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Young team meets new challenges wins national basketball championship

(NDG Wire) It was the freshman's first trip out of Texas and he didn't know what to expect but he knew the team had to win because this underdog team had something to prove.

March Madness is heating up and this young basketball team turned up the heat in New York state



Mountain View College Men's Basketball team the Lions are the NJCAA Men's Division III Basketball Champions

two weeks ago to prove to a hostile crowd that they had what it took to rise up through the ranks to beat conference top ranked Rochester CTC Yellow-jackets, 72 - 64, on March 12 in Lock Shadrake, N.Y., to become 2011 NJCAA

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TNT's new Dallas TV pilot will be shot in Dallas

(NDG Wire) Warner Horizon Television has selected Dallas as the location for the pilot of TNT's new incarnation of the popular television drama Dallas. Executive producer Cynthia Cidre, who wrote *The Mambo Kings* and executive produced the television series *Cane*, wrote the pilot based on characters created by

David Jacobs. Michael M. Robin (*The Closer*, *Rizzoli & Isles*, *Nip/Tuck*) who also executive produces will direct.

The original Dallas ran from 1978 to 1991 and followed the Ewing family of Southfork. The new version will focus on the Ewing offspring; J.R. Ewing's son John Ross (Josh Henderson of *Desperate*

Housewives), and Christopher, the adopted son of Bobby and Pam Ewing (Jesse Metcalfe of *Desperate Housewives*)—as they clash over the family dynasty's future. Jordana Brewster (*Fast & Furious*) stars as Elena, who is involved in a love triangle with Christopher and John Ross. Julie Gonzalo (*Veronica Mars*) stars as Christ-

opher's fiancée Rebecca. The updated Dallas will feature original series stars Larry Hagman, Patrick Duffy and Linda Gray. Hagman gained worldwide fame for his portrayal of oil baron J.R. Ewing. Gray played J.R.'s wife Sue Ellen Ewing, while Duffy portrayed J.R.'s younger

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A Simon and Paula reunion?

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COMMENTARY

Don't cut Head Start!

By Judge Greg Mathis
After being urged by President Obama to invest in our nation's students, you would think our federal lawmakers would do anything they could to preserve a program that sets the foundation for a lifetime of achievement, right? Wrong. Once again, Republicans are moving to cut a program that helps average Americans and, in this case, specifically the poor.

program the Republican Party has targeted for major cuts. Head Start provides educational and health services to low-income children and their families. Head Start has been one of the most studied early education programs since it began more than 40 years ago. The program has proven itself to be one of the United States' most successful social experiments and an efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

The Head Start Program is yet another social

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Black Marriage Day 2011: "Married and proud of it"

(NDG Wire) Wedded Bliss Foundation, Inc., presents the Ninth Annual Black Marriage Day celebration, Sunday, March 27 with the theme "Married and Proud of It."

Marriage activists in hu-

ndreds of communities around the country will highlight the benefits of married life and offer celebrations to strengthen and promote marriage in the Black community. From a free dinner program in DC

to several events in Dallas to a movie premier in Wichita of *Men Aint Boys* by Lamar and Ronnie Tyler to an evening event in Detroit at the Charles Wright Museum to dancing lessons in

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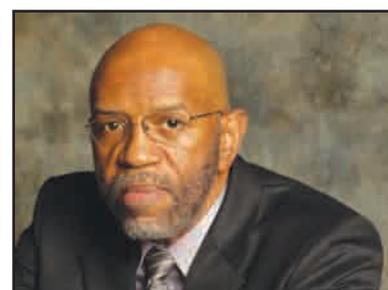
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Amber Pickens

Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts senior/dance cluster student Amber Pickens has been admitted to The Juilliard School for the 2011-2012 academic year. She is one of 12 females extended an invitation for admission out of their entire worldwide applicant pool. Amber will study in the Dance Division as part of their four-year Bachelor of Fine Arts program that includes a Liberal Arts curriculum. The Juilliard School is considered as one of the most prestigious performing arts con-

servatories in the world. Amber has also been awarded a fellowship with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater School. She will participate in the Ailey Fellowship Program in New York this summer beginning on June 20, 2011 through August 1, 2011 before beginning her first year at The Juilliard School.

Says Amber, "I can't believe it! I was on Spring Break last week when I got the call from Katie Friis, Dance Admissions Coordinator at Juilliard. When she said I was in...I couldn't talk or move. I was so excited.



Getting accepted to Juilliard is a dream come true for me. When I did the audition back in February, after all the cuts I was the

last female dancer standing with three male dancers from Houston and North Carolina. Out of all the females, I was the only one to finish the audition. That alone was exciting and unbelievable for me. But actually getting the call that I made it...well that's incredible! This is truly a blessing."

