sets the overall company direction and is respon-

sible for the successful delivery of company projects.

Primarily, Harrison works on institutional projects and they include health care, higher education, and church facilities. A few notable health care projects include a \$33 million, five-story bed tower at what is now called Texas Health Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital in Fort Worth and a replacement hospital in West Texas' Winkler County. Skiles also recently completed an addition to St. Mark's Catholic Church in Plano and a new building for Our Lady of Angels in Allen.

"It's nice to work with



church and health care facilities and help them build their visions," Harrison said. "We are really serving the community that way, and we like working with them. We also like working with

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## Stephanie Y. Drake

Stephanie Y. Drake is the Founder and President of Drake Incorporated, a real estate services and construction



firm focused on delivering fully integrated real estate services to federal, state and local public agencies and the private sector. Drake is responsible for providing strategic management and overall leadership to the Company. She is also responsible for the full cycle of the construction and construction management processes, including marketing, estimating, design/build, coordinating project managers and

subcontractors, ensuring quality, invoicing and project close-out. She is also actively involved in the firm's real estate services practice.

In a relatively short time, Drake has performed on multi million dollar contracts and secured long term relationships with the firm's leading clients, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), the U.S. Pentagon, the Smithsonian Institution, Baltimore City Community College and most recently,

the Washington Navy Yard where Drake received accolades during the Navy JAG Trial

Drake has also been an active and passionate leader in her community having mentored dozens of entrepreneurs and (Howard University) students in the areas of Business and Real Estate. Her efforts as a leader have not gone unnoticed, as she was recognized by her peers in the Washington Business Journal's inaugural Minority Business Leader Awards in 2008. In 2010, Drake was

featured in the Minority Business Entrepreneur magazine recognizing her firm's work and outstanding track record at the Smithsonian Institution.

Prior to establishing Drake Incorporated, Drake spent over 8 years as a commercial real estate executive with Allied Capital Corporation, GMAC RFC, and First Union. At Allied, she served as Vice President where she specialized in financing commercial real estate acquisition and construction loans. At GMAC RFC, she was in-

involved in underwriting warehouse lines for major multifamily DUS lenders and securitization of mortgage loans. At First Union, where she started her career, Drake's responsibilities included underwriting and providing acquisition, bridge, and construction financing to REITs and major development firm. Drake possesses expertise in commercial real estate finance including due diligence, project feasibility, deal structuring, negotiations, and pricing of development and construction loans.

## Micah Stampley

(NDG Wire) Acclaimed gospel singer, songwriter, producer and Stellar Award nominee, Micah Stampley, joins Music World Entertainment (MWE) with a management and recording joint venture through the company's faith-based label, Spirit Rising Music. His new release will come under Interface/Spirit Rising Music.

Micah Stampley, a powerful, multi-octave and gifted artist is leading the way to the new generation of gospel music. His debut CD, *The Songbook of Micah* hit the music charts as the second-highest debut for a Male Gospel Artist in *Billboard's* history at #3 and was acknowledged as "one of the Top 11 Gospel Artist of 2005."

With a staggering pow-

erful and sensitive voice and an inspired writer's hand in music and words he has become one of gospel's most talked-about talents.

Founder, President and C.E.O. of Music World Entertainment Mathew Knowles states, "When I look at the talent and what we are building at our Spirit Rising Music gospel label with Trin-i-tee 5:7, Brian Courtney Wilson, Pastor Rudy, the new signing of Dr. Juanita Bynum and now with Micah, who is a brilliant artist with the success in Praise and Worship, I am grateful."

From his birth in Los Angeles to his humble youth in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Micah developed a profound music talent at a young age that has led to a celebrated journey.



In 2004, the Stellar Awards named him as the 1st Stellar Award Star Search Winner. In addition, in 2006 he received two Stellar Award nominations for "Male Vocalist of the Year" and "New Artist of the Year. 2008 brought more nominations for "Praise and Worship Album of the Year" and "Contemporary Male Vocalist of the Year." That same year his "I Believe" music video debuted at #1 on the Gospel Music Chan-

nel and remained there for five weeks receiving a nomination for "Best Soul Video of the Year." His staying power was cemented. This year, Micah received a fifth Stellar Award nomination for his CD, *Ransomed* as "Praise and Worship Album of the Year."

Speaking of the new venture with MWE / Spirit Rising, Micah says, "The unique partnership we've created is a pivotal step in my journey to leave a legacy for my children and spread my wings into my other artistic passions. My goal has always been to assist people in getting into a deeper intimacy and relationship with God."

He is a minister, husband, father of five, musician and leading community philanthropist. He also has a unique royal distinction. His Royal Majesty King Adamtey I, Se Suapo-

lar of the Se (Shai) Kingdom of Ghana, West Africa, adopted Stampley as his son. Prince Micah Martey

along with his wife, Heidi, hopes to one day build a

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# Beware of the Value-Added Tax

BY HARRY C. ALFORD

(NNPA) I'm reminded of Emperor Nero playing the violin as Rome burns to the ground. Our elected officials continue to write pork barrel projects and take our deficit into territory that threatens our very future. We are in debt by \$13 trillion dollars and virtually ignore that. By printing more paper dollars we increase our reliance on our number one debt holder – China. Greece has fallen with Argentina, Portugal, Ireland and Spain getting ready to drop in like fashion. The bailouts are com-

ing from the International Monetary Fund, IMF, which gets 17 percent of its funding from the American taxpayer. My brothers and sisters, we are on the verge of the greatest depression in the history of the world and our politicians are spending money we don't have.

The only way out of this mess is to seriously control our spending and lower the current budgets. But, oh, the wolves are of another mind. I believe what they are going to try and do is use that age old oppressive system used when kings and pharaohs would get into

financial trouble.

They are going to tax us in a hellish fashion. There is even talk about emulating the evil European tax system. That is the Value-Added Tax commonly known as the VAT. It is the VAT that causes Europeans to pay \$8 for a gallon of gasoline; \$20 dollar hamburgers; \$600 for a hotel night. The VAT in the United States would change our entire civilization and create poverty and government abuse like never before.

The VAT is a scheme of many tax levels. For every

transaction there will be a VAT assessed. In England, the VAT is 20 percent of each transaction. Here is how it works. Arabs drill oil from the ground and sell it to British Petroleum. Zap goes a 20 percent tax. BP takes the oil home and runs it through a refinery. Zap goes another 20%. BP sells it to a major distributor and zap goes another 20 percent. That major distributor sells it to a minor distributor and another 20 percent is added on. The minor distributor sells it to your gas

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under Joshua, they were undefeatable. They were a superpower of their day. The Lord was with them, because they were an obedient people. However, over time prosperous decadence overcame the land. Israel had made a god of itself and rationalized it as being right even though they were living in crass idolatry, paganism and immorality.

Israel's strict obedience to God waned as wickedness and sinful living prevailed. As a result of their rebellion the Lord left them to the mercy of their neighboring enemies.

Hosea had warned Israel, "Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood" (Hosea 4:1-2). His admonition to Israel is a warning to all who pervert God's Law - "they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."

Israel's decline into corruption and sin was not because of a lack of awareness of the right way. They knew the Truth but defied it by choosing to define how they

would obey the Lord in a manner consistent with their chosen lifestyle.

There are disturbing parallels between the secular focus of God's people in ancient times and modern day Christians. Ancient Israel was identical to the Christian nations of today who have transformed from godliness to living in a state of semi-godless perversion.

Consider this prophecy from Timothy:

"But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power. Avoid such men as these." (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

The Whirlwind for Israel came in the form of their neighbor Assyria who conquered the nation and placed the people into captivity similar to that from which they had been delivered. The same consequence of choosing to sow the wind of disobedience currently plagues Christian nations including America.

You don't have to look far to see that America is reaping the whirlwind of moral decay, the whirlwind of financial collapse, the whirlwind of spiritual decline, the whirlwind of broken families, the whirlwind of teen pregnancy, drugs, and crime, the whirlwind of broken marriage covenants, demonic cults, discord, gossip, backbiting, criticism, deception, conflict, no school prayer, and the whirlwind of irresponsible leaders who continue to bring dishonor to the high offices that they have sworn- in the name of God- to uphold. "In God We Trust" is pure tokenism.

Today, hundreds of millions of people in the world identify themselves as Christian. Seventy two percent of Americans claim they are Christians. But 66 percent have no affiliation with any church.

The statistics are wonderful but, considering how divided these Christian-professing people are in their beliefs, and at times their very unchristian attitude toward one another begs the question; what manner of Christians are these?

