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Garland shelter for young women destroyed in fire *Fundraiser scheduled for November 20*

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Anna's House, a non-profit residential shelter for young women, caught fire the night of Nov. 9, leaving four teen females and an adult woman homeless.

Sponsors are seeking

the community's assistance in securing temporary living accommodations for these women. They are also in need of donations of food, clothing and money.

"These girls are currently in school, not in the streets, not on drugs, doing

something positive with their lives, and trying to recover from past failures," said Eva Miles, director at Anna's House.

"Until this setback all were doing well, and we are trying our best to keep it that way. Our program

equips women and teen girls to get back in to society with the training and tools they need to function as productive citizens.

Miles said, "We never turn away anyone in need,

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Single moms gift drive kicks off



A single mom in North Texas.

(NDG Wire) Gifts For Moms is kicking off the second annual gift drive for single mothers. This year, the group is hoping to collect 500 gifts and cards for mothers parenting children alone in North Texas.

"When you help a mother, you help her children, which ultimately helps heal the world," said Hazel

Alterman, co-founder of Gifts For Moms. "When you lift a mother's spirit, she passes on that energy to her children, who in turn gift the world with their own positive spirit. When a mother is down, the children suffer; a simple act of kindness has a ripple effect that knows no bounds."

Group organizers are

asking North Texas residents for gifts valued upwards of \$25 for the moms. "We want to give them gifts that will make them feel special and appreciated," said Ms. Ward. "We are looking for nice pajamas, robes, slippers, perfume, jewelry and gift certificates. A number of area

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Be a Santa to a Senior holiday gift giveaway again brings cheer to area older adults

(NDG Wire) The popular campaign in 2008 delivered more than 2,000 of gifts to local needy seniors and is being planned again this holiday season. Area retailers, along with agencies that serve older adults, have partnered with a local



senior-care service to ensure isolated seniors receive gifts and companionship

through the "Be a Santa to a Senior" program.

The Central Dallas area office of Home Instead Senior Care, the world's largest provider of non-medical home care and companionship for older adults, has joined Seniors Net, The

Alzheimer's Association's Dallas Chapter, Buckner Retirement Village, City of Dallas Office of Senior Affairs, and Community Council of Greater Dallas, to provide presents to sen-

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Collin College Foundation honors local living legends



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One in four in the church pew

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

(NNPA) - Pretend you are on a church pew. Worshipping, eight of you. If you are sitting in a Black church, two of you eight do not have a job.

Multiply that by the whole church. The two in eight number gets even worse. Someone sitting jobless is connected to a family with a job, a family who feels connection and responsibility, a need to help.

The family member with the job is more frightened than frightened can be.

Pookie needs a loan, and she can offer it today, but what will happen tomorrow to Pookie and the family. The entire extended family is traumatized by Pookie's job loss.

Pookie, of course, is a Black man. Unemployment has hit Pookie and Tanya harder than it has hit the entire population, but it has hit all of us hard. The double-digit unemployment rate which was released on Friday, 10.2 percent, is a lovely fiction, a glossing

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Monique McKenzie

NDG Wire) Monique Brown McKenzie, MBA is a multi-talented executive /journalist who has developed into a dynamic sought after public speaker dedicated to revitalizing the economy by saving and preserving America's black small businesses. This mother of three travels the country providing blackpreneurs with the tools they need to survive and thrive during these economic times.

Monique, known as the finest matchmaker in business, is currently the presi-

dent of Small Business Boot Camp. Her company plays matchmaker to small businesses by directly connecting these enterprises to the proper resources, tools, professionals, and education to grow and prosper. The Charlotte-based firm accomplishes this through one-on-one consultations, customized on-site training, networking events, publications, various online tools, and other cutting-edge techniques.

Monique also hosts The McKenzie Business Forum. The radio program, spon-

sored by Small Business Boot Camp, features business experts as well as successful business owners that educate listeners on how they can implement innovative strategies to boost brand awareness, expand their customer base, and increase profits. This venture allows her to capitalize on her experience as a prior host on New York's 107.9 News and Views radio segment.

Monique is most known for her work as an author and journalist. Her book, *It's a sistah thing: A guide to understanding and dealing with fibroids for black*

women, has gained worldwide recognition. She's also ghostwritten several books for physicians and other business professionals. In addition, the award-winning journalist is a weekly columnist for the Charlotte Post and has written hundreds of articles for publications nationwide, including the Charlotte Weekly, Today's Charlotte Woman, the Union County Weekly, Essence, Heart & Soul, Honey, Jewel, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Black Enterprise, Diversity Inc., Next Step, the School Library Journal, Suburban Styles, Silhouette, and Real



Health.

Beyond that, Monique has spent several years teaching in the graduate program for Long Island University and for the Small Business Administration.

She has been featured on Fox News (NYC), KISS

FM (NYC), the Sacramento Bee Newspaper, The Philadelphia Tribune, The New York Times, Today's Black Woman, Essence Magazine, Heart & Soul Magazine, Upscale magazine, Black Issues Book Review, KJLH radio in Los Angeles, and other media outlets.

Monique received her master's degree from Long Island University and her undergraduate degree from Bernard M. Baruch College.

To join the Small Business Boot Camp Network, visit www.smallbusiness-bootcamp.biz.

Victoria D'Amate Moran

San Francisco native Victoria D'Amato Moran started in the restaurant business in 1984, working under Jeremiah Tower, at his 4-star restaurant, Stars.

She is the daughter of a North Beach bartender, and is directly related to the historic fishing industry at the Fisherman's Warf. D'Amato-Moran's family was always cooking, making wine, grappa's and vinegar, so naturally, she grew up in

the kitchen.

In 2000, she was managing a bar for her cousin in North Beach, and she knew then that bartending and inventing new drinks would be her art.

She entered and won her first drink competition in 2003, she was hooked. Eight successful competitions later, she continues to thrive on visualizing and creating delicious and beautiful drinks. D'Amato-



Moran has been recognized for her work in *Santé Mag-*

azine, Wine Enthusiast, San Francisco Magazine, and is a bi-monthly cocktail contributor to *Un Buona Salute Italian Magazine*.

D'Amato Moran has won several awards and they include:

- March 2009: 1st place, 2009 Battle of the Mixologists La Vegas for *Southern Wine & Spirits & Night Club & Bar Magazine*
- October 2008: 1st place winner for Whiskey competition
- February 2008 Shake

it Up: Battle of the Mixologists - Las Vegas. 5th place winner out of 29 Bartenders.

• November 2007: 1st place, SKYY Vodka Holiday Drink Contest.

• January 2007: 1st place, Aperol Drink Recipe Contest held at Rye sponsored by Aperol, Southern Wine & Spirits.

• April 2006: 3rd place winner for the "Long Drink" Cocktail Competition for the USBG World Cocktail Competition.

• October 2005: 1st

place, Fancy Cocktail Competition for Pitu Cachaca sponsored by USBG.

• August 2005 : 2nd place, 10 Cane Rum Drink Competition hosted by Tony Abou-Ganim, The Modern Mixologist.

• April 2005 : 2nd place, Navan Cognac drink recipe contest for "original drink."

• November 2003: 3rd place in the VOX Vodka Drink recipe contest for The Leukemia/Lymphoma Foundation. Also received the People's Choice Award.

Cecil Williams

(NDG Wire) A minister, a businessman and a Christian non profit founder are among those who received the Southern Methodist University Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor the university bestows upon its graduates.

The 2009 recipients in-

clude Frederick B. Hegi, Jr., Joe T. White and Cecil Williams. Amanda R. Dunbar will receive the Emerging Leader Award, which recognizes an outstanding alumnus or alumna who has graduated within the last 15 years. The Distinguished Alumni Award banquet and ceremony occurred at the Hilton Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Frwy.

Cecil Williams is a minister and activist for social change. Under his 45-year leadership of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco, the church has grown to a membership of more than 11,000 and has be-

come one of the nation's most racially and culturally diverse congregations. His vision for the 21st-century church can be seen in Glide's blend of spirituality, principled compassion and cutting-edge programs for those in need.

Located in one of San Francisco's toughest neighborhoods, Glide is known worldwide for its outreach to society's poor and marginalized, including the homeless, those with HIV/AIDS, people recovering from substance abuse, the unemployed and victims of domestic violence. Williams currently serves as Minister of Liberation at Glide.

Williams was one of SMU's first five African-American students, entering Perkins School of Theology in 1952 and graduating in 1955. He has returned to the

campus on several occasions as a speaker and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from SMU in 1997.

Williams has been recognized by numerous publications and organizations as a national voice for justice and human rights. He and Glide were featured in *The Pursuit of Happyness*, a 2006 film starring Will Smith. Williams also received the 2008 National Caring Award presented by the Caring Institute in Washington, D.C.

Joe T. White started the Christian-oriented camps called Kanakuk Kamps, which are summer camps dedicated to helping adolescents achieve their greatest potential. Since 1976, he and his wife, Debbie Jo, have operated the camps in Missouri. The camps host 20,000 campers and 2,500

college-age and professional staff members each summer.

White earned a B.S. de-

gree in biology from SMU in 1970. He has received

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Criminal, civil Medicaid fraud teams protect Texas taxpayers

BY GREG ABBOTT

TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is committed to protecting taxpayers. With that goal in mind, we are focused on eliminating waste, fraud and abuse in the \$21 billion Medicaid program, which provides taxpayer-funded health care to low-income Texans.

There are two fronts to our ongoing battle against Medicaid fraud.