As a student at Booker T. Washington HSPVA, Amber has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the award as a Texas Young Master of the Arts by the Texas Commis-

sion on the Arts during her freshman year. The National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts recognized Amber as a YoungArts 2011 Honorable Mention Winner for her exceptional artistic achievement in Modern and African dance. She made her acting debut as the Fairy Moth in A Midsummer Night's Dream, the inaugural production of the Dallas Theater Center at the Wylie Theatre in the AT&T Performing Arts Center in Dallas. Amber is also featured in advertisements across the country as part of the national marketing campaign for the Make-A-Wish

Foundation. She is featured in the ad as the ballerina princess making the wish come true for a little girl by crowning her a princess too.

Amber will make her final curtain call on Booker T. Washington's Montgomery Arts Theater stage during Dance Festival Week scheduled for April 4 - 8, 2011. Under the direction of Lily Weiss, Dance Cluster Coordinator, she will direct her senior choreography work for the Best of Senior Choreography Concert and she will perform as a member of the Repertory Dance Company I for the Ensemble Concert.

Steven Walters

Dallas Theater Center Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty announced today that local actor Steven Walters has joined the Brierley Resident Acting Company, bringing the company to 10 members. Walters has previously acted in DTC's productions of *Henry IV (Prince Hal)*, *The Shape of Things*, *Fat Pig* and *The Good Negro*.

"Throughout the past three years, Steve has been a dynamic presence on our

stage, a valued collaborator, a generous spirit and an all around great guy," says Moriarty. "He has moved gracefully from drama to comedy and from contemporary to classical works. In addition to being talented and versatile, Steve is eager to continue to grow as an artist, and he brings a genuine sense of joy to the creative process."

Walters grew up in Fort Worth and graduated from Baylor University in 2003

with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Theatre. In 2004, he and four others founded Second Thought Theatre in Addison.

"I was captivated by Kevin's production of Tommy in 2008. I knew something exciting was happening at DTC and I wanted to be a part of it," says Walters. "Dallas is my theatrical home and I am honored to have been invited to join such a talented and diverse group of theater artists."

In addition to his significant experience as a stage



actor, Walters also acts on film and television, writes plays and screenplays, and is the co-artistic director of

Second Thought Theatre, working alongside his co-artistic director, Chris LaBove, who also works as DTC's associate general manager.

"Steve's diverse artistic interests and his commitment to leading one of Dallas' most compelling emerging theater companies adds to our enthusiasm for him to join DTC's company," explains Moriarty. "One of DTC's goals is to support artists who will engage with theater companies and educational programs throughout the city. This is another

way DTC can contribute to a thriving cultural life throughout the region."

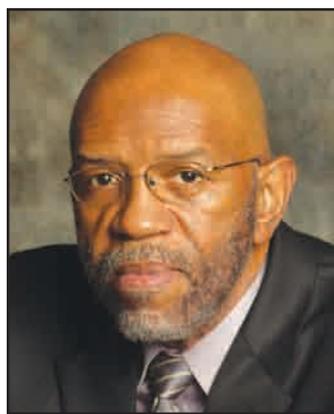
As a company member, Walters will perform in multiple productions in the 2011-12 season, will serve as a teaching artist and will engage in outreach work throughout the community.

Moriarty created DTC's Brierley Resident Acting Company in 2009 to develop and nurture professional actors within the community, expand DTC's artistic profile, and create

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Rev. Dr. Ronald Edward Peters

The Reverend Dr. Ronald Edward Peters will officially become the eighth president of The Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) when he is inaugurated to lead this prestigious institution as it continues to train men and women for Christian



leadership and service in the Church and the global community. The occasion will take place in the King

International Chapel at Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA) at 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2010.

The ITC, a consortium of six different denominational constituent seminaries, has been in the business of providing ecumenical theological education and molding preachers, pastors, and lay leaders in the church for more than a half-century.

The vision of Dr. Peters begins to take shape with the offering of a unique Inaugural Conference – a two-day interdisciplinary discussion on the theme "Theological Education for the 21st Century Plural, Global, and Urbanized Society" (April 7 and 8). Conference presenters will come from colleges, universities, and seminaries from across the

country as well as ITC's own renowned faculty. Presidents/Deans of the six ITC constituent seminaries will also be featured moderators at the various sessions.

The conference seeks to answer the question "*How can the theological education heritage of the African American church help strengthen the quality of life going forward in the plural, global, and increasingly urbanized society of the twenty-first century?*" The public-at-large, including clergy, scholars, theological educators, and professionals from public/secular education, social work, criminal justice, healthcare and public policy, as well as church members and individuals NOT affiliated with any congregation are encouraged and invited to register for this conference.