The confusion arises because people tend to believe what they want to believe and will rationalize and interpret God's word to make it conform to their beliefs

rather than adapting beliefs to the Word. Note what the scripture in Mark says about this convoluted Christianity.

"These people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. You leave the Commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men." (Mark 7:6-8)

Denying the Lord is bad enough but even worse is treating His sacred name with contempt, denying it a rightful place in our lives and using it to move non-righteous agendas.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in doing good: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:7-9).

Americans from every walk of life need to be steadfast in sowing God's seeds for a better America. By doing so we will reap a whirlwind of His blessings instead of reaping a whirlwind of destruction.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: [www.truthclinic.com](http://www.truthclinic.com).

# Young women urged to recognize symptoms of widely undiagnosed bleeding disorder

*National education campaign aims to increase awareness of Von Willebrand Disease*

(NDG Wire) To promote the importance of screening young women for von Willebrand disease (VWD), the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) announced the launch of its VWD Young Women's Education Campaign. This educational initiative is designed to inform teenage girls and their healthcare providers about

the five signs and symptoms of VWD, the most common hereditary bleeding disorder.

VWD is caused by a lack of working von Willebrand factor (VWF), a protein in the blood that is necessary for clotting. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that VWD affects one to two percent or three to

six million people in the U.S. alone. While the disorder affects men and women equally, women are at a greater risk for miscarriage, life-threatening bleeding following childbirth, and for undergoing unnecessary hysterectomies.

"Women struggle with the consequences of this disorder for an average of 16 years before they receive

a proper diagnosis because sometimes healthcare professionals interpret VWD symptoms as gynecologic, when in fact the underlying cause is hematologic," said Josie Weiss, PhD, FNP-BC, Associate Professor, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University and Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. "The

teenage years are both the best time and provide the best opportunity to recognize von Willebrand disease because the onset of menstruation often reveals a commonly overlooked symptom -- heavy and prolonged bleeding."

The AANP urges young women to visit their healthcare provider if they are experiencing any of these five

signs and symptoms of VWD:

- Easy bruising
- Frequent or prolonged nosebleeds
- Heavy, prolonged menstruation
- Prolonged bleeding following injury, childbirth or surgery
- Prolonged bleeding during dental procedures

## 10 reasons seniors hang on to stuff and what to do about it

Following, from Home Instead Senior Care and Vickie Dellaquila, certified professional organizer and author of *Don't Toss My Memories in the Trash*, are 10 reasons seniors can't or won't give up their stuff and what to do about it.

1. The sentimental attachment. The beloved prom dress represents the history and memories of the event; it's not the dress itself. Save only a piece of the dress to make a quilt or display in a shadow box. Scrapbooking and converting photos to DVDs are other ways to save treasured keepsakes without all the extra mess.

2. The sense of loyalty. Older adults who've received gifts from family and friends may be reluctant to part with them. Encourage your loved one to give unused gifts back to the giver or to others.

3. The need to conserve. Seniors are the original green people. Appeal to a senior's desire to help others. Counter a senior's inclination to conserve by appealing to their desire to give back.

4. The fatigue. A home with a lifetime of memories can easily become too much for an older adult to handle. Help seniors manage clutter by establishing online bill paying. Also, get your senior off junk mail lists, which can put them at risk of identity theft, and buy them a shredder.

5. The change in health. Seniors who have suffered a brain trauma or stroke, who are wheelchair bound or who are experiencing dementia may no longer be able to manage household duties, which could contribute to clutter. If you see a health change, encourage your senior to visit his or her doctor and consider a professional organizer and caregiver to help your loved one.

6. The fear. Seniors often fear what will happen if they give up their stuff, like the older adult who saved three generations of bank statements. Use logic and information to help seniors understand it's O.K. to let go.

7. The dream of the future. Those clothes in the closet don't fit anymore, but your loved one is sure that some day she'll lose enough weight to get into them. Ask seniors to fill a box with clothing they don't wear much and make a list of the items in the box. Agree that if they have not gone back to the box in six months to wear the item, they will donate that to charity.

8. The love of shopping. Today's seniors have more money than any other previous generation of older adults and they love to shop. Clutter can become so bad seniors can't find things and they repurchase items they already have, contributing to the clutter cycle. Try to con-

vince seniors to cut back and to say "no" to free stuff, items, and to not succumb to television advertorials or shopping networks.

9. The history and memories. Keepsakes represent history and memories. Encourage seniors to take old photos to a family reunion and share with several generations. Let seniors know they can contribute to the history of their time and leave a lasting legacy by donating to museums and historical societies, a theater and library, or churches and synagogues.

10. The loneliness. Stuff can become a misplaced companion. Loneliness may also lead to depression, which makes it difficult for seniors to get organized. Consider the services of a professional organizer and caregiver. For more information, go to the National Association of Professional Organizers at [napo.net](http://napo.net) or visit [www.homeinstead.com](http://www.homeinstead.com).

Other experts contributing to these tips include Katherine "Kit" Anderson, CPO-CD, president of the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization; University of Kansas Professor Dr. David Ekerdt, who is coordinating a "household moves" project to determine the role that possessions play in older people's housing decisions; and University of New Mexico Researcher Dr. Catherine Roster.

## Less is more: Hunt's ketchup removes high fructose corn syrup from entire retail line

*New Hunt's 100% natural ketchup features five simple ingredients*

(NDG Wire) Hunt's, a ConAgra Foods brand, announced that it has removed the high fructose corn syrup from every bottle of its ketchup products.

Hunt's 100% Natural Ketchup brings forth the naturally rich tomato flavor of Hunt's tomatoes and contains only five simple ingredients: tomatoes, sugar, vinegar, salt and other seasonings, with no high fructose corn syrup, artificial ingredients or preservatives.

"In direct response to consumer demand(1), Hunt's is pleased to offer ketchup sweetened with sugar and containing only five simple ingredients," said Ryan Toreson, Hunt's Ketchup brand manager. "Parents are looking for wholesome meals and ingredients they recognize--and the taste of Hunt's ketchup is something both kids and adults love. Even with the new recipe, we have maintained the same great tangy, sweet taste that Hunt's has always had and that consumers tell us they prefer."

Hunt's 100% Natural Ketchup began rolling out to major markets nationwide in mid-April. Consumers should be able to find product on shelves everywhere by mid-May. Suggested retail pricing for the new Hunt's ketchup recipe is the same as the previous



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# DART adjusts schedule for Memorial Day holiday

(NDG Wire) Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 31, DART will operate on the following schedule:

Bus and light rail services will follow a Sunday schedule.

The Trinity Railway Express commuter rail will not operate.

The following High Oc-

cupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes will be closed: the HOV lane on I-30 (East R.L. Thornton); the HOV lane on I-30 West (Tom Landry); the reversible S-ramp at the southern end of the I-35E (Stemmons) HOV lane; the reversible HOV ramp between the US 75 and the I-635 HOV lanes; and the section of the I-

35E/U.S. 67 (South R. L. Thornton/Marvin D. Love) HOV lanes from downtown Dallas to Loop 12.

The remaining portion of the Stemmons HOV lanes, the HOV lanes on LBJ Freeway, the US 75 HOV lanes, and the HOV lanes on I-35E/U.S. 67 from Loop 12 to Camp Wisdom Road will be open 24 hours.

DART Paratransit services for customers with disabilities will operate on a Sunday schedule. The Paratransit Scheduling Center will be closed on Memorial Day.

Customers may call Thursday, May 27, to book their trips through Monday, May 31, and Friday, May 28, to book their trips

through Tuesday, June 1.

Customers may call Tuesday, June 1, to book trips for Wednesday, June 2. X-Press Booking and next day weekend voice mail booking is also available.

DART administrative offices and the Customer Care Center, which handles complaints, commendations, suggestions and Lost

and Found, will be closed.

The DART Customer Information Center will be open on Memorial Day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for all your trip-planning needs at 214-979-1111 and DART route and schedule information is always available at [www.DART.org](http://www.DART.org).

## Irving recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation

(NDG Wire) Measures implemented by the Irving Parks and Recreation Department have earned the City of Irving recognition as a Tree City USA from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA designation recognizes Irving's commitment to urban forestry and confirms that the city is a national leader in tree care practices.

Requirements satisfied by the City of Irving to earn the designation include an investment in urban forestry programs that is proportionate to the population, and the establishment of a tree board and tree care ordinance.

"I'm thrilled that the City of Irving has pursued and achieved the Tree City USA designation," said City of Irving Tree Board Member Lorraine Taylor. "This will bring the spotlight to the way the city takes care of its trees and hopefully more residents will mirror these best practices in their own yards."