On the criminal side, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) investigates and prosecutes health care providers and vendors who bill the taxpayers for services that were never rendered. The criminal component of our Medicaid fraud prevention team includes 147 investigators and investigative auditors, of which 58 are commissioned peace officers who conduct complex fraud investigations from nine field offices across the state.

One important aspect of the MFCU's investigative work focuses on protecting Medicaid patients who reside in nursing homes. Together with local law enforcement officials, the MFCU has conducted criminal investiga-

tions into illegal conduct by nursing home employees who neglected or abused their patients. We have also cracked down on staff members who abused their positions by stealing from their elderly patients' bank accounts. These enforcement efforts both protect nursing home patients and ensure the taxpayers are not footing the bill for illegal conduct.

Our work to reduce improper Medicaid expenditures has a civil component as well. In 1997, the Texas Legislature passed a law that encourages whistleblowers to expose – and therefore prevent unlawful billing practices by Medicaid vendors. Thanks to a legislatively-mandated expansion in 1997, our Civil Medicaid Fraud (CMF) section has become an entire division with more than 50 employees.

The majority of CMF cases pursued in Texas state courts involve the improper reporting of drug prices by pharmaceutical companies. State and federal law requires that drug manufacturers report the prices at which they sell their products to various providers, including pharmacies, wholesalers and

distributors.

The Texas Medicaid program uses this pricing information to estimate the costs Medicaid providers pay to acquire the drug manufacturers' products. Medicaid providers bill the state-run program for these costs so the program uses the sales data to ensure taxpayers get the best possible price. Medicaid providers bill the state-run program for these costs, plus prescription dispensing fees, and Medicaid reimburses the providers. When a manufacturer reports inflated prices, the taxpayers are paying too much for Medicaid-provided prescription drugs.

Nationally, most of the cases alleging Medicaid fraud involve illegal marketing practices such as off label marketing and kickbacks. Off label marketing occurs when a drug manufacturer markets a drug for purposes other than those approved by law, primarily those approved by the Food and Drug Administration. CMF participates in national investigations of this conduct, and is also leading the nation in actively litigating against manufacturers who

illegally market their products.

CMF is also pursuing matters against manufacturers of unsafe products and pharmacy benefit managers that fail to comply with Texas' Medicaid laws and regulations.

Based upon its proven track record of successful cases and landmark settlements, CMF has established itself nationwide as a leader in the ongoing fight against Medicaid fraud and abuse.

Hard-working taxpayers help their less fortunate neighbors by funding the Medicaid program. So it is critical that each and every Medicaid dollar be spent providing health care to indigent Texans not funding fraudulent schemes. That is why civil litigators, criminal prosecutors and commissioned peace officers come to work at the Office of the Attorney General every day, where they work tirelessly to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicaid program.

To obtain more information about our efforts to fight Medicaid fraud, access the OAG Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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Was the Don Hill jury influenced by media?

BY FREDERICK D. LEWIS
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It Makes The Case For Mediation In Criminal Cases.

All of the defendants were convicted of multiple counts. However it has come to light that a newspaper with an article about the trial was in the jury room. On Friday November 13, 2009 Federal Judge Barbara

Lynn will hear arguments about "outside influence on the jury".

Needless to say people all over Dallas are split as to the verdict. Some people are of the opinion that the defendants were only doing city hall business the way others in Dallas were doing for years.

Others say that they got what they deserved because of an affair, while still other

people are expressing the opinion that the affair played a major role in the government's ability to manipulate the jury and obtain the convictions by playing on the value system of this southern bible belt jury.

There are many people who object to the attorney fees approximately \$750,000 paid to Ray Jackson the attorney for Don Hill and approximately \$750,000

paid to Victor Vital the attorney for Sheila Farrington Hill. Both lawyers were appointed by the court. What would some of these people would say if it was them on trial?

I was there for a good portion of the trial and say the performance of the lawyers in this no holds barred court room war and

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Plano house fire investigated as arson

(NDG Wire) Plano Fire Department crews responded to a house fire at 3317 Wolfe Court in the early morning hours on Monday, November 9. The cause of the fire was suspicious and the Fire Department

is currently working the fire as arson.

This house fire is believed to be an isolated event and Plano Arson Investigators believe the person or persons involved in setting the fire can be identified.

North Texas Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information critical to solving this case. Persons with facts related to this fire incident may remain anonymous, but are asked to call

Crime Stoppers at 877-373-8477 or ntcc.crimestopperweb.com. Anyone with details regarding the Wolfe Court fire can also contact the Plano Fire Department Fire Marshal at 972-941-7427.

10 things you don't know about massage therapy

(NDG Wire) Timeless and universal, massage therapy offers numerous health and therapeutic benefits that are proven to help conditions such as arthritis, migraines, back pain and even fibromyalgia.

More Americans are turning to therapeutic massage treatment for relaxation and tension relief from the daily stresses of their hectic lives, or simply for good health maintenance and a balanced lifestyle. Many people use massage as part of their wellness plan with much

success.

Massage Envy, the nation's largest massage therapy provider offers some eye-opening facts about this age-old wellness treatment:

1. Massage may be the oldest form of medical care - Egyptian tomb paintings show people being massaged.

2. As touch is the first sense to develop in humans and the last to fade, there are approximately 5 million touch receptors in our skin - 3,000 alone in a finger tip.

3. Almost one-fourth of adult Americans say they've



used massage therapy at least one time for pain relief.

4. While the use of massage is growing, the reasons people are turning to massage therapy are also expanding. Of the people sur-

veyed who had at least one massage in the last five years, 31 percent report they did so for health conditions such as pain management, injury rehabilitation, migraine control or overall wellness.

5. Any kind of touch stimulates the release of endorphins, the body's natural pain killers, which can reduce heart rate and lower blood pressure - imagine how good you would feel after a one-hour massage.

6. A study conducted by the Touch Research Institute at the University of

Miami School of Medicine showed that ongoing massage could lower anxiety, reduce pain, and improve grip strength for people suffering from arthritis.

7. Research indicates massage therapy can boost immunity and reduce hypertension.

8. Benefits of prenatal massage include increasing circulation, promoting relaxation, preparing the muscles for childbirth and enhancing joint flexibility.

9. A recent study by the American Massage Therapy Association showed

that in adults with migraine headaches massage therapy decreased the occurrence of headaches, sleep disturbances and distress symptoms. It also increased serotonin levels, believed to play an important role in the regulation of mood, sleep and appetite.

10. The number of hospitals offering massage therapy increased by 30 percent from 2004 to 2006. Sixty-seven percent of hospitals with massage therapy programs offer massage to their staff for stress management.

Clean teeth provide a healthier immune system leading to fewer colds

BY P., PIERO D.D.S.
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Respiratory infections flourish at this time of the year. The standard advice for the prevention of these sicknesses is to wash your hands and keep your immune system healthy by eating properly and exercising regularly. Washing your hands is one way of keeping the hundreds of different bacteria and viruses from getting into your system. Individuals with lower immune systems are more susceptible to infections, since your immune system helps to defend the body, if and when a virus or bacteria slip in.

In addition to the standard advice, a less publicized approach to healthy living and avoiding a respiratory infection is to keep your teeth clean. Here's why:

1. There are 400-500 species of bacteria that live in your mouth. Viruses can use bacteria as "factories" to grow and multiply. If a virus makes its way into your mouth (usually from touching your hands to your mouth or biting your nails), the fewer bacteria in your mouth, the less likely the virus will grow.

2. Periodontal disease is caused by plaque produc-

ing bacteria. The body in defense of the periodontal disease releases cytokines. These cytokines trigger your blood-making organs to constantly fight or defend themselves, thus weakening the body's immune system to fight other infections.

3. Periodontal disease is a potential contributing factor for respiratory diseases, according to the American Academy of Periodontology.

The bacteria that cause periodontal disease and are taxing your immune system are breeding right now in the perfect environment of your mouth. They love the cozy, moist, dark, warm and acidic ecosystem, which is constantly being fed by carbohydrates. The areas between the teeth are particularly good breeding grounds because the damaging bacteria thrive in the absence of oxygen. The bacteria grow rapidly - actually doubling their count every hour. There are more bacteria in your mouth than people on the planet Earth. The excrement or bi-product of the bacteria is what forms the sticky film that is a constant challenge to remove and what is called plaque.

Symptoms of periodontal infection are often not noticeable until the disease

is advanced. Some of the symptoms include: bad breath that will not go away, red or swollen gums, tender or bleeding gums, loose teeth, or sensitive teeth. A dentist can diagnose the disease in the early stages, prior to individuals realizing they have it. Because 85% of the population have some degree of periodontal disease, it is extremely important to get regular dental check ups. Professional cleanings at a dental office are recommended every six months. Periodontal disease is the most widespread disease on earth.

Visiting a dentist is only one half of the prevention equation. Daily home care is as important. Periodontal disease is prevented by thoroughly cleaning your teeth, requiring the removal of the resilient bacteria. A toothbrush does a good job in removing the bacteria from the high spots, but unfortunately, not in between teeth. In addition, most conscientious individuals who try to do a "better" job at cleaning their teeth, end up with toothbrush abrasion. This ridge between the tooth and gum line expose the root. The area then is sensitive to hot, cold, sweets and acids, and requires composites that must

be repeatedly replaced.

Flossing is important both in the prevention and the control of periodontal disease according to the American Dental Association (ADA). Because it is a laborious task to floss, most people don't. The ADA reported that only about 5% of the population actually flosses. In addition, only 18 - 35% of the plaque between teeth is removed when one does floss, according to The Journal of Clinical Periodontology.