Dr. Joseph Crawford, Chair of the ITC Board stated, "I sense a high level of excitement among my peers on the ITC Board with Dr. Peters. We welcome him to the office of President of ITC and we celebrate this new beginning with another outstanding leader for an extraordinary institution."

Dr. Peters commented, "Because of the incomparable significance of the Interdenominational Theological Center and its collaborative seminaries in preparing future leaders for the Church, I am humbled by this appointment. I look forward, with great joy, to working with the ITC board, faculty, staff, and students as we move together toward the long, bright, and glorious future of this exceptional institution of theological learning and leadership." Before assuming this position, Dr.

Peters was the Henry L. Hillman Associate Professor of Urban Ministry and the first Director of Pitts-

burgh Theological Seminary's Metro-Urban Insti-

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'The Color of My Skin touches on institutional racism'

Tonya Whitaker's article "The Color of My Skin touches on institutional racism" on December 1, 2010 continues to generate passionate debate. Below is a message posted last week.

I am not sure about the allegations that Mr. Bazile wrote the book or what Kee Kee wrote on her website. I can imagine, given the emails that I have just read and their strong emotion against this book, that she might have been very upset over the response she most likely received.

I am not an African American, but a white teacher, who experienced institutionalized bullying within GISD. Also, I am not sure if any of you are aware of the ongoing lawsuit against the Garland Independent School District (GISD) by the NAACP. It is the reason all district employees must attend a Diversity Training where they and I speak first hand on this because I had to miss a seminar on How to Teach Down Syndrome Children to Read to attend this training where pictures of people in differing dress are presented, one in a motorcycle outfit, another dressed very professionally, etc. and the presenter then asks the audience, "Which one of these is a lawyer?" "Which one of these is a mechanic?" and on and on. Something happened in GISD to require

such basic 101 Humanity to be in need of teaching to 7,300 employees.

There is also a section of the GISD handbook that specifically states how Garland is to recruit African American teachers, and even spells out how many predominantly black universities they are to go to and how many have to be out of state (7 I think it is). There seems to be a disclaimer though that states that if no "qualified African American candidate" can be found, then another ethnicity will fulfill this requirement.

As an over ten year district employee with a spotless record and excellent job reviews, my teaching position was "non renewed" but the teacher hired after me, who was recruited solely over the internet from the Philippines, was not certified until the end of the school year, was not a U.S. citizen had her contract to teach for GISD renewed. A short time later another teacher from the same country with similar qualifications was hired as well. I saw the news report on Kee Kee's book and felt that she might have touched on a significant problem within GISD. Man's inhumanity to man is a thread that runs through history and it is not hard to imagine that it could play into Kee Kee's situation, as well as my situation.

I am surprised by how defensive and hostile all of your comments are. Does Kee Kee or her family not have a right to their own experience and perceptions even if they are not or have not been your own? I feel a bit like I did, reading all of the comments, when I would try to tell a fellow teacher about my experience, those employed by the district and possibly afraid of losing their job or of being perceived as disloyal, and they would act as if I had no right to be upset and that I had better just keep my mouth shut about everything and be thankful that I had been able to secure a part time position within the district after I was, I feel, discriminated against for whatever reasons, there are definitely factors involved that would benefit the district due to the ethnicity requirements, but the sad thing is those requirements were put in place to help the African American teachers of our country and city, not those from other countries.

It is sad to me to see those who you would think might at least be open to this young woman's experience and at least support her right to tell her story as she sees it and her first book does not deal with racial issues and I have read both of her books, in fact I took a copy of *The Color of My Skin* to the

Rowlett Public Library and they added it to their collection this week, they already had her first book, *The Piercing That Changed My Life* - an inspirational book with many resources for teens that are helpful, and I am not sure if any of you have read these books, but I would certainly hope so given the strong negative opinions you have formed and expressed. Some how this is really sad to me, so I can imagine how Kee Kee must have felt if she was exposed to a lot of the same.

I hope you will take some time to check out the ongoing lawsuit against GISD by the NAACP and I hope you will read both books, they are quite an accomplishment for a teenager and I have no doubt her father did not pen them. He just supported and encouraged his daughter as he has all three of his kids and actually as he did me in a few conversations I had with him. As I told him, "You have a gift of bringing out the best in those around you" and I truly believe that was his role in the book, *"The Color of My Skin."*

God Bless and I hope my words are received in the spirit of friendship and common good they were intended.

Thanks,
Rose Taylor

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Research shows students who complete Head Start do better both socially and academically and are less likely to drop out of high school.

Yet, Republicans want to cut the program by more than 22 percent. They say Head Start isn't as effective as supporters claim. To be fair, some studies show that achievement levels of some Head Start attendees start to drop off after first grade. However, this could speak to the quality of the school they enroll in after the pro-

gram. Additionally, the program's opponents say too much money is spent maintaining the program and not enough on enrolling new students.