The city is planning its Arbor Day celebration for this November, which is the best time to plant trees in this region. In addition, an Arbor Day proclamation will be issued by Mayor Herbert A. Gears later this year.

"The importance of trees cannot be emphasized

enough—they promote environmental wellness, and contribute greatly to the overall beauty of Irving neighborhoods," said Parks Manager and City Arborist Mike Griffith. "The Tree City USA designation recognizes the commitment of volunteers and staff who work to ensure the preservation and best care of trees in our community."

Though not required by the National Arbor Day Association, the city periodically offers free tree care classes for residents and also provides information to educate its residents on tree care and selection online at [www.cityofirving.org/begreen](http://www.cityofirving.org/begreen).

## Plano Senior Information and Wellness Fair celebrates Older Americans Month

(NDG Wire) The Plano Senior Recreation Center and the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County invites adults 50 years and older to participate in a very unique Senior Information and Wellness Fair on Wednesday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Plano Senior Recreation Center, 401 West 16th Street near Harrington Park.

The purpose of the Senior Information and Wellness Fair is to provide useful facts and resources to retirement and pre-retirement-aged persons in hopes of helping them plan wisely for the future. The Fair is fun, free and open to everyone!

Medical professionals



will be on site providing free health screenings and information about a variety of services and programs available in the area. The screenings being offered are for hearing, body fat analysis, posture, nerve scan, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, vision acuity and glaucoma, plus an oral cancer

screen.

The Senior Information and Wellness Fair is sponsored by the Waterford at Plano.

Some of the participating vendors include: Medical Center of Plano, First Eye Care, Curves, the Alzheimer's Association, Ted Dickey Funeral Home, Texan Plus, United Financial Services, Legacy at Willow Bend, DART, American Hearing Laboratories, Plain-O Helpers and more.

May is Older Americans Month, a tradition dating back to 1963 to honor the legacies and ongoing contributions of older Americans and support them as they enter the next stage in life.

## Richardson Police work with RISD on security camera access

(NDG Wire) As part of continuing efforts to increase the safety of children in local schools, the Richardson Police Department and Richardson Independent School District (RISD) have created a partnership which allows officers the ability to access security cameras in local schools.

In the past, if an emergency occurred on district property, first responders depended on people at the location to provide information regarding the nature, scope and exact lo-



cation of the emergency to public safety dispatchers. Depending on circumstances, this information may be unavailable, incomplete or inaccurate.

The Video Access Program allows emergency

service personnel to directly view the scene of an incident in real time.

The information, along with the information provided by those at the scene, allow for a more accurate assessment of the situation so appropriate resources and strategies can be quickly implemented to resolve the incident.

It's one of those abilities officials hope never need to be utilized, but is good to have for the future.

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## Brown v. Board of Education anniversary marked by increasing resegregation of American Schools

(NDG Wire) This week marked the 56th anniversary of *Brown v Board of Education*, the landmark decision that mandated desegregation of American schools. It began an era of commitment to diversity and the implementation of various mechanisms from busing to magnet schools to increase integration amongst students. Studies find that desegregation puts students of color in schools with better opportunities and higher achieving

peer groups.

There has been a steady unraveling of almost 25 years worth of increased integration according to a 2004 study by NAACP and a more recent study by Gary Orfield, currently co-director of the Civil Rights Project at UCLA. Virtually all school districts analyzed are showing lower levels of inter-racial exposure since 1986, suggesting a trend towards resegregation, and in some districts, these declines are

sharp. In 1990, following several decades of efforts to desegregate, over 40 percent of black students in the South attended majority-white schools. Now less than 30 percent of students do.

Since 1986, in almost every district examined, black and Latino students have become more racially segregated from whites in their schools and charter schools are vastly more segregated than public schools.

States are beginning to

end their integration policies. In North Carolina, for example, the state is attempting to implement a rule that will re-segregate schools by enforcing a neighborhood schools policy only and ending busing. The NAACP State conference is leading a coalition effort to fight back against the policy.

"We have made progress but there is much more work to be done," said NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "We are not

only witnessing a move to re-segregate our schools but efforts to remove civil rights from our history. Arizona just passed a law banning any teaching of ethnic studies in its schools and Texas is attempting to change their history textbooks to reduce the study of the civil rights movement, soften the portrayal of Jim Crow and slavery and celebrate the confederacy. These are attempts to roll the clock back on progress. Our nation benefits

from the diversity and equal opportunity that comes from access to a quality education. All American students vitally need accurate and inclusive history to fully understand our democracy, be informed voters and compete in an increasingly global marketplace" Jealous said.

Jealous will join former US Secretary of Education Rod Paige to travel to Texas this week to testify against the proposed textbook changes there.

## Beyond the Backpack: Dora the Explorer helps prepare children for school

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

(NNPA) - Is every child in your community ready to start school? This may seem like a strange question to families still finishing up their plans for summer vacation. But in reality, it's never too soon to start making sure children are prepared for their first day of school. That includes children for whom kindergarten is still a few years down the road.

So I'm pleased that Nickelodeon has launched a new initiative to help provide preschoolers the resources, skills, and support they will need to be well-prepared for school and ready to start their school years on the right path. The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is joining the National Parent Teacher Association, actress Salma Hayek Pinault, and others in partnering with Nickelodeon on this important school readiness campaign.

The initiative was launched as part of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of Nickelodeon's popular Latina preschool character Dora the Explorer. It's named *Beyond the Backpack*, taking its title from the well-stocked backpack that keeps Dora ready for every adventure. Nickelodeon hopes to similarly prepare young children for the big adventure of starting school.

As they explain, "The

first five years of life are critical to kids' lifelong development.

However, too many children enter kindergarten with physical, social, emotional and cognitive limitations that could have been minimized or eliminated through early attention to child and family needs. Research shows that children who are not performing proficiently by the end of third grade are at very high risk of poor long-term out-

comes, such as dropping out of school, teen pregnancy and juvenile crime. *Beyond the Backpack* is about the navigational tools—emotional, physical, experiential and actual that kids need to start school. *Beyond the Backpack* engages parents, educators and the community at large in the four areas critical to school success: 1) social and emotional "know how," 2) early literacy and math skills, 3) parental involve-

ment in schools, 4) health and wellness. Families and communities are a critical part of the solution for the well-rounded development of young kids."

This multi-year campaign will include a Web site with information, links to partner organizations, and downloadable content for parents and educators; public service announcements; financial resources and grants; fundraising activities; and community

events. The National PTA will be co-authoring a parents' toolkit and distributing materials to PTA leaders and parents across the country. Salma Hayek Pinault, John Leguizamo, Slash, Shakira, and others will be contributing to a limited-edition series of celebrity-designed CDF has worked for over three decades to support the growth and development of our nation's children through quality early care.

We have paid special attention to the crucial early years when so much brain and emotional development occur.

These foundational years can and must propel all our children towards healthy and successful lives. I applaud *Beyond the Backpack*, which will give parents tools to share unforgettable learning opportunities that stir the mind and spirit of their child. This is the real power of education.

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## Inaugural Liberty Fest to honor America, troops; features free concert with REO Speedwagon

(NDG Wire) With pride in America and honor for the veterans of the past and the troops of the present, the City of Farmers Branch, Texas has announced the inaugural edition of Liberty Fest will be held in multiple city venues during the Memorial Day weekend, May 28-29, 2010.

The assortment of events at Liberty Fest will concentrate on Americana and will include an Old Fashioned Carnival and Midway; a Backyard Barbeque Grill-Off competition; a Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show; 7-on-7 flag football tournament; Fishin' Fun; tours of the Farmers Branch Rose Gardens; and a free fi-



**Legendary rock band, REO Speedwagon will appear at Liberty Fest Memorial Day weekend, May 28-29 in Farmers Branch.**

nale concert featuring legendary band, REO Speedwagon, with special guests, Gin Blossoms.

The heart of Liberty

Fest, however, will be the activity going on at Farmers Branch Liberty Plaza, located just south of the Dr Pepper StarCenter at 12700

North Stemmons Freeway.

Under the giant American flag, flying 150 feet off the ground, will be an exhibition of military ground equipment, recruitment information, troop care package booth and the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.

A special ceremony at 12 noon on Saturday, May 29 will feature a guest speaker, troop swearing-in ceremony and more. Admission to all Liberty Fest is free.

Tickets for the Saturday concert are required, but are free, and are available now at City of Farmers Branch locations and participating sponsors.

For information, log on at [www.fblibertyfest.com](http://www.fblibertyfest.com).