Flossing can also move the contagious periodontal disease from an infected site to an uninfected site. Although oral irrigators are meant to replace flossing, they can't cut through plaque's sticky biofilm since they only use water.

Once afflicted, patients with periodontal disease control it by a disciplined and meticulous oral cleaning regimen, both at the dental office and at home. Professional treatment may require below the gum line scraping, three-month check ups instead of the traditional six-month, and a prescription oral rinse.

Oral health is critical to total health. There is evidence linking periodontal disease and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Dis-

ease (COPD), among which is emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Sixteen million Americans suffer from COPD and it is the 6th leading cause of mortality in the US. Studies published in the Journal of Periodontology found that patients with periodontal disease have a 1.5x greater risk of COPD.

The American Academy of Periodontology reported that, "Bacteria that grow in the oral cavity can be aspirated into the lung to cause respiratory diseases such as pneumonia, especially in people with periodontal dis-

ease." The bacteria that are multiplying in the mouth are not only being used as factories for the viruses but are also being breathed into the susceptible lungs.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services suggests that there are over 1 billion respiratory infections each year in the US. Avoid illness - wash your hands, keep them out of your mouth, eat healthy, exercise AND clean your teeth. Cleaning your teeth helps keep your immune system healthy.

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Tri-County Democratic Women Helping Women speakers announced

(NDG Wire) Three Democratic Women's Clubs from three counties are joining forces to present a conference and fundraiser benefiting shelters – one in each county – which serve women and children at risk of abuse.

The conference, *Women Helping Women*, is designed to raise awareness of domestic violence. Tiffany Coleman, director of Family Services at Friends of the Family in Denton County, will lead off the event by talking about signs of domestic abuse. Jan Langbein, executive director of Genesis Place in Dallas will address the legal is-

ssues surrounding domestic violence. Sharing what the public can do to help, will be Pat Tosi, CEO of Hope's Door in Plano.

The half-day conference will take place at Spring Creek Campus of Collin College on November 21 and will feature keynote speaker. The Honorable Carol Kent of the Texas State House of Representatives. As the Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Victim's Rights and Violence Against Women, Kent is uniquely qualified to speak about these issues and as well as to provide a legislative update.

President Barack

Obama has emphasized the need for all people to include service projects in their daily lives. This conference, sponsored by Democratic Women of Denton County, Texas Democratic Women of Collin County, and North Dallas Texas Democratic Women, is an answer to that call.

"We hope to encourage people to begin their holiday giving here, with the donation of items from the shelter's Wish Lists", and by knowing that all net proceeds of the event will be divided between the shelters" stated North Dallas Texas Democratic Women's

President, Lenna Webb.

The conference will be held November 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College Conference Rooms A & B, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano.

Registration fee is \$10.00 and includes continental breakfast. The net profits from registration fees and donations for door prizes will be split among the shelters. Cash or checks only on day of the event.

For more information visit www.NDDW.org/Women_Helping_Women.html or call Lenna Webb 972-732-7712.

KIP series addresses H1N1 virus

(NDG Wire) Over the past six months, no single news story has captured the attention of the public as much as the H1N1 virus, or swine flu.

For its ninth lecture, the Knowledge is Power (KIP) series will tackle swine flu

with a presentation titled *I Am Not a Pig. Why Do I Have the Swine Flu? The Evolution and Treatment of H1N1*.

The lecture is set from 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Preston Ridge Campus Event Center, 9700

Wade Blvd., in Frisco.

The presentation will be delivered by Dr. Nell Ard, the director of nursing at Collin College, and Dr. David Wood, professor of biology at Collin College.

Dr. Wood will focus on the biology of the evolution

of the H1N1 virus and possible vaccines. Dr. Ard will discuss precautions, manifestations and treatment of the virus.

The event is free and open to the public. A question-and-answer session will follow the lecture.

The No Limit Network is hosting a wine tasting event at Premier Wines of Plano

(NDG Wire) The No Limit Network, a business and social networking and marketing organization is hosting a Wine Tasting Event on Saturday, November 21 at Premier Wines of Plano, located at 1701 Summit Ave, Ste 12, Plano.

Valder Beebe, host of the *Valder Beebe Show* will be giving away some fantastic gifts at the wine tasting. Attendees can win gifts from *The Valder Beebe Show & Hershey's Bliss*. The first 12 guests (upon arrival) will receive a complimentary autographed Cook Book by Dallas Author Arlene Stolle, *Cooking Bouquet, Feeling At Home in the Kitchen*. Cookbook Give Away Sponsor: Brown Books

The No Limit Network Wine Tasting is only one of

many networking events hosted by The No Limit Network throughout the year. The No Limit Network was established to provide a wide and varied range of information solutions and resources to businesses and individuals, and provide a forum to network and share ideas.

The goals of the organization are to help promote businesses and community events, provide educational seminars, host special events and networking functions, and to keep consumers informed on the latest news, career and business opportunities, entertainment, events, finance, health & fitness information, sports, technology, exclusive specials and more.

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Dayspring Family Church will feed 7,000 people for Thanksgiving this year

(NDG Wire) This Thanksgiving holiday Dayspring Family Church in Irving has identified 1,000 families of seven who are in need of assistance in the City of Irving and surrounding cities with their Thanksgiving meal. Last year, Dayspring Family Church served more than 900 families of six (which is 5,400 people) and there were many more in need of help. Some of the families benefiting are from Irving Cares (a local helps organization), area Irving schools, single parents, senior citizens and many more.

Each Thanksgiving meal will consist of an 8-10 lb. turkey, 3 boxes of stuffing mix, 3 boxes of macaroni & cheese, 3 cans of green beans, corn or peas and one can of cranberry sauce.

"God has given the members of Dayspring Family Church, along with our pastors, Bishop Kevin Dickerson and Pastor Sonjia Dickerson, an awesome responsibility to feed GOD'S people in need. We believe if we work together, we can help meet the needs of our neighbors who are less fortunate", stated Dedra Dowd, a member of the Dayspring Family Church 2009 Thanksgiving Outreach Committee

The Dayspring Family Church will be distributing the Thanksgiving meals on Saturday, November 21, 2009. If you would like to partner with us to meet the needs of our neighbors who are less fortunate you may contact Dayspring Family Church office at (972) 399-PRAY

RFQ: Architectural and Engineering Services:

MCKINNEY HOUSING AUTHORITY (MHA) will accept qualifications for furnishing Architectural and Engineering Services for various housing developments of the Housing Authority of the City of McKinney. Responses will be received until 10:00 a.m. local time on Friday, November 20, 2009, at the Authority's Administrative Office at 1200 North Tennessee Street; McKinney, Texas 75069.

A copy of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) may be obtained during normal business hours (Monday through Thursday from 7:30am – 5:30pm) by contacting MHA at the address listed above or by emailing at bbentley@mckinneyha.org.

The Request for Qualifications contains specific submission requirements, anticipated scope and period of services required, as well as terms, conditions and other pertinent information necessary for submitting a response.

The following schedule will be applicable to this solicitation:

1st Public Advertisement: November 5, 2009
2nd Public Advertisement: November 12, 2009
RFQ Issue Date:
November 5, 2009
Pre-proposal Conference: November 13, 2009,
11:30am – 12:30pm CST
Submission Due Date: November 20, 2009, 10:00
a.m. CST
Anticipated Award Date December 1, 2009

Three from TWU named national role models

(NDG Wire) Texas Woman's University chemistry professor Dr. James Johnson, director of financial aid Governor Jackson and alumna Dr. Astra Sparks are among only 27 people in the U.S. named national role models by Minority Access, Inc., a non-profit educational organization.

Dr. Johnson was named a faculty role model for his contributions to increasing



Dr. James Johnson



Dr. Astra Sparks

the pool of minority biomedical researchers through teaching and mentoring.. Jackson was honored as a staff role model for his success helping minority students attend college.

Dr. Sparks was named an alumni role model for excellence in her profession. She currently serves as a scientific affairs liaison for the national pharmaceutical co-mpany Santarus, Inc., in Houston.

She received her MBA in 2009, her doctorate in molecular biology in 1998 and her master's in biology in 1995, all from TWU.

They received their awards during the recent Minority Access 10th Annual National Role Models Conference.

The conference was held in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of

Health.

Minority Access presents the annual Role Models Conference to focus the national spotlight on institutions and individuals who have excelled in producing and supporting minority researchers, particularly in the biomedical sciences and health-related fields, and their research efforts.

For information visit www.minorityaccess.org.

Grants for Irving charitable schools

(NDG Wire) Seven Irving ISD middle and high schools have each been awarded \$500 grants from the Meadows Foundation to implement a charitable schools project.

Schools and their faculty coordinators receiving grants are Irving High School, Tracy Womble; Nimitz High

School, Helen Bradley; Austin Middle School, Ellen Batchelor and Rhonda Parker; Bowie Middle School; Maria Work de Zavala Middle School, Karen Dendy and Wendy Bennett; Houston Middle School, Yvonne Beacham; and Lamar Middle School, Patty Donovan.

According to Nickie We-

aver, grant services director, each project will encourage and support youth volunteerism, develop student leadership skills and foster a sense of personal responsibility for the welfare of others.

Weaver said grant funds will support students as they plan and execute community service projects. The goal of

the projects is to empower students to discover, through

their own efforts, that they have the capacity to effect

change in the world.

Executive MBA program earns high marks

(NDG Wire) *The Financial Times* has ranked the UT Dallas School of Management Executive MBA program No. 1 among public universities in Texas.