It's not clear if the Republican Party is against poor people, working mothers, low-income children or all three. All of the cuts its leaders have moved to make have been to programs the support and empower the poor. If they are successful in taking away the building blocks that many have used to create a

foundation for future success, America's middle class will continue to shrink and the number of families living below the poverty line will increase.

If the Republicans were serious about balancing the budget they'd take a look at programs with inflated and misappropriated budgets, starting with the military. Sure, it's critical that the U.S. has a strong military in place but studies have shown that program is rife with wasteful spending. It's not the only area where

money is either being wasted or being misused. A good, honest budget scrub will show the Republicans - and Democrats - just which programs can handle significant cuts.

If you believe in the power of Head Start and can testify to how it helped a child - past or present - in your life, call your elected officials. Let them know that they absolutely cannot cut Head Start. Our children's - and our nation's - success depends on it.

Segways presented to MFD by Medical Center McKinney

(NDG Wire) Two new Segway vehicles purchased with funds donated by the Medical Center of McKinney (MCM) are ready for use by the McKinney Fire Department. The specialized personal transportation devices will be presented by MCM to firefighters on Wednesday, March 23 at Wysong Central Fire Sta-

tion.

The Segways will be used to aid Firefighter Paramedics in large crowds during special community events, like the recent Krewe of Barkus event downtown. The donation of more than \$16,000 allowed the Fire Department to purchase two Segway self-balancing personal transporta-

tion devices to allow Paramedics to quickly reach a scene before traditional emergency vehicles could in a dense crowd and start the necessary response, saving precious time. The units will carry both basic and advanced first aid equipment and supplies including an Automatic External De-

The American Diabetes Association announces the 14th annual 'Stars of Texas' fundraiser

(NDG Wire) Celebrated sports broadcaster Randy Galloway and his wife Janene will once again gather with hundreds of friends at Lone Star Park to raise dollars and awareness for the ravages of diabetes. "Stars of Texas ... Racing Against the Odds", has a 2011 goal to raise \$3.5 million dollars for diabetes research and education.

A top-performing fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association, "Stars of Texas" offers guests the opportunity to mingle with sports and media celebrities, sample eclectic cuisine, and

bid toward silent and live auction items. These items include unique travel and entertainment packages, "premier dining" gift certificates, apparel, and much more.

This year's theme will be "Betting on a Cure", with a casino-style décor. Celebrities scheduled to appear at this year's event include some of our Dallas Cowboys, Walt Garrison, Preston Pearson, Norm Hitzges, Chuck Greenberg, and many more. Auction items include diamonds by local jeweler Curtis Miller, a Cowboys' "away game" package, a hunting trip to South America, a fish-

ing trip to the Bahamas, a "Photo Finish" Suite at Lone Star Park, plus many more.

This is the Galloways' 13th year to serve as honorary chairmen for "Stars of Texas", which benefits diabetes research, educational programs, and most importantly, a week-long summer camp for children facing this disease.

"We were motivated to get involved with the fight against diabetes after we lost several dear family members to the disease," said Randy Galloway. "I'm both hum-

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Ride Ataxia inaugural event in Dallas

(NDG Wire) Outback Steakhouse and the Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) are inviting everyone to join the fun for a cycling journey to raise awareness and research funds for the rare neuromuscular disorder Friedrich's ataxia (FA).

Ride Ataxia Dallas will include 10, 25 and 50 mile routes along scenic country roads inviting all levels of riders. The March 26, 2011 event will begin and end at Vista Ridge Amphitheater in Lewisville, TX. The first ride route starts at 8:30am and will be followed by a celebration meal provided by Outback Steakhouse.

Eight local families affected by FA will participate in Ride Ataxia Dallas to benefit FARA. Mabank resident, Donna Newman's 13 year old daughter Natalie was diagnosed with FA last May. She states, "We need a cure for FA, and we will do everything we can to help those that are working so hard to find that cure. We are still less than a year into our daughter's diagnosis, and we see how much

has been accomplished because of the Ride Ataxia. It is amazing!"

FARA's national spokesperson, Kyle Bryant, who was diagnosed with FA in 1998, founded Ride Ataxia in 2007 with a 2,500 mile ride from San Diego, CA to Memphis, TN. Since then, Ride Ataxia has become a national powerhouse travelling over 3,500 miles in the past four years, raising invaluable awareness and bringing together research funds surpassing the \$1 million level.

Bryant states, "As Ride Ataxia has grown by leaps and bounds over the past four years, we have addressed the need to share the adventure with people of all abilities by changing the format of the Ride to include shorter weekend rides in which all can participate. There is something for everyone with shorter options to include people of all cycling abilities."page

Blaise