**Antoyne Davis with TransAmerican EMS showing kids the inside of an ambulance during a Health Fair held at Stults Elementary for Senior Citizens' Month. TransAmerican EMS is a medical taxi service in Dallas.**

## DCCCD African American Read-In Presents 2010 WritersWalk Salon at South Side on Lamar

(Dallas) – A free, family-friendly event presented by the Dallas County Community College District's African American Read-In will give community members and residents of South Side on Lamar a chance to meet and visit with a variety of writers, poets and artists on Sat., May 22, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The event – which features local authors, plus performance and visual artists – will be held in the

Jeanette Kennedy Gallery, South Side on Lamar, 1409 S. Lamar St., in Dallas. The general public is invited to attend.

During a writers' walk, authors literally take a walk through a room or across stage, stopping along the way to tell audience members about their works and the stories behind their writing.

DCCCD WritersWalk participants will include:

• Dr. Cordell Adams,



*Light Bread*, [www.sweetartepublishing.com](http://www.sweetartepublishing.com);

• Dr. Njoki McElroy,

*1012 Natchez: A Memoir of Grace, Hardship and Love*, [www.njokimcelroy.com](http://www.njokimcelroy.com);

• Michael Guinn, nationally-acclaimed performance poet, [www.mikeguinn.com](http://www.mikeguinn.com);

• Sarah Mainor (daughter of the late Texas poet laureate Rayfer Mainor), *Mammoth Melting Sugar* (a book of poetry);

• D.T. Pollard, *Obama: Guilty of Being President While Black*, [www.dtpollard.com](http://www.dtpollard.com);

• Derron Strickland, *Foundations*, [www.dsfoundations.com](http://www.dsfoundations.com).

The featured exhibition, titled *Dallas: Living, Dreaming and Rebuilding*, shares photos and art inspired by the lives of residents from Dallas' South Side neighborhood; proceeds from a May 27 reception will benefit Rebuilding Together Greater Dallas. Visit [www.rebuildingdallas.org](http://www.rebuildingdallas.org) for more information about that effort.

Participants will include artistic works by photographer April Cotton ([www.eyespeakphotostories.com](http://www.eyespeakphotostories.com)), vocalist Ande ([www.brandnuwu.com](http://www.brandnuwu.com)) and self-taught musician-songwriter William Hibler.

Light refreshments will be served by Texas Caribbean Foods. For more information, contact Allison Neal in the DCCCD office of outreach, recruitment and community engagement at 214-378-1722.

## Mama Pita to offer free taste of the Mediterranean during Saturday Grand Opening

(NDG Wire) North Texans will get a free taste of the Mediterranean on Satur-

day, May 22, when Mama Pita Mediterranean Grill celebrates its Grand Open-

ing at the Shops at Legacy (5800 Legacy Drive).

Grand opening activities include:

• Free Pita Wraps from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

• Free appetizers all day.

• Hourly drawings for Shops at Legacy gift cards, FC Dallas tickets and Frisco Rough Riders tickets

In addition, the Plano Chamber of Commerce will officially welcome Mama Pita to the city with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday at 11 a.m.

Featuring authentic

Mediterranean family recipes that have been refined and handed down over six decades, Mama Pita offers a range of fresh, flavorful dishes that combine Armenian, Greek European and Middle Eastern influences. Mama Pita uses simple, hand-picked ingredients that are rich in flavor, color and texture, offering a true Mediterranean dining experience.

The Plano restaurant is based on a successful chain of upscale restaurants operated in the Mediterranean region by restaurant veteran

Tedy Ramy.

Together, with local entrepreneurs Ziad Dalal and Bechara Harfouche, Ramy is recreating that experience in Plano in the increasingly popular fast-casual setting.

"Because Mediterranean food is still new to many, we wanted to create a simple, affordable way to experience the true flavors and recipes of the region," said Harfouche. "That's why we are so excited about Mama Pita."

At Mama Pita, diners are able to customize their own salads, pita wraps or

combination platters featuring fresh meats and vegetables prepared and grilled right in front of them in a traditional Mediterranean style.

"The great thing about Mediterranean foods is that they are full of rich flavor and texture, but do so without a lot of the negative health side effects of other diets," said Harfouche.

Restaurant hours are Sunday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; and Friday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Prices for main entrees range from \$6.95 to \$8.95.





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**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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**May 20**

**Snap Out of It! Women's Conference & Expo** is a one day event from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. designed to inspire, empower, educate and enlighten women and led them back to the purpose and gifts that are inside them. Admission: \$44, Info: DeDe Murcer Moffett at 469-358-9076 or <http://www.dedemurcermoffett.com/Snap-Out-Of-It-Conference.html>

**Plano (DFW) Career Fair** Meet face to face with Plano/Dallas area employers from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. To see a complete list of jobs available and to pre-register for this event, visit [choicecareerairs.com](http://choicecareerairs.com). Admission and parking are free. Info: 702-257-1562

**An Evening of Spoken Word** special guest is Michael Guinn, Fort Worth National Poetry Slam champion from 7-9 p.m. for a relaxing evening of poetry and spoken word. South Dallas Cultural Center Theater (corner of Robert B. Cullum Boulevard and South Fitzhugh.) Info: FREE admission, 214-939-2787

**May 21-22**

**Black Cinematheque Dallas presents the annual Black Men's Film Festival** at the South Dallas Cultural Center Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per screening and can be purchased at the door. This festival is always an homage to Malcolm X.

**May 22**

Fine Arts Chamber Players presents a free **Bancroft Family Concert** at the Dallas Museum of Art at 3:00pm featuring award-winning Dallas violin virtuoso Laura Liu with pianist Yurie Iwasaki. 1717 North Harwood, Dallas, TX 75201. Admission to the concert is free and no reservations or tickets are required. Auditorium doors open at 2:30pm for the 3:00 p.m. concert. Info: 214-520-2219 or [fineartschamberplayers.org](http://fineartschamberplayers.org).

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Local and regional artists will come out to play in Downtown McKinney on for **McKinney Art Walk**. McKinney Main Street invites you to come down and visit the shops in Downtown McKinney hosting artists representing every mix and medium of art. Over 50

artists will showcase their art forte in store fronts throughout downtown. A series of uniquely decorated frogs line the downtown streets to guide shoppers into shops during the event. The Art-Walk is a perfect opportunity to come down and experience the magic of the historic shopping district. The weather is just right to enjoy the day with your family and indulge in shopping, dining and art of all kinds. For more information please visit [www.downtownmckinney.com](http://www.downtownmckinney.com) or call McKinney Main Street 972.547.2660

**May 24**

The City of Dallas Department for Historic Preservation will facilitate a **community meeting** at 6:30 p.m. in Methodist Dallas Hitt Auditorium.

**May 25**

**The Irving Chamber** hosts Dr. Raymund Paredes at its State of Higher Education event, held at the Westin DFW Airport North Hotel in Irving. Dr. Paredes will speak about the importance of increasing the number of Tier One Universities in Texas among other topics relating to North Texas' highly educated workforce.

**May 26**

The Plano Senior Recreation Center and the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County is hosting the **Senior Information and Wellness Fair** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Plano Senior Recreation Center, 401 West 16th Street near Harrington Park.

**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 1**

**WWE Smackdown** returns to Dallas, TX for the first time of 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for

Smackdown at American Airlines Center World Heavyweight Championship match, THE PHENOM" The Undertaker vs. Chris Jericho, Rey Mysterio & Kane vs. CM Punk & Luke Gallows, and many more!! Details at [www.americanairlinescenter.com](http://www.americanairlinescenter.com).

**June 3 – 5**

**Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series Qualifying Night**, Winstar World Casino 400K and the The Firestone 550K IZOD IndyCar Series- Starts June 3, with the WinStar World Casino 400k Camping World Truck Series practice and qualifying, followed by the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series opening practice. Then June 4, the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series practice and qualifying followed by the WinStar World Casino 400k Camping World Truck Series race. To finish off the weekend, the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series will be held. Info: [www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com) or 817-215-8500.

**June 5-6**

**Grassroots Campaign Training in Dallas** from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. each day at Southside on Lamar, 1409 South Lamar Street, Dallas. The DFA Campaign Academy brings local activists, campaign staff and candidates together for two days of intensive campaign training.

**June 7 – July 2**

**Thriving Minds Summer Camps** offer creative, hands-on activities for elementary and middle schoolers. Led by professional artists and instructors, campers will explore the world around them and express their imagination through visual and performing arts, theater, dance, creative writing and more. Participants will also receive breakfast, lunch and a daily snack (breakfast will only be served at the Bath House and Oak Cliff locations). The camps are free and open to

Dallas residents, but space is limited.