Overall, the newly released rankings list the UT Dallas Executive MBA program No. 51 worldwide.

The annual *Financial Times* survey gauges the post-graduation effectiveness of Executive MBA programs around the world, focusing on criteria that include salary, career progress, faculty published research and aims achieved.

The results reflect an upward trend in recognition that the school is a highly competitive and influential institution offering one of the top MBA programs in

the world, said School of Management officials.

"Achieving this type of national recognition is very important for the School of Management and is truly impressive given that UT Dallas is only 40 years old," School of Management Assistant Dean Dr. Monica Powell said. "The School of Management and UT Dallas have obtained national recognition that generally takes a century to achieve."

Other ranked executive MBA programs in Texas include The University of Texas at Austin, Baylor University, Rice University and Southern Methodist University.

The Aspen Institute, a nonprofit devoted to enlightened leadership and

thoughtful discourse on critical issues, also recently released standings that place the School of Management among the Top 100 MBA programs and curriculums addressing social, ethical, environmental and sustainability topics.

UT Dallas is the only Texas university ranked in the biennial survey, "Beyond Grey Pinstripes," and it jumped to No. 64 this year, up from No. 86 in 2007.

"The Aspen Institute rankings reflect our commitment to engage – for our students' sakes – in the upkeep of the world we are training them to take over and improve as business leaders and innovators," Powell said.

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honorary doctorates from Southwest Baptist University in Missouri and Belhaven College in Mississippi, and has authored 22 books for parents and teens.

White expanded his Christian camping vision

by founding Kids Across America, which provides opportunities for 7,000 inner-city children, including some from West Dallas, to attend camp each summer. White also founded Cross International, a world

relief organization that cares for orphans and the impoverished in 30 Third World nations, and Men at the Cross, a national men's ministry that seeks to "end spiritual fatherlessness" in America.

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Mayor hosts "Evening In" with citizens

(NDG Wire) City of Garland Mayor Ronald Jones recently hosted his monthly Mayor's Evening In session with citizens in the Mayor's Office.

Topics included suggestions for 5th Street Crossing and the downtown square, and ques-

tions about the lake shore leasing agreements for the neighborhoods surrounding Lake Ray Hubbard. Council member Preston Edwards attended the meeting, as well, to address citizen questions and concerns.

If you are interested in

speaking with the Mayor about any topic relating to the City of Garland, the Mayor will host his next monthly Mayor's Evening Out event on November 19 at the South Garland Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

Homeowners workshop in Garland November 17

(NDG Wire) The City of Garland Fair Housing department is hosting a free home ownership and mortgage financing workshop on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 232 Carver Dr., Garland, Texas, 75040.

Topics slated to be covered include: Overview of home selection; Mortgage financing; Roles of the realtor, loan officer and title

company; Overview of taxes and insurance; and City of Garland home own-

ership programs and other first time home buyer opportunities.



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will tell anyone the lawyers were underpaid.

Lawyers and judges who attended or followed the trial said that Don Hill's biggest mistake was to get on the witness stand.

The jury has spoken but Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "The theory of our system is that the conclusion to be reached in

a case will be induced only by evidence and argument in open court, and not by any outside influence, whether private talk or public print."

If the judge throws out the convictions based on a presumption of prejudice there is still another question. Will the government retry the case? Or will it be

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retailers have signed on with drop boxes and gift registries in their stores. For those who want to donate but are not sure what to purchase, they

can either call one of the Gifts For Moms merchants or stop by their stores for a gift or gift certificate."

Annie Rolfe, single mother of a 14-year-old, received a gift last year and is elated that she will receive a gift again this year. "This program shows us that someone

cares. As a mom you often feel left out because you are always doing and taking care of everyone else. On Christmas it seems like no-one remembers you."

Last year the organization distributed 250 gifts during a huge Christmas party for single mothers and on the streets of South Dallas. The group finds moms through a number of social service agencies, friends, and day care centers.



Fred A. Marshall Obituary

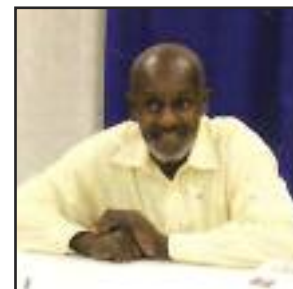
SHIRLEY DEMUS TARPLEY

Fred A. Marshall passed on November 10, 2009 in Arlington, Texas at his sister's home.

Marshall, who was an employee of North Dallas Gazette was the son of Perry and Sadie Mae Marshall, who preceded him in death. He was born on March 2, 1949 in Monroe, Louisiana.

One daughter preceded him in death, Ms. Sonya Marshall and one brother, Mr. Ira Marshall, Sr.

Marshall leaves to mourn his passing six brothers, Archie, Robert, Alvin



Fred A. Marshall

and Kenneth Marshall and Henry Turner;

two sisters Cheryl Small and Jean Thomas; three daughters, Moneike, Sonia Marshall and Lena Hall; four sons, Gene, Emmanuel,

Tyrone Marshall and Anthony Jenkins. He is also mourned by twenty-three grandchildren and five great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, co-workers and friends.

The viewing of Marshall's body will be Friday, November 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Randall Funeral Home, 1810 S. Denley Drive in Dallas, Texas and his home-going service will be at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 1819 North Washington Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204, Dr. C.W. Wallace, Senior Pastor.

Community & education leaders honored

(NDG Wire) On Saturday October 30th Honorable DeVonne Foutz, (www.TxSHL.org) was recognized at the A. Maceo Smith luncheon, with other past community and education recipients such as Emma Rogers, Sandra Malone and the late Dr Yvonne Ewell at the Adol-

phus Hotel.

Foutz hosted the table for the Tool book (which are Judges and Attorney who will be on the ballot in 2010 for the current Bench and Bar President) and Honoree Barbara Steele.

This annual brunch raises money for the Afro American Museum cha-

ired and conceive by the founder, Dr Harry Robinson. Among this year honorees were Dr. Al Roberts (former DISD administrator), Carla Ranger current school board member and Roland Parrish owner of one of the Mc Donald's in Southern section of Dallas.



Honorable DeVonne Foutz, Garland Mayor Ronald Jones and Lawana John, book club publist at A Maceo Smith Brunch.

This year organizers hope to double the number of gifts distributed last year. They have partnered with local boxes willing to serve as a drop off location. Also different organizations in the community have adopted Gifts for Moms as their charity this year. They are still looking for more organizations willing to collect Christmas gifts for single mothers.

"This year, I am seeing a

need more critical than last year," said Stephanie Ward, Gifts For Moms' Founder. "The recession has really taken a toll on moms this year. Not a week goes by that I don't get a call from a mother who is newly homeless or without a job. Getting a little Christmas cheer will mean a lot more for many struggling women and their children this year."

Single mothers have been

hardest hit by the recession. As a group, they are already the lowest paid segment in America. That, coupled with a declining job market and a weakened economy, has created a calamitous situation for many families in North Texas, Ward said.

Anyone interested in this program should call 214-774-2194, e-mail giftsformoms@rocketmail.com or gifts4moms.org.

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

Thru November 29

35th Annual Texas Renaissance Festival at 21778 Fm 1774 Plantersville. Info www.texrenfest.com 800-458-3435

Thru December 4

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Walk 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Art walk, live music, sidewalk sales, free food samplings. Admission is FREE. Every 1st Friday on Virginia Pkwy. 972-540-2739.

November 12

Junior League of Plano's Ladies Night Out 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. VIP admission \$75 (including early admission at 6:00 pm, special gift bag, valet parking, 1-day Market Shopping Pass). Regular admission - \$35 per person (includes 1-day Market Shopping Pass). www.neaththe wreath.org for more information.

Richardson Chamber of Commerce Business & Industry Awards 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas-Richardson, 701 E. Campbell Rd. Richardson

Austin Carty from CBS's *Survivor: Panama - Exile Island* will be the guest speaker for this year's **Women on the Move Luncheon** 11:30 a.m. in Dallas sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Lone Star Chapter. The annual luncheon at the Dallas Arboretum (8525 Garland Rd. Dallas). Individual tickets as well as tables are available; ticket purchase is required to attend the luncheon. Info: www.WOMtexas.org or Jenny Heidrick at jheidrick@nmsslonestar.org or 713-394-2976.

November 12-14

Junior League of Plano's 'Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market - one day advanced ticket \$8; One day ticket at door \$10, ages 12 & up. Tickets available at select Tom Thumb stores. www.neaththe wreath.org for more information.

November 12-15

Dallas Dance Festival at

the Sheraton Grand Hotel (@DFW Airport) 4440 W John Carpenter Freeway Irving. Info: (800)558-6879 or www.dallasdancefestival.com

November 12

- January 3

ICE! and Lone Star Christmas One-of-a-kind holiday attraction ICE! Featuring the Dr. Seuss classic, *How The Grinch Stole Christmas!* Also a 50-foot rotating Christmas tree, magical train sets, a life-sized gingerbread house and 1.5 million twinkling lights.

November 14

Jazz Series at Bishop Arts Theater Center featuring Jeff Lorber.

The Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation presents the **Yellow & Black Tie Gala** benefiting Methodist Richardson Cancer Center at the Marriott at Legacy Town Center Plano. Info: www.yellowandblacktiegala.com or 972-498-7678.

Toilet Trade-in Program 9:30 a.m. to noon at Home Depot at Firewheel, 3261 North George Bush Hwy., Garland.

Johnson Chapel Community Church hosts a **FREE 2009 Business and Career Expo** from 10 a.m. -3p.m. The expo will include: career resources, networking opportunities, a "Clothes Closet" with business attire, workshops and a "Dress for Success" fashion show. Info: Tandra Johnson 972-224-9940, info@jc3online.org or www.jc3online.org.

Irving Intl. Women's Consortium's **Salute to the Men and Women of the Armed Forces** at Veterans Memorial Park in Irving at 600 East Irving Blvd., Noon. Info: Monica at 972-

831-8866 or Monica@IWC.net.

Hip Hop Broadway - The Musical at the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House, 2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 650 Dallas. 214-880-0202

November 15

Medical City Heart presents **The Chile Pepperama** saluting the spicy impact of the Chile Pepper and other hot and fiery ingredients on Texas cuisine, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Old Town Shopping Center at Lovers Lane and Greenville Info: www.chilepepperama.net

November 17

10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. **Estate Planning Seminar** at Plano Centre. Tickets are free, reservations required: Karen at 972-497-1010 or Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com

November 18

4th Annual Wedding Professionals Business Conference at Plano Centre. Info: Nicole Brawner 972-713-9920 x-106, nicholebrawner@bridalshows-inc.com or www.wedding-businessconference.com

I Am Not a Pig. Why Do I Have the Swine Flu? The Evolution and Treatment of H1N1. The lecture is set from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., at the Preston Ridge Campus Event Center, 9700 Wade Blvd., Frisco

November 19-22

Curious George swings onto the stage at the Nokia Theatre at Grand Prairie. Tickets are on sale now and start at just \$16.

November 20

UNCF's North Texas Scholarship Luncheon 11:30 a.m.- 1:00p.m. featuring keynote speaker U.S. Trade Representative Am-

bassador Ronald Kirk at Hyatt Regency DFW. Sponsorship, tickets and more info: 972-234-1007, diane.stephenson@uncf.org or www.uncf.org/dallas.

MTBC's "Beyond Business Intelligence: Connecting People and Data in the Enterprise" Featuring Bill Pritchett, Regional APO Manager, Microsoft 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Renaissance Hotel Dallas - Richardson 900 E. Lookout Dr., Richardson

Hope for Rwanda Dinner & Auction 6 p.m. at McKinney Performing Arts Center

November 21

PLAN Fund 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 2801 Swiss Ave, Ste 120, Dallas. Cost is \$45 www.planfund.org or call 214-942-6698.

Women Helping Women is a conference to raise awareness of domestic violence from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College Conference Rooms A & B, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. Registration fee is \$10.00 and includes continental breakfast. The net profits from registration fees and donations for door prizes will be split among three shelters. Cash or checks only on day of the event. Info: www.NDDW.org/Women_Helping_Women.html or Lenna Webb 972-732-7712.

November 21

thru January 3

Trains at Northpark - A favorite holiday attraction, the exhibit travels across the United States at various landmarks, and is the most elaborate toy train attraction in all of Texas, with locomotives on a journey across America, past miniature landmarks including Mount Rushmore, Dallas' skyline, New York City's

Times Square and Washington, D.C.

November 27

Jazz Friday featuring Cat Garner Trio 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., 13342 Midway Rd., Ste. 250, at ArtFest International, Dallas. Tickets: \$10 -\$25. Email stephanie@stephaniestips.com

High School Battle of the Drumlines Ellis Fieldhouse-Jesse Owens Complex, Dallas 7 p.m. -10 p.m.

UAPB Alumni Welcome Reception at Hyatt Regency-Downtown Dallas 7 p.m. -10 p.m.

TSU Alumni Welcome Reception Crowne Plaza-Downtown Dallas 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

November 28

HBCU College/Job Fair at Fair Park Tower Building 3750 Midway Plaza, Dallas, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dallas Lone Star Classic Football Game Cotton Bowl Stadium 3750 Midway Plaza, Dallas, Kickoff 1 p.m.

November 29

House of Blues Sunday Gospel Brunch Emcee /Host, Kertrina Dauway and her Gospel Ensemble will be live in concert. Gospel music and a Southern Breakfast Buffet. Info: 214-978-2583 and www.houseofblues.com, 2200 N. Lamar, Downtown Dallas

December 2

Richardson Chamber of Commerce's Women in Leadership Luncheon "Completing the Package: Do You Ever Really Finish?" Featuring Dr. Sherry L. Dean is Executive Dean of the School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts at Richland College. The event will be at the Richardson Woman's Club,

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Collin College Foundation honors local Living Legends

(NDG Wire) The Collin College Foundation celebrated the college's silver anniversary by honoring 25 Living Legends last week.

Previous Living Legends were among those recognized. They included members of the *North Dallas Gazette's* board: Fred Moses and his wife Mазzie (2006) and Myrtle Hightower and her husband John (2004).

Baylor Regional Medical Center of Plano, the Citizens of McKinney, David McCall and Dr. Rick Reedy were honored as the 2009 Living Legends at a ceremony at the new library at the Collin College Central Park Campus, 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney.

During the 25th anniversary of Collin College, the Foundation focused on major gifts from the community to build the scholarship endowment in order to support the ever-increasing need for student scholarships.

As a result, the Collin College Foundation embarked on a Naming Opportunities Program, which provides naming recognition at Collin College campuses – from buildings, rooms, conference centers and more. The goal is to raise \$250,000 to name a room that recognizes the Legends on one of the campuses. More than \$100,000 has been raised to date.

This year's Living Legends are:

Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano

Backed by 100 years of experience, the Baylor Health Care System expanded into Collin County in 2004 when it opened Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano.

Personalized care and advanced technology make Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano a leading hospital serving North Texas. The hospital's many awards and accreditations demonstrate a long-standing history of superior medical care and service to the community.

In 2004, the same year the medical center opened its doors, Baylor Plano demon-

strated its commitment to quality higher education through its contribution to the Living Legends recognition event as the presenting sponsor.

After four years as presenting sponsor of this event, an endowed scholarship was established in honor of Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano. These multi-year gifts have awarded 12 scholarships to date and the endowed scholarship will be annually awarded in their name in perpetuity. Scholarships have been awarded to students pursuing their degrees in the allied health fields.

Countless people in this community have been touched by their generous support of education. Through their sponsorship of Living Legends, the college is able to award scholarships in honor of those named Living Legends. In addition to the Living Legends Scholarships, the Foundation awards an annual scholarship in Baylor's name.

Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano was saluted



City of Plano Mayor Phil Dyer

as a Living Legend for their dedication to healing the body and strengthening the mind.

The Citizens of McKinney

As Collin College celebrates its 25th anniversary, the citizens of McKinney, Texas are recognized for their long-time support of higher education in Collin County.

McKinney was the birthplace of Collin College with

the first campus – the Central Park Campus – established at the corner of Community Avenue and University Drive (also known as Highway 380) in January 1986. Today, Collin College remains the only public college in the county, and its six locations serve more than 46,000 students annually.

The Citizens of McKinney have also demonstrated generous support for higher education through philanthropy. Some of the largest individual and corporate gifts to Collin College have originated in McKinney. In fact, the single-largest donation in college history was a gift of land from the McKinney Economic Development Corporation for the new Collin Higher Education Center. The land donation and a \$2 million donation for a parking structure at the site are further evidence of the power of the McKinney citizens working in collaboration to create a more vibrant community and region.

The Collin Higher Education Center, scheduled to offer classes this spring, will allow Collin College graduates to take junior and senior-level college courses to complete a university baccalaureate degrees without leaving Collin County. Partner universities will also offer graduate and doctoral degree programs at the

site. The Collin Higher Education Center will be the college's seventh campus and will open in the heart of Collin County at northeast corner of Central Expressway and the Sam Rayburn Tollway in January of 2010.

David McCall

Collin County was the largest county in the United States without a community college in the early 1980s, yet it was quickly becoming

one of the fastest-growing areas in the nation, and a shift began toward high school graduates beginning their higher education locally. A community college had previously failed among Collin County voters.

But in 1984, its time had come, and with David McCall and Carey Cox co-chairing the organization that put the college back on the bal-



Dr. and Mrs. John Anthony, first president of Collin College.

lot, it passed overwhelmingly.

Once approved by voters, it was time to elect trustees. Plano was, by far, the dominant city in the county in those years, but the college organizers had the foresight to design a slate that was representative of the entire county. They also hired the college's first president, Dr. John Anthony, and the rest has become the impressive history of one of the most successful local colleges in America.

In addition to his instrumental role in founding Collin College, McCall helped begin the Leadership Plano program during his tenure as president of the Plano Chamber of Commerce.

Among his many civic and professional activities are service on the boards of Baylor University and Baylor University Medical Center, chairing the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority board and serving as president of both the Plano and the Collin County bar associations. He also has been named Plano's Citizen of the Year.

A Plano native, McCall

has a rich family history of civic and academic service. His father, David McCall Jr., served as the first principal of Mendenhall Elementary School and, later, the mayor of Plano, as well as on numerous boards and commissions. His mother, Nellie, was a teacher, and his brother, Brian, is a Texas state representative.

McCall holds a law de-

gree from Baylor and is a partner in the firm of Gay McCall Isaacks Gordon and Roberts, which has sponsored Collin College's signature annual fundraiser, the Collin Cabaret, as its presenting partner. The event benefits college students in critical need of financial assistance to complete their education. Both of McCall's children, Cam and Meredith, work with him at his law firm. He and his wife, Sharon, enjoy spending time at their farm in Snow Hill and with his grandson, Hunter.