**June 10**

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

**June 11**

McKinney Main Street is proud to announce the first annual **"Bike the Bricks"** closed course "crit" bike race in Historic Downtown McKinney on Friday, June 11, 2010. The focus will be to deliver a nail-biting and interactive event that will draw increased exposure not only to health and wellness but highlighting our one-of-a-kind Historic downtown. The event will include interval races along with a mayoral cup challenge (inviting the community and beyond to join the race), live entertainment, food and drink. The climax of the event will draw in racers from across the state and beyond as these cyclists square off and chase a purse in the amount of \$15,000. For more information on this event, please contact McKinney Main Street at 972.547.2660 or visit [www.downtownmckinney.com](http://www.downtownmckinney.com)

**June 12**

**20th Annual Komen North Texas Race for the Cure** at The Plano Campuses of HP and The Campus at Legacy, Legacy at Parkwood Drive, east of the North Dallas Tollway. The Komen North Texas Race for the Cure is a 5K run/walk and a one-mile family fun run organized by a committee of volunteers for the North Texas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. It is a fun, festive event, but more importantly, it is a race for life. Info: [www.komennorthtexas.org](http://www.komennorthtexas.org)

**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](http://DallasSymphony.com).

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# Erasing Civil Rights: Rewriting History

BY BENJAMIN TODD JEALOUS  
NAACP PRESIDENT

In Arizona, they just passed a law that would make the study of the role of African Americans, Latinos, Asian American and Native Americans illegal. They banned "ethnic studies" ignoring the reason those studies were created: that for too long history books have left out people of color from the central narrative of our nation's history.

Texas wants to rewrite their history books to do the same thing. This year, they want to change the record on slavery, celebrate the Confederacy and shed a positive light on Jim Crow laws. If the proposed textbook changes happen, children won't learn about civil rights icons like Malcom X, or Sam McCollough, who gave his life for Texas independence. And they won't learn that Texas seceded from the Union to fight for the Confederacy in the Civil War.

In many ways, as Texas goes, so goes the nation. Standards in Texas influence the contents of history books used in schools

around the country meaning the numbers of miseducated children could grow exponentially.

Texas students must compete for college seats and jobs with students from other states, who will arrive equipped with a more complete and mainstream education.

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the country and the world.

Every voter on a referendum should know how our Constitution and laws have evolved to expand civil rights to all citizens. Yet the Texas board's current proposals would minimize those brave men and women's contributions to our national story.

To make informed decisions about the limits of government power, students

voters, including those high school students who have turned eighteen. In order to exercise the rights and responsibilities conferred to them by their fellow citizens to safeguard their families and communities, students today or tomorrow need a strong grounding in our nation's full history.

We are - and have always been - a nation of immigrants, which has folded various strands into our collective story. So it is vital for those citizens who will work alongside diverse peers to have an accurate understanding of their coworkers' background and culture. Minimizing or misrepresenting African-American and Latino culture and history can lead to distorted beliefs regarding our fellow Americans.

What's more, it can lead students from those ethnic groups to have a skewed picture of themselves and their place in the world. Studies of high school dropout rates out have shown that students became disengaged with classes because what they were learning didn't seem relevant to their lives. And in a 2006 national study, more stu-



Benjamin Todd Jealous, NAACP President

dents cited disengagement and disinterest in their lessons as a factor in leaving school than those who reported serious academic challenges.

When, according to conservative estimates from the US Department of Education, Texas loses about one in every four high school students before graduation, can we really afford to drive any more young people from the schoolhouse door?

If learning about Cesar Chavez or Thurgood Marshall will inspire a student to study government or law, we cannot afford to pass up that opportunity. If learning about Hendrick Arnold's role as a guide and spy during the Texas revolution inspires young people to military service, who are we to deny them their dreams?

Our future is at stake when the State Board votes on May 21. Will we decide to prepare our youth for success in the 21st Century or let nostalgia for the 19th hobble our graduates and leave large groups of students behind? Rewriting history is not promoting patriotism, it is institutionalizing ignorance.

And it's an indulgence that Texas and the country

cannot afford. Anyone who is passionate about the accuracy of the state and nation's historical record should be appalled at these proposals and should let it be known. Our children are entitled to broad exposure to all the facts of American history, government and economic theory.

We urge the State Board to vote down these proposed changes, take some more time to set out broad guidelines ensuring all students are equipped to compete and thrive, then follow the thoughtful recommendations of their fellow Texans who are educators, economists and historians.

I will be in Austin when the board convenes to join the Texas State Conference of the NAACP to raise our voices for accuracy and fairness. Join me and fax a letter opposing changing the text books to the state board at 512-322-0757. Tell them that erasing civil rights from history is wrong. Tell them to make sure our children get the world class education they deserve not a racially biased and ideological revision of our history.

Benjamin Todd Jealous is President and CEO of the NAACP.

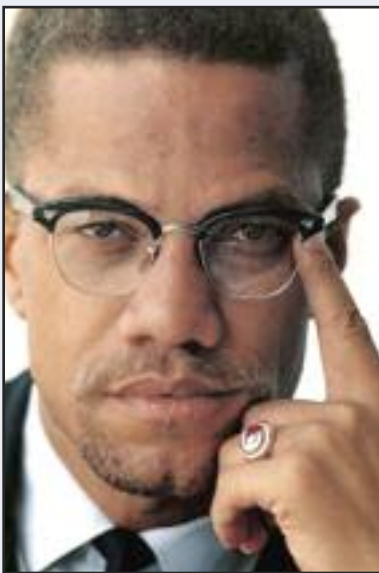
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college credit while in high school, are not tailored to any particular state's ideology. Similarly, International Baccalaureate exams are benchmarked to world-class university standards.

By narrowing our students' exposure, we cut them off from opportunities for accelerated learning, and free college credits that will be recognized around

must known about its past abuses, such as those perpetrated by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Yet the proposed standards would gloss over such injustices. Students who have studied poll taxes and their abolition will have a better perspective on when taxation is used inappropriately.

All of these are questions confronting today's



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## "Shoboy" Edgar Sotelo moves to mornings on CBS Radio's Mega 107.5

### Hot new personality set to electrify Dallas morning radio

(NDG Wire) Coming off major success in the San Francisco market, one of radio's brightest rising stars, ShoBoy Edgar debuted Monday, May 17 on CBS Radio's Mega 107.5 in Dallas/Fort Worth. His show airs 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. CT Monday-Friday.

Listeners will love waking up to La Nueva Mega 107.5 FM with "ShoBoy." His energetic, passionate, and candid personality radiates fun. He brings an innovative fusion of music, comedy, entertainment and community empowerment that will have DFW on a



"Shoboy" Edgar Sotelo

natural high all day and wanting more. His show is accompanied by the hilarious and unfiltered mad man

"Micho Rizzo" (an off the wall Paisa).

"I'm ecstatic to have my show be a part of the Dallas and Fort Worth Familia," says Shoboy. "It's fun, laughter, community... reality... Latino Style!"

Mega Program Director and CBS Radio VP/Spanish Programming Pio Ferro adds, "I haven't heard a talent like this in a long time.

His personality and intelligence are big...and he's funny. To get all those qual-

ities together is very rare. He brings a level of entertainment that will change the game in Dallas Fort Worth radio. It's a delicious blend of music, comedy and drama, at its best!"

After interning on his brother's morning show, *Pi-olin por la Mañana* in Los Angeles, his talent was quickly recognized, and he was approached to host his own radio show on "Generación 1020 La Solución" in L.A... His message, "Empowering Latinos to be the solution and not the problem" soon catapulted him into the major markets

at La Kalle in San Francisco in 2007, where his afternoon drive program quickly became a market ratings leader.

"Shoboy" has a tremendous passion and involvement with the community, especially with Latino youth. He empowers the community on his show, online, and in society through motivational speeches at schools and fundraising events for scholarships. He calls his show "Entertainment with a purpose!" and his BA in Psychology and MA in Organizational Leadership

help him activate this deep commitment.

In 2007, Edgar moderated the SDCC's first annual Latino Youth Summit in Washington, D.C. He has also become a tremendous leader and ambassador for the Voto Latino campaign and actively participates in Latino citizenship and voter registration drives.

Shoboy's success and contagious personality has also brought him to be featured on huge TV shows like *Cristina*, *El Gordo y La Flaca* and *Escandalo TV*.

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that his family was celebrating his son's thirteenth birthday. He was helping with the birthday party to ensure his wife would not be overwhelmed with handling the party alone. I accepted his apology with stating that it was okay because I was trying to become more patience. And he quickly retorted "Let me know sister if you get there."