Dr. Rick Reedy

The Frisco Independent School District had seven schools when Dr. Rick Reedy became its superintendent, just 12 years ago. Since then, the district has become one of the fastest growing in the nation, with 46 campuses and 4,700 employees in 2009.

Dr. Reedy's lifelong passion for education got its start in his childhood home in Whitesboro, Texas. He was one of six high-achieving children whose mother was an educator. A scholarship took him to Texas A&M University-Commerce, where he earned his bachelor's degree

in 1970, a master's in 1973 and a doctorate in 1990. In the meantime, he began his teaching career in Whitewright ISD in 1970 and moved to Trenton ISD before coming to Frisco in 1976 as a middle school teacher and coach.

He went on to serve as assistant principal and then principal of Frisco High School before being named the district's assistant superintendent in 1992. Five years later, after nearly three decades on a steady, progressive career path, Dr. Reedy's responsibilities exploded into a pace experienced by few school district leaders, anywhere. Dr. Reedy was a driving force, along with the FISD Board of Trustees, in creating the Frisco Education Foundation to provide scholarships for graduating seniors and grants for innovative educators.

He has been a leader in embracing and promoting the dual-credit program with Collin College, encouraging Frisco high school students to enroll in college classes to simultaneously earn college credits while satisfying high school requirements. Since FISD entered into the arrangement with the college in the late 1980s, thousands of Frisco students have enjoyed the opportunity to get a convenient and economical jump-start on their transition to college.

Dr. Reedy has served on many community and professional boards and is currently involved with the UIL Legislative Committee, the Academic Decathlon State Board, the Visioning Institute and the UIL Region 24 Music Committee. He has been named one of Collin County Business Journal's 21 Leaders for the 21st Century, Frisco Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year and Texas School Business magazine's Educator of the Month.

Dr. Reedy and his wife, Judith, have three grown sons – all Frisco High School graduates – and three grandchildren.

Dallas native and Filipino musician hosts benefit concert in honor of the Philippine typhoon victims

(NDG Wire) On November 21 Dallas native and Filipino acoustic musician Bernadette 'Dette' Buentipo will bring together Filipino musicians to *Heal the Philippines: A Benefit Concert for the Victims of Typhoon Ketsana (Ondoy) and Parma (Pepeng)*, The Filipino musicians will sing for one purpose: unity.

The Generator Coffee House in Downtown Gar-

land will host the free event, and guests are encouraged to donate canned goods, non-perishable foods, clothing and monetary donations, which will go to the Philippine National Red Cross. Dallas-restaurant, New Manila Bakery and Oriental Grocery, will provide free shipping for all donations.

For those who donate, The Generator Coffee House will help in the cause

by granting a \$1 off each drink purchase.

"It was devastating to see nature's wrath unleash on our country and knowingly know we couldn't do anything but glue our eyes on the television and pray," Buentipo said.

"But I knew instantly we had to help and bring together the Dallas-Ft. Worth Filipino community to do something."

Buentipo quickly dialed

and facebooked her musically talented friends about an idea for a benefit concert.

Her idea quickly gained popularity, leading to a concert in honor of the Philippine typhoon victims.

Typhoon Ketsana (Ondoy) and Parma (Pepeng) ushered in the typhoon season and on September 26, 2009, Typhoon Ketsana slammed into the Northern Luzon area of the

Philippines, dumping a month's worth of rain in one day, and leaving thousands stranded.

A few days later, Super Typhoon Parma (Pepeng) swept across the same region, causing more damage and leaving many missing and dead.

For more information on *Heal The Philippines: A Benefit Concert for the Victims of Typhoon Ketsana (Ondoy) and Parma (Pe-*

peng), call Chiara Granado at 817-707-8551 or email ChiaraPRandEvents@gmail.com.

For more information on Bernadette 'Dette' Buentipo, visit www.youtube.com/detterisbetter

For more information on The Generator Coffee House visit www.generator-coffee.com and for the Philippine National Red Cross visit www.redcross.org.ph

Bishop Paul S. Morton receives three nods for the 25th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards

(NDG Wire) Bishop Paul S. Morton receives three nominations for the 25th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards, set to take place January 16, 2010 at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, TN.

Bishop Morton reigned in nods for Traditional Male of the Year, Traditional CD

of the Year, and Traditional Choir of the Year.

Cry Your Last Tear is the most recent release from Bishop Paul S. Morton and the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship Mass Choir, and strikes up a soul-stirring emotion that bares a resemblance to the 2003 release, *Let it Rain*.

The title track evokes a passion and overwhelming praise that shares "cry your last tear it's gonna be alright".

Equally just as anointed is the sophomore single *Don't Do It Without Me* which was re-released because of its impact on congregations across the na-

tion; it simply chants "Lord, whatever you're doing in this season, please don't do it without me".

This year has been a busy time for Bishop Morton as he is under major construction on his Changing A Generation Church in Atlanta, GA; released his book, *Unemployed Faith*;

hosted a Feed the Children food drop and concert; and recently appeared on TBN with BeBe and CeCe Winans.

Rounding out the year armed with his Stellar Award nominations, Bishop Morton continues on his journey of encouraging the body to *Cry Your Last Tear*.



Bishop Paul S. Morton

Baseball Slugger Addresses Rumors

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

According to former Chicago Cubs great Sammy Sosa, he does not have any skin disease. He claims a cosmetic cream he utilizes to soften his skin is why his skin tone is noticeably lighter.

The Internet has been a buzz after Sosa was photographed at the Latin Grammy awards in Las Vegas last week. Many are speculating if he has the same skin disorder the late Michael Jackson claimed caused his dramatic change in skin tone.

Appearing on the Univision Spanish Network, Sosa said he has used the skin cream for a long time. He did not provide the name of the product. He alleges the bright TV lights and photography flashes are causing him to appear whiter than he actually is.

Sosa will celebrate his 41st birthday on Thursday November 12. During his 18 year baseball career he hit 609 homers while playing with the Cubs, White Sox, Rangers and Orioles. He has not played in the majors since 2007.



Sammy Sosa

Local author hosting *The Launch*

(NDG Wire) Dallas area author releases her new book chronicling her journey from a successful executive to homelessness and back to success.

"I know too well the feeling of being two paychecks away from homelessness and how current this issue is. This novel sheds light on how fast these unfortunate circumstances could knock on any of our doors and most importantly how we can all contribute to combating the issue," says Talisa Lavarry.

On November 14 at 7:00 p.m. *Random Blessings* will be celebrated by sponsors and supporters during a social event appropriately entitled *The Launch*. This event will take place at The Swirl Winery and Wine Bar lo-

cated Downtown Dallas. Owner Robert Whitehead is more than happy to help with such a cause as he is currently in the process of trying to assist a lady by the name of Paula that typically lives in the stairwell near the facility.

On any given night in America, anywhere from 700,000 to 2 million people are homeless, according to estimates of the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. According to a report of the US Conference of Mayors, single men comprise 44 percent of the homeless, single women 13 percent, families with children 36 percent, and unaccompanied minors 7 percent.

"So many people look down on the homeless and don't opt to lend a helping

hand. I know for a fact that Paula was dealt a bad deck of cards in life and I have personally committed to soliciting money from local residents and business owners in hopes of helping her rise above her current situation before the temperature drops in the upcoming winter months", says Whitehead.

This melodramatic fiction novel about the young and successful gift shop buyer, Tia Arbors takes readers through her complex personal journey filled with struggles ranging from loss of employment, failed businesses, rocky relationships and most importantly a brush with homelessness.

Lavarry is not only promoting her book, she is also excited about the launching of *The Move-*

ment which is her vow to raise awareness and funds for the local homeless community in DFW. She plans to generate interest for the cause with the story itself and hopes to continue to tackle the issue through speaking engagements, fundraisers and more.

The Launch is a great opportunity for the community to learn more about *The Movement* and how one can make a difference. The atmosphere will be very chic complete with fine wine, art, hors d'orves and music provided by Soul Singing Sensation Joe Blaq.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase during the affair.

Don't think outside the box; destroy the box

Business leaders agree that success today requires a totally new business model

(NDG Wire) If businesses are going to survive in the emerging global marketplace, they can no longer settle for traditional creative strategies such as "thinking outside the box."

"Companies must destroy the box," says Kathy Robison, CEO and founder of YURU (the guru is you), which provides coaching for business leaders on creativity and strategic development.

Robison recently returned from two national leadership conventions where she met with dozens of business leaders, all

searching for ways to better position their companies for global success.

The consensus, says Robison, is that "companies must reinvent their business models if they hope to compete and grow. The old ways of doing business no longer work."

At the Marcus Evans Chief Learning Officer Summit in Las Vegas, Robison met with chief learning officers who recognize the need for greater alignment between the management model and the business model.

"Many companies, par-



ticularly those that are larger and older, are completely misaligned in what they want from their employees and how their business model is structured,"

said Robison.

The big issue in today's economic climate, Robison found, was that the Vegas crowd was concerned with doing more with less.

And that, she says, resonates with YURU's philosophy. "Productivity will increase and people will engage in natural leadership when their

state of well-being is high and they are in environments that promote trust, passion and creativity," said Robison.

At the World Business Forum at Radio City Music Hall in New York, Robison found a similar concern: is there a better business model for success that also provides an environment where creativity and connectivity flourish?

Robison's counsel again focused on changing the rules of the game as opposed to being a better player.

"Competitive advan-

tages in the near future will come more from revolutionary changes in management strategy than from other, more traditional sources such as efficiency and cost control, population growth and increases in standard of living," said Robison.