In just that moment, you see what has made Kirk Franklin such a great songwriter. He is known for his honesty and willingness to admit his personal faults. He has spoken out about his relationship with his mother, about the dark side of the gospel industry, and about his addiction to porn. Now, Kirk Franklin has written a new book that details *The Blueprint: A Plan*

*For Living Above Life's Storms*.

The book is written in an everyday vernacular that moves beyond typical Sunday language. Don't expect to find "churchisms" like: "God is good all the time, and all the time God is good." Franklin states that he did not want to use phrases that people only use for two hours on Sunday. He stated that he wrote the book with the same language people use when they are in the car or in their homes.

In this day in age, Christian authors are everywhere. Currently, Franklin is reading "two joints" by popular Christian writers: *So You Want to be Like Christ* by Chuck Swindoll and *Fearless* by Max Lucado.

When asked why he wanted to write a book and

why now, Franklin stated his "hard knocks" inspired the book, which is about balancing life. And according to him nothing is off limits. He discusses marriage, finances and sex.

"God's does not want us to put living on hold during life's storms" Franklin explains, "God wants us to live above the storm."

And Franklin seems to be not only living but also flying above life. Currently, you can catch him on BET's *Sunday's Best*; one of the highest rated Christian television shows. He is also active in the social networking arena as he regularly tweets with over 72,000 followers at [twitter.com/KIRKFRANKLIN](http://twitter.com/KIRKFRANKLIN).

So, how does someone with so much going on live above the storm without flying off into celebrity? Well,

Franklin credits his "dope wife" and the fact that he is surrounded by people who do not care about what he is doing.

Franklin, is a winner of numerous honor including Grammys and NAACP awards. Also the author of the memoir, *Church Boy*:

*My Music & My Life*, he lives in Texas with his wife, Tammy, and their four children. Fans can meet Franklin at the upcoming book signing for *The Blueprint: A Plan For Living Above Life's Storms* in Garland, Monday May 24 at the Barnes & Noble Firewheel

Towne Center located at 190 Cedar Sage Drive Unit #BB01. For more information call 972-496-2000.

*Editor's note: Last week's edition incorrectly stated the book signing was scheduled for May 17. We apologize for any inconvenience.*

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school of the performing arts in Se Kingdom.

Micah and Heidi's non-profit, "Operation I Believe, Inc" a 501 (c) (3) organization, launched in 2006 with platforms that include humanitarian and outreach initiatives.

Micah has been featured in *Ebony*, *Upscale*, *Charisma* and a host of

other magazines. He is a regular musical guest on TBN's *Praise The Lord* and has performed on BET Celebration of Gospel, Gospel Music Channel, World Network and INSP Christian Networks. AOL Black Voices named Micah as "one of the Top 10 Gospel Geniuses." Micah is currently a Benny Hinn

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# Operation Hand Salute helps disabled-veteran businesses

(NDG Wire) AT&T recently announced the launch of Operation Hand Salute (OHS), a new supplier diversity program designed to mentor and develop Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBES). The year-long program will match current AT&T suppliers and various industry experts and community leaders with a select group of California DVBES and help coach and position them towards the next level of success.

The term "Hand Salute" signifies AT&T's longstanding leadership in developing and promoting DVBES and increasing contracting op-

portunities. AT&T's goal is to spend 1.5 percent of its total purchases with DVBES, a group of businesses who have historically proven to be valuable business solution providers in AT&T's supply chain.

"DVBES possess unique leadership skills and a remarkable mission-focused ethic that enable companies like AT&T to succeed and provide world class products and services. Some of this comes from their top-notch military training," said Tim Harden, AT&T president of Supply Chain and Fleet Operations. "At AT&T, we are proud of our legacy and will continue to

work with value-add suppliers, thought-leaders and stakeholders to promote supplier diversity."

OHS's goal is to address the challenges DVBES face in the marketplace and provide them with the necessary tools to improve their business operations and subsequently their ability to win corporate contracts.

The year-long program will match seven qualified mentees with two mentors - a current AT&T supplier and an AT&T employee that is on the Operation Hand Salute Task Force. Members of the Operation Hand Salute Task Force include AT&T Supply Chain &

Fleet Operations experts, veterans of the armed forces, and members of AT&T's Global Supplier Diversity team. The diversity of experience and background will help program participants achieve success.

John Lopez, founder and President of the Association for Service Disabled Veterans, is the subject matter expert consultant of OHS and will conduct formal training sessions as well as coach the DVBE busi-

nesses.

OHS will offer dynamic workshops covering everything from quality certification to a thorough overview of global procurement processes and corporate supply chain requirements. At the end of the program, mentees will be better positioned to register for TL 9000 certification, a quality management system designed to meet the supply chain quality requirements of the telecommunications industry.

"This is about finding more diverse vendors and suppliers to help support our California business," said Ken McNeely, President, AT&T California. "For the next year we're stepping up our help to disabled veteran business owners, so they can improve their operations and navigate the complex certification process required of them. We expect it will result in more businesses joining our supply chain and will help disabled veterans in a significant way."

## Wave IMS celebratory ribbon cutting

(NDG Wire) A celebratory ribbon cutting and reception was held Tuesday, May 18 to mark the membership of Wave Integrated Marketing Solutions in the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

"Wave is excited to celebrate the beginning of this relationship. Involvement in local chambers and in the

community is a cornerstone of the values of our business" says Wave IMS CEO & Principal, Regina Caffey. Wave IMS began in 2008 and recently added an in-house Creative Division. Their clients include 7-Eleven, Omniflight, and Tenet Health System.

Wave assists companies in the use of social and

emerging communications and technology as a part of its advertising, marketing and branding strategy, combining time-tested methods of traditional solutions with the evolving resources of Web 2.0. For more information, contact Regina Caffey at 214-379-7470 or regina.caffey@waveims.com

## Richardson sales tax receipts see a modest increase

(NDG Wire) The City of Richardson announced last week that for the first time in a long time they actually had positive news on the economic front, with an increase in their April sales tax collections. The total was \$2,469,163, an increase of \$497,037 or 25.2% over

last year's actual collections. The "base to base" collections increased \$350,469 or 16.5% when compared to last May.

With seven months complete, year-to-date collections are up \$1,220,861 or 9.1% over last year, while the "base to base"

collections are up \$361,588 or 2.7% for the year.

This is the second month this year where actual "base to base" collections exceeded last year's.

Stating it was far too early to call it a trend, but it is at least a move in a positive direction.

## HARRISON

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higher education groups; they are really appreciative of our preconstruction services."

Harrison and the rest of Skiles' executive team - Dwayne Hodges, executive vice president; Glenn Nihart, executive director; and Jimmy Mays, chairman of the board - expect more growth in these areas for the company, both locally and out-of-state.

One in the works is an addition to Mimbres Memorial Hospital in Deming, N.M. Harrison said the Mimbres project was a strategic one for Skiles Group, helping the company expand into other states. Also, Skiles started a hospital project in Wyoming recently and is scheduled to start new projects in New Mexico and Arizona.

Skiles also was awarded

the new building addition to Crosspoint Church in McKinney, which will serve as the children's building.

"We expect to see more growth at Skiles Group," Harrison said. "For us, that means continuing to provide high quality services and taking on additional out-of-state projects, which will allow us to expand into other markets."

## EVENT

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division. "This weekend's 'How To Buy a Home' event co-hosted by the Urban League and KB Home is an opportunity for Dallas-area residents to get their important questions answered in a relaxed, no-pressure environment."

"While homeownership represents the 'American

Dream' for many individuals, it is a dream deferred for many families. Caught in a cycle of making high rent payments, families often find it impossible to achieve the financial stability necessary to buy their own home," said Beverly Mitchell Brooks, PhD, President and CEO of the Urban League. "We hope

this event helps individuals set up a plan to assist them in achieving the dream of home ownership."

To RSVP or for information about the event on Saturday, May 22, call 888-KB-HOMES or visit [www.kb-home.com](http://www.kb-home.com). To contact the Urban League, call 214-915-4639.

## PROFILING

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people based on color and accent, not mandating it. Laws that encourage discrimination have no place in this country anywhere for anyone."

"Subjecting human beings to discrimination and punishment based upon race and accent is morally offensive, unconstitutional and un-American," said Wilbert Nelson, the president of the NAACP Arizona State Conference "We will fight vigorously to make sure this poisonous law never takes effect. It is part of a menacing return to racial discrimination and the beginning of a slippery slope. Right after this hate law was passed, a statute banning the ethnic studies in our school was passed."