Bill George, a speaker at the World Business Forum, agreed with Robison, selecting her blog post on the event as one of the top 10 out of hundreds by other top business bloggers.

Read more on Robison's blog, <http://yuruinspires.com/index.php/blog/>.

Six facts about the nonbusiness energy property credit

(NDG Wire) Taxpayers who take energy saving steps this year may get bigger tax savings next year. The Nonbusiness Energy Property Credit, a tax credit for making energy efficient improvements to homes has been increased as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Here are seven things the IRS wants you to know about the Nonbusiness Energy Property Credit:

1. The new law increases the credit rate to 30 percent of the cost of all qualifying improvements and raises the maximum credit limit to \$1,500 claimed for 2009 and 2010

combined.

2. The credit applies to improvements such as adding insulation, energy-efficient exterior windows and energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems.

3. To qualify as "energy efficient" for purposes of this tax credit, products gen-

erally must meet higher standards than the standards for the credit that was available in 2007.

4. Qualifying improvements must be placed into service after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011.

5. The improvements must be made to the tax-

payer's principal residence located in the United States.

6. To claim the credit, attach Form 5695, Residential Energy Credits to either the 2009 or 2010 tax return. Taxpayers must claim the credit on the tax return for the year that the improvements are made.

Homeowners who have

been considering some energy efficient home improvements may find these tax credits will get them bigger tax savings next year.

For more information on this and other key tax provisions of the Recovery Act, visit the official IRS Website at IRS.gov/recovery.

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over, of the church pew reality. The fact is that one in six Americans, and more than four African-Americans are out of work.

The unemployment rate is one we have not seen in over 25 years, when (ugh) Ronald Reagan was President. Then, the spin-doctors tried to alter unemployment rates by excluding the military and manipulating the number so that the more than 10 percent rate was less than it might have been.

At the same time the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 10 percent could be higher if discouraged workers, those who worked part time but wanted to work full time and those otherwise underemployed were counted. Here we go again.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has been reporting alternative measures of unemployment for a long time.

The media has not often picked them up. I was delighted to hear that, finally, the media is getting it, noting that 10.2 is a beautiful fiction. According to BLS the unemployment rate is as high as 17.5 percent.

If the same proportions apply to the African American community as to the overall community, the black unemployment rate is 26 percent. That means look around you at the church pew. One in four people are not working. Maybe one in three because the data don't capture black folks like they do the rest of the world. The church is teeming with unemployment.

So where do these spin doctors get off talking mess about an economic recovery. They say unemployment is a lagging indicator, which means that unemployment rates trend down only after

economic recovery occurs. Tell that to the woman standing outside the toy store, trying to buy a holiday present. Calling somebody a lagging indicator is like calling them out.

How does it feel to be a lagging indicator in an economy that is shedding jobs so fast that it is frightening? How does it feel to be a lagging indicator when some say there is economic recovery?

Do I repeat myself when I say that it is time for a federal jobs program? Health care has gotten narrow Congressional approval, but health care without employment is like romance without finance, and the choir should now all holler, "a nuisance". In other words, much of the health care passed is employer connected health care. When people don't have jobs, they

don't have opportunities.

We have examples from the 1930s, the 1950s, the 1970s, and the 1980s of ways the federal government has been involved in creating jobs.

It is time to create jobs now, to deal with a Works Progress Administration type program to put our nation back to work. Too many people have been hit too hard, too long - with nearly 16 million out of work, with more than a third of those having been out of work for half a year.

We know the numbers, and they are daunting numbers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, one in ten of us is out of work. That statistic is an amazing fiction; the reality is nearly seventy percent worst - 17.5 percent of us are jobless. In the African American community the numbers are

more daunting - more than 26 percent, more than one in four, are not working.

Look up and down the pew in your church. One in four of you is praying for survival. One in four is not working. We who are working are connected to those who are not working, and we too are scarred by the weight we will carry because of their unemployment.

ment. We are waiting, wanting a federal jobs program. Up and down the pew, the pain palpates. Let us create jobs. Let the church say "Amen".

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Texas college host rebuild America training on energy certification and apprentice opportunities

(NDG Wire) On November 13 and December 4 Rebuild America Partners, Texas College, SUPeRNet Consortium and Workforce Solutions East Texas are offering two different presentations aimed at Integrating Energy Efficiency in Workforce Development.

Each presentation has two steps; first, through re-training existing and displaced building trades' workers; then in training and hosting pre apprentice and apprentice crews.

Both morning sessions target adults and high schools students interested in green job apprenticeship. New entry adults and high schools students interested in a green job apprentice-

ship are invited to the November 13, 9:00 AM at Texas College campus or to the December 4, 8:30 AM at the Workforce Center on Hwy 110, South in Tyler.

The presentations are taught by Fred Bastani, Ph.D., in partnership with Texas A&M's Energy Systems Lab, Texas College, Alto Areas Rebuild America-Rural Community Building Initiative and A Circle of Ten.

The Texas State Energy Conservation Office and the U.S. Department of Energy are sponsoring the event.

Dr. Bastani, of International Polytechnic Institute, is an expert in green construction training and in start-up of apprentice pro-

grams, which emphasis energy efficient and renewable energy technologies. He has worked with Rebuild America partners, since 2007. His role, as the Rebuild America Workforce Director, is to start Green Jobs Academies at Texas College and Alto Rebuild America sites.

In addition, classes and certification will be offered by TSTC Marshall and Texas A&M University. The Initiative is inclusive and other schools and communities are invited to participate. The presentations precede the opening of the Green Jobs Academies and early sign-up for the program will be offered at the presentations.

The November 13 presentation, *Green Jobs & Apprenticeship "Earn While Learning" - Registered Apprenticeship Programs - A Roadmap to Sustainable High-Wage Jobs*, will discuss how to get involved and trained in apprentice programs with some discussion on hosting pre-apprentice and apprentice crews. Apprentice programs are "win-win" for building trade companies and new entry adults and high school students learning in class room and on-the-job settings.

Planners invite building trades companies willing to host apprentice crews and schools, colleges and community leaders interested in

providing or hosting local training. The morning session is open to adults and high school students interested in new entry training in building trades with an emphasis on green energy systems. This session will be repeated December 4, 8:30 AM, at the Tyler Workforce Solutions E Texas, 4100 Troup Highway.

Participants will learn the following about pre-apprentice and apprentice programs: The benefits to a business, school, college, or community; How programs are formed, operated and credentialed; Who is eligible for training, including schools, nonprofit clients and displaced workers?; The role the program plays

in developing a skilled workforce and economic recovery; and about funds available to trainees and their hosts.

The November 13 afternoon presentation, *Certification/Training in Energy Efficient/Renewable (EE/RE) Systems Technologies - An Introduction*, targets leaders from schools, colleges, and communities interested in providing or hosting green jobs training and provides information on comprehensive technical skills training programs to upgrade skills and certification in EE/RE industries and codes. The sessions are aimed at Retraining Incum-

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even when our organization has depleted all funds paying bills, buying food, and making sure the major things are covered so the house can continue to operate. We need everyone to step up in this time of need to help us with these young teens that are on a mission to succeed."

Anna's House works in partnership with Communities of Tomorrow's Eco-

nomics Redevelopment a state licensed not-for-profit program. They provide multiple services in the field of substance abuse for the faith community, community-based organizations as well as individuals who are ex-offenders, substance abusers and female veterans.

Anna's House is a project of the Texas Teen Summit operating under Black

United Fund of Texas (BUFTX) as a non profit organization under BUF-TX 501(c)(3). All donations are tax deductible. The organization is funded through private donations, receiving no government funding.

They are seeking assistance with temporary housing, clothing, food and furniture. Everything in the kitchen was lost in the fire, leaving them in need of ap-

pliances, cabinetry, counter tops, etc. Linen, towels and general house wares are needed as well. Those seeking to give financially can do so via Paypal or provide gift cards.

When reached by phone on Wednesday Miles indicated they need pants for the young women in sizes 4, 6, 8 and 10. One resident wears tennis in size 3 with others wearing dress shoes

or tennis in sizes 5, 7, 7 1/2 and 8. As the winter season approaches any coats or jackets would be appreciated.

Miles closed her request adding, "The Bible tells us that it takes a village to raise a child, please keep our organization in your prayers because nothing will stop the success of our teen programs."

Anyone with items or

clothing they would like to drop off please leave at Anna's House located at 3226 Castle Rock Lane in Garland.

For more information on how you can assist Anna's House, 214-650-7065 or send an email to info.annashouse@gmail.com. To learn more about Anna's House and their mission visit <http://www.annashouse4women.org/>.

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iors who otherwise might not receive a gift this holiday season.

Throughout North America, this is the sixth year of the program where last year more than 28,000 volunteers distributed gifts to deserving seniors.

In the past five years since introducing this "Be a Santa to a Senior" program, Home Instead Senior Care has helped provide more than one million gifts to 700,000 seniors in North America.

"Be a Santa to a Senior" is a great way to give back

to the older adults in the community during the hectic holiday season when many are forgotten," said Dr. Nancy Oppenheimer-Marks, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Dallas.

"The holiday is often considered a time for children, but seniors - especially those who are isolated and lonely - need to be remembered as well.

'Be a Santa to a Senior' also is designed to help stimulate human contact and social interaction for older adults who are unlikely to

have guests during the holidays."