The lawsuit charges that the Arizona law unlawfully interferes with federal power and authority over immigration matters in vio-

lation of the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution; invites racial profiling against people of color by law enforcement in violation of the equal protection guarantee and prohibition on unreasonable seizures under the Fourteenth and Fourth Amendments; and infringes on the free speech rights of day laborers in violation of the First Amendment. A number of other states are considering similar laws.

Several prominent law enforcement groups, including the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police, oppose the law because it diverts limited resources from law enforcement's primary responsibility of providing protection and promoting public safety in the community and undermines trust and cooperation between local police and immigrant communities.

"As a former police officer, many of us in law enforcement want to ensure that the resources of the police are put into fighting serious crime and not turn them into federal immigration agents," said Reverend Oscar Tillman, president of the Maricopa County Branch (Phoenix, Arizona). "It can jeopardize security when victims or witnesses to crime are afraid to talk to police because they might be targeted by this law."

The coalition filing the lawsuit includes the NAACP, the American Civil Liberties Union, MALDEF, National Immigration Law Center (NILC), ACLU of Arizona, National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON) and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) - a member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice.

# First Baptist Church of Dallas members commit over \$115 million to recreate downtown campus

(NDG Wire) The 143-year-old First Baptist Church of Dallas last week capped a six-month capital campaign announcing that congregational response totaled \$115,062,000 – enabling the church to recreate its downtown campus for 21st century ministry. This represents the largest monetary amount ever pledged for a Protestant church building program in the U. S., according to consultants.

An overflow crowd of nearly 2,800 – many arriving more than two hours early to get a seat – packed the 1,600-seat sanctuary and three additional venues in the Criswell Center during a special single morning service, to be a part of this historic announcement and celebrate God's provision to move forward with development plans for an unprecedented facility.

"Success is a matter of perspective," said Dr. Robert Jeffress, First Baptist Dallas pastor. "But regardless of what measurement you use, God has granted us tremendous success today."

Referring to God's provision for the Israelites in the Old Testament account of their Exodus from Egypt, Dr. Jeffress added, "For generations to come, people will look at May 16, 2010 as a day that God parted the Red Sea and did a miracle for the people of First Baptist Church of Dallas."

tist Church of Dallas."

Highlights of the new campus will include a 3,000-seat, state-of-the-art worship center, a fountain plaza with a water tower topped by a cross, a new education building, hundreds more parking spaces and a sky bridge across St. Paul Street that will tie the different parts of the new campus into a unified whole. The historic sanctuary, which dates to 1890, will be retained as a site for weddings, funerals and other special events, and its steeple will be restored to its original height.

The new campus completes the circle of resources meeting the mind, body and spirit of the residents of Dallas, as First Baptist Dallas continues to be a shining beacon in the heart of the City for years to come. Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, a member of the congregation and champion for the revitalization of downtown, noted the project will not only benefit church members, but will benefit everyone in the community, by providing an open and inviting atmosphere and additional parking.

"This is a critical and important investment in downtown Dallas," Mayor Leppert said during a previous press conference. "It will have an impact on this community and what we're trying to accomplish of cre-

ating more of an urban setting that is vibrant and exciting and brings people downtown. This is going to be an exciting effort, not only in terms of Sunday but all the other different activities and what it will contribute." If all goes according to plan, groundbreaking will be July 11, with construction completed in the spring of 2013.

"I am excited, not only about what this does for the Church, but also what it does for the downtown area," said Mayor Leppert, standing with Dr. Jeffress at a post announcement news conference. "This is an important part of what we are doing. There are so many great things going on, and this is near the top of the list."

The vision of recreating a new campus has been one the church has held for many years, with past leaders – including Dr. W.A. Criswell – sharing the dream. In November, Dr. Jeffress announced a formal campaign to make it a reality, highlighting a proposed design. Despite capital campaign experts' estimations that the church could only raise approximately \$39 million, based on its annual budget, Dr. Jeffress shared a God-given vision for an impressive \$130 million campus, announcing the church had already received commitments for \$62 million.

"These past six months have been a time of great spiritual growth and sacrificial giving for our church," said Dr. Jeffress. "We can tell you story after story of families who felt God calling them to give 'x' amount and did so obediently. Often, this gift was more than they thought they could initially sacrifice, but because of their obedience, God provided a supernatural blessing. This campaign's success is not due to one man's gift. It is due to all of God's people giving sacrificially and obediently."

The congregation heard two testimonies, including 9-year-old Nathan Denman, who raised \$505 in a garage sale of his toys. "You taught

me that God sacrificed His son, Jesus, and a real sacrifice meant giving up something you love," the young man told Dr. Jeffress from the pulpit.

Throughout the campaign, Dr. Jeffress and the architects refined the original design to ensure it was family-friendly and efficient while meeting all the church's needs. Even before the pledges were made, the architects made minor changes to the design to improve its functionality without affecting ministry capacity and reduced the total cost of the campus plan to \$115 million.

"This capital campaign is not an end in itself," Dr. Jeffress said. "The ultimate goal has always been to

transform our campus in a way that would glorify God and better equip the church for 21st century ministry. God understands the needs of First Baptist better than any of us, and He knew all along what the outcome of this campaign would be; He never has a Plan B. All that we have belongs to Him – our Creator – and He has blessed us with a great gift, which we will use to further convey His glory. We look forward to seeing how He will continually play a hand in His church's future as we move forward with this project."

For more information or to see video of Sunday's service, visit [www.firstdallas.org](http://www.firstdallas.org).

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station and zap goes another 20 percent.

Eventually there you are pumping gasoline into your car. That oil which originally cost about \$1 a gallon as raw oil is now hitting you for \$8 dollars.

If there is a VAT most of you have probably already bought your last car. Let's say Ford now has a car they manufacture and sell to dealers for about \$25,000. With the VAT in place the taxation of all the parts assembled to that one car would take it up to approximately \$40,000. When the dealer buys it the VAT would take it up to \$48,000. When you select the car from the dealer the final VAT will take the cost up to \$57,600. That will take a family car to areas reserved for the rich and powerful only. The population of the rich and famous is going to shrink in this nation. We will quickly be going to European standards – very old money wealth for a few and massive socialistic nanny state kept population of the masses.

May God save us from the plight of Europe and other socialistic societies. Remember, millions of Europeans fled that system to come and enjoy our form of capitalism.

Why on earth would our politicians try to emulate something that doesn't work? The answer to that question is really rather simple. They want absolute power. Absolute power reserves the wealth for them and makes us indebted to them and destined to a future of servitude. This is a power grab, a supreme power grab and America's democracy is threatened.

It is time for us to make it very clear to those who want to control us and reduce our nation into servitude, we will fight and rebel via a super flushing at the election polls this fall. If they can't reduce taxes between now and November, then it becomes the responsibility of the voters to fire them all. That's right – don't fight to keep them from raising taxes,

demand they actually lower them! They have gone too far already.

Imagine a nation with no income taxes and no corporate taxes. The citizens would have serious money to purchase, invest and save. Corporations would have no taxes to pass on to the consumers. The cost of living would significantly drop. This ideal nation would simply have a national sales tax on the end users of all products. The more you have; the more you spend and the greater the tax coffers will be to fund the nation.

You may say I am dreaming. But if any great people can save this world, it will be those living in America. Watch out when they start talking about the VAT. Your future will be at stake.

*Alford is the co-founder, president/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce®. Website: [nationalbcc.org](http://nationalbcc.org). Email: [halford@nationalbcc.org](mailto:halford@nationalbcc.org).*

## Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson launches new cable show



Eddie Bernice Johnson

(NDG Wire) Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson's cable show has a new look and a new name.

*The Washington Report* is a weekly cable show created to educate and inform the Congressional 30th District on current issues that directly affect their communities.

The show's guests range from political leaders to community activists and premiers in May of 2010 on Dallas City News Network (DCNN) Channel 16.

Air dates and times: Thursday, May 20th – 9 p.m., Friday, May 20th – 8:30 a.m. and Saturday, May 21st – 9:30 a.m.



# Historic celebration in downtown Garland

(NDG Wire) On Saturday, May 22, the Dallas County Historical Commission and the City of Garland will dedicate the official Texas Historical Marker for the Bankhead Highway in Garland.

The historic John H. Bankhead National Highway was one of the earliest American auto trails that connected Washington, D.C to San Diego, California. This

highway connects through 14 states stretching across 3,000 miles coast to coast. Last year, Garland City Council members John Willis and Laura Perkins Cox worked with State Rep. Carol Kent to officially name the Bankhead Highway a historical road. On June 9, 2009, House Bill 2644 was passed by the House and Senate and signed into law on June 19, 2009 by Governor Rick Perry.

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15, 2010 at 11:00 am at the District Office for an  
estimate of \$299,383.50.

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OF EXISTING CONCRETE PAV in TARRANT  
County, etc will be received on June 15, 2010  
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June 15, 2010 at 11:00 am at the District Office  
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**AVENUE F CHURCH  
OF CHRIST IN PLANO**  
**May 22, 12 p.m.**

Join us for a "Between Jobs Support Group" meeting at the Christian Works for Children, 6320 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240. Call 972-960-99810 to register.

**May 22**

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"FIRST CHURCH"**  
**June 4 - August 13,  
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Registration for those persons interested is now going on for our Bowling League at the AMF Richardson Lanes, 2101 N. Expressway, Richardson, Texas 75080, 972-231-2695 that is sponsored by our Athletic Ministry. Call the church for fees and other details.

**June 8, 11:30 a.m.**  
Join us for our Living A Legacy Luncheon honoring our Senior Sisters & Caregivers at our Family Life Center, 210 Abrams Street

in Richardson, Texas (down the street (east) from our main building. Call the church for luncheon fees and other details.

**Pastor Gregory Foster,  
300 Phillips Street  
Richardson, TX 75081  
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**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
OF THE COLONY**  
**June 6, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

You're invited to our Annual Stewardship And Entrepreneur Conference for students ages 12 to 18 years. The keynote speaker is Dr. Randal Pinkett, an entrepreneur, author, Chairman and CEO of BCT Partners, and a Season 4 winner of "The Apprentice" Television show. The conference will be in our C. Paul McBride Family Life Center.

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**May 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
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**May 26, 12 p.m.- 1 p.m.**  
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You are invited to visit our Job Resource Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in our Computer Training Room in the Educational Building.

**May 22, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
You're invited to a FREE Family Event as the Dallas Police Department Northeast Division presents the 2010 Kids Safety Fair at 9915 E. Northwest Highway in Dallas. Parking will be at Northwest Highway at ht Audelia Road. There will food, fun and more.

**Dr. Robert Price, Sr.,  
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**Dr. Leslie W. Smith,  
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**SHILOH MBC  
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**June 12, 7 p.m.**

Young men of Shiloh ages 10 and up are invited to a Frisco Rough Riders baseball game at the Dr. Pepper Ballpark in Frisco, TX and is sponsored by our Brotherhood Ministry and the Junior Laymen. Call Bro. Rusty Glenn at 214-870-8496 or Bro. Willie Rivers at 972-922-9190 before June 9th for complete details, registration and fees.

**June 14-18**

Come to The Step and Go Green for Jesus - Vacation Bible School 2010 Bible course; it seeks to encourage youth and adults toward good stewardship of everything that God has given. Student registration is after each service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Dr. Isaiah Joshua, Jr.  
Senior Pastor**  
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Plano, TX 75074

972-423-6695

**SAINT MARK MBC  
IN MCKINNEY**  
**May 25, 7 p.m.**

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**Dr. Charles Wattley  
Senior Pastor**  
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(NDG Wire) The Richardson Independent School District (RISD) has awarded the Animal Shelter with its 'Distinguished Business Award' for outstanding community service for transitional and vocational students.

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Sister Tarpley

## Definition of a Friend

In kindergarten my idea of a good friend was the person who let me have the crayon that I liked best when it was the last one left.

In first grade my idea of a good friend was the person who went to the bathroom with me as I walked through the big scary halls.

In second grade my idea of a good friend was the person who helped me stand up to the class bully.

In third grade my idea of a good friend was the person who shared his/her lunch with me when I forgot mine at home.

In fourth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who was willing to switch square dancing partners in gym so that I wouldn't have to be stuck dancing with a person I didn't like.

In fifth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who saved a seat for me on the bus and in the classroom.

In sixth grade my idea of a friend was the person who went up to a person that I had a crush on and asked him/her to dance with me, so that if he/she said no, I wouldn't have to be embarrassed.

In seventh grade my

idea of a friend was the person who let me copy the homework when I forgot to do it.

In eighth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who helped me pack my stuffed animals and didn't laugh when I broke out in tears.

In ninth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who would go to a party with me so I would have someone to talk to.

In tenth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who changed his/her schedule so that I would have someone to sit with at lunch.

In eleventh grade my idea of a good friend was the person who gave me rides in his/her new car, convinced my parents that I shouldn't be grounded, consoled me when I broke up with my boy/girlfriend and helped find me a date to the prom.

In twelfth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who helped me pick out a college/university, assured me that I would get into that college/university, helped me deal with my parents who were having a hard time adjusting to the idea of letting me go.

At graduation my idea of a good friend was the person who was crying on

the inside but managed the biggest smile one could give as he/she congratulated me.

The summer after twelfth grade my idea of a good friend was the person who helped me clean the house after my party, assured me that I could make it through anything and silently hugged me as I looked through blurry eyes at 18 years of memories that I was leaving behind, and finally on those last days of childhood went out of his/her way to give me reassurance that I was loved by family and friends.

Now my idea of a good friend is still the person who gives me the better of the two choices, prays with me when I am scared of what life has in store for me, thinks of me at times when I am not there, reminds me of what I have forgotten, helps me put the past behind me but understands when I need to hold on to it a little longer. Stays with me so that I have confidence, goes out of his/her way to make time for me, helps me deal with pressure from others, smiles for me when I am sad, helps me become a better person and most importantly loves me. Jesus is the best friend I ever had! --Author Unknown.

**Something to Ponder—The Road to Success:** The road to success is not straight, there are curves called failures, loops called confusion.

There are speed bumps called friends, red lights called enemies, caution lights called a family.

You will have flats called problems, but if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called success!



Picture of The Week  
Happy 6th Birthday Philip Lott

## McKinney park dedication ceremony

(NDG Wire) A dedication ceremony is scheduled to celebrate the opening of Carey Cox Memorial Park, McKinney's newest neighborhood school park. The public and surrounding community is invited to join the ceremony on Wednesday, May 26 at 3:15 p.m. at the 10-acre park, located at 1611 Stonebridge Dr. near Wilmeth Elementary School. The Wilmeth Elementary School 4th and 5th grade school choirs will provide musical entertainment at the event, which will recognize the contributions of the late Carey Cox to the community.

"Our neighborhood school parks create a sense

of identity within a neighborhood by offering a place for recreating as a community. They also allow us to honor important McKinney citizens who have had an impact on our city's parks, like Carey Cox," said Steve Brainerd, Parks Development Superintendent. "Like all of McKinney's 24 neighborhood parks, Carey Cox Memorial Park is a place where families and school children can enjoy exercise in the outdoors."

Carey Cox Memorial Park features significant topographic relief, two age-appropriate playgrounds, climbing boulders, swings, pavilion with picnic tables, jogging trails, extensive tree

plantings and turf grass areas suitable for play.

The park is named after the late Carey Cox, a longtime McKinney resident and civil servant who was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 2001. In 1982, he opened the McKinney-based Carey Cox Company, a real estate organization. This company still operates in McKinney with sons David and Bill Cox active in the business.

The Parks, Recreation offices are located in the northwest portion of Carey Cox Memorial Park. Contact the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department at 972-47-7480 for more information.



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# Local cosmetology programs donate hair clippings to help oil spill recovery effort

*Hair shipped to nonprofit group to be used for booms and mats to contain growing Gulf spill*

(NDG Wire) Remington College-Dallas Campus and Remington College-Fort Worth Campus are joining in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill recovery effort in an unconventional way.

The campus Cosmetology Programs are sending hair clippings to a San Francisco nonprofit group that uses the material to make eco-friendly booms and mats to contain oil spills.

The charity, called Mat-



ter of Trust, is organizing shipments of hair to 15 locations in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and

Florida.

Phil McCrory on the *Matter of Trust* website explains, "You shampoo your hair because it gets greasy. Hair is

very efficient at collecting oil out of the air, off surfaces like your skin and out of the water, even petro-

leum oil."

Remington College Cosmetology students and staff are now sweeping up the hair from the salon floors and saving it in bags and boxes for shipment.

"This is a great, environmentally-friendly way to try and combat this massive problem," said Gregg Falcon, Remington College-Fort Worth Campus President. "We're happy to pitch in and help."

All Remington College salons across the country are saving and sending their hair clippings.

The group is also taking donations of pet fur, wool,

horse hair, feathers and washed nylons. People can sign up to donate at: <http://www.matteroftrust.org/programs/hairmatsinfo.html#salons>.

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