Here's how the program, which runs from November 16th through December 15th, works: Prior to the holiday season, the participating local non-profit organizations will identify needy and isolated deserving seniors in the community and provide those names to Home Instead Senior Care for this community service program.

Christmas "Be a Santa to a Senior" trees, which will go up at The Super Wal-Mart (15220 Montfort

Drive), Mari's Skin Care Salon (1450 Preston Forest Square, Suite 284), Curves for Women (11909 Preston Road, Suite 1486), and Meletio Realty (Melshire Building, 1450 Preston Forest Square), on November 16th will feature ornaments with the first names only of the seniors and their respective gift requests.

Holiday shoppers can pick up select an ornament from a tree, buy the item(s) on the list and return them unwrapped to the store, along with the ornament attached.

Home Instead Senior Care then enlists the volunteer help of its staff, senior-care business associates, non-profit workers and others to collect, wrap and distribute the gifts to these seniors.

A citywide gift-wrapping day, when hundreds of the presents will be wrapped, will be held on December 15th.

"Be a Santa to a Senior" is a way to show our gratitude to those older adults who have contributed so much to our community," Oppenheimer-Marks said.

"We hope to reach out to many with this gesture of holiday cheer and goodwill."

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to help on the citywide gift-wrapping day, contact Dr. Nancy Oppenheimer-Marks at 972-239-3934.

Businesses are encouraged to contact the local Home Instead Senior Care office about adopting groups of seniors. For tree locations in your area, or for more information about the program, visit www.beasantatoase-nior.com.

Don't sell yourself short!

Be all that you can be: a strategic approach to "Talent Development"

(NDG Wire) In the toughest job market in decades, it is essential: to know your current talents, your possibilities for growth, and flame a burning desire to "Be All That You Can Be." That quest starts with SELF: self-respect, self-esteem, self-worth, self-image, self-talk, self-confidence, self-affirmation – all of which offset your most dangerous disease – self-doubt.

In their new book, *Don't Sell Yourself Short! Be All That You Can Be*, (published by Trafford Publish-

ing) corporate consultants Steve Carroll and Jim Gill show readers how to arm their personal arsenal with a renewed commitment to upgrade their attitudes, habits, skills and knowledge. Learn how to exert your own power, your own influence. Stand apart as a member of a successful team.

Carroll and Gill teach an action-based, results-driven speaking style that will gain notice in your workplace.

"Our mission is not to tell you what to do, but to instruct you on how to do it," the authors said. Their

25 Tutorials are constructed to maximize your "Talent Return on Investment," including job-seeker strate-

gies, getting your best performance, values required for positive performance, communicating your value

to the organization, and how to be "pumped, piped, stoked and wired —" AKA, "setting your hair on fire."

"Enhancing one's employability is not an item on a 'wish list,'" the authors said. "It's a must-have!"

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bent & Displaced Workers including electricians plumbers, HVAC technicians, carpenters and masons. This session will be repeated December 4, at noon, at the Tyler Workforce Solutions E Texas, 4100 Troup Highway.

Participants will learn the process of certification in EE/RE technologies, including: Eligibility requirements for "high demand" training and certification; The advantages to certification, such as increased wages and, job and contract

opportunities; Where to get the classroom and hands-on on-the-job training?; about the curriculum and courses; and about funding opportunities.

For more information or to register go to www.etvv.org or call 903-541-0013. Or go to the info desk at the Tyler Workforce Center. Preregistration is encouraged. Walk-in registration starts 15 minute prior to each session. CEUs are available from A&M's Energy Systems Lab.

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November 22 - 25, 2009

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With many disasters happening world-wide today, I see and hear of people stressed out. There is the massacre in Fort Hood and the murder in the office building in Florida. There are storms, floods, mudslides, earthquakes, etc. With each disaster folks are losing jobs, homes are being foreclosed, loved ones are becoming deathly sick or dying, and some-time people lose their faith.

I begin to think, why do some people seem to survive a disaster better than others? How can people minimize the stress in their lives from an unforeseen set of circumstances? I remembered the biography of one man that overcame his disappointments and trials to become a successful individual. At 16 years old with \$3 in his pocket, he

moved to New York City. He slept on a rooftop until he got a job as a dishwasher. He applied for a job that was listed in an ad but he wasn't a good reader and didn't get the job. He was disappointed but he didn't let that stop him from striving to improve his lot in life. He was determined to succeed; determined to fulfill his ambition. That man is Sidney Poitier. Not only was he one of the best actors in this world, but he was the first Black actor to win an Oscar.

There are people that continue to live in spite of their disappointments and setbacks. When they find themselves in tough circumstances, they bravely overcome them. When they are struck down by illness and catastrophe, assailed by grief and failure, when they are treated unfairly or betrayed, they not only survive, they confront their stresses and sorrows in

ways that deepen their lives. They go on with grace, distinction and courage and in the process they learn a lesson in life. It has been said that the trials of life are far less important than how one deal with them. By adopting a special outlook on life, many others can learn to be a survivor.

Survivors learn to: Make happiness a habit. They enjoy life even when troubles spring up. They take one day at a time. They learn to accept large and small victories. It has been said that no one is born happy. Everyone makes his own happiness. **Survivors accept change.** They realize that change and problems will come whether we want them or not. They learn from the problems in their life. At times what looks like a disaster may turn out to be the best thing that happened to them. **They don't give up.**

Survivors do what has to be done, no matter how overwhelming the odds are.

Survivors reach out to others. They cherish involvement with others. They are givers. Duke University researchers found that one of the best predictors of health, happiness and long life is the tendency to reach out to people. **They live in the present.** "Life lies in letting go, in giving up your grievances," writes Mildred Newman and Bernard Berkowitz in How To Be Your Own Best Friend. They warn that if we spend our energies being angry with the people who once disappointed us, we won't have any left over for what we need now. "Not one of us can bring back yesterday or shape tomorrow," adds Fredrick Buechner in The Hungering Dark. "Only today is ours and it will not be ours for long; and once it is gone, it will never in all time be



Sister Tarpley with Carrollton Mayor, the Honorable Ron Bronson and Dallas County Commissioner, the Honorable Jim Jackson

ours again."

Survivors are not afraid to dream. People go about their tasks without weariness if they have a goal and a belief in what they are doing. They have a purpose, a dream.

It is always worth the effort to be a survivor. This longing to beat the odds, to conquer our own weakness, has carried humanity through its long history. It is the cry of the heroic in all of us.

Life Changing Faith Christian Fellowship partners with Kroger donation program

(NDG Wire) Life Changing Faith Christian Fellowship (www.lifechanging-faith.com) has partnered with the Kroger Neighbor To Neighbor Donation Program. This alliance is part of the church's Capital Campaign efforts to acquire the build-

ing that formerly housed the Abbey Grill.

Life Changing Faith Fellowship's barcode will be scanned and linked to a Kroger Plus Card and Kroger will contribute a percentage of eligible purchases to the donation fund. The



Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program donates \$1 million annually to

eligible nonprofit organizations.

Life Changing Faith Christian Fellowship launched its Faith In Action Capital Campaign in May 2009 to raise funds for the acquisition and renovation of their new church location, an his-

toric edifice that was built in 1904. This building was the initial location of the First Baptist Church of Frisco, and was known most recently as The Abbey Grill before it closed its doors in December 2008. After 25 years as a restaurant, the

structure will soon return to its original use as a church.

After only a few months of an aggressive capital campaign, the congregation has raised \$65,000 (in the first two months), and they are just \$50,000 away from reaching their financial goal.

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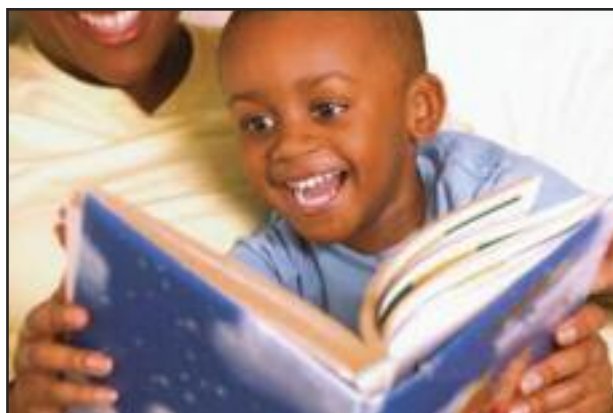
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RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

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The planning phase has begun for the Dallas County Community College District's African American Read-In scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2010. The program will highlight the importance of children and reading in an effort to develop future leaders and literary champions.

Dalton Sherman is the honorary youth co-chair. Sherman is a Dallas Inde-



pendent School District student/motivational speaker who received national attention for his energizing words and positive attitude.

The other chairs include Reginald Gates, President, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce is the Honorary Co-Chair; Gail

Warrior-Lawrence, President and CEO, Warrior Group is also the Honorary Co-Chair; Justin Lonon, DCCCD Vice Chancellor for Public and Governmental Affairs is the AARI 2010 Steering Committee Chair.

The African American Read-In has spotlighted literacy among not only children, but their parents as well.

The program has featured African-American writers, poets and playwrights throughout the ten years of the program.

Anyone interested in

volunteering or businesses willing to provide sponsorship, should contact Allison Neal, the read-in event manager at (214) 378-1722 or via e-mail at AARISteering@dcccd.edu.

The volunteer orientation kickoff planning meeting is Monday October 16,

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the DCCCD District office located at 1601 South Lamar St., Dallas in the Lower Level ~ Room 038. Please confirm your attendance by phone at 214-378-1824, or AARISteering@dcccd.edu by Thursday, November 12, 2009.

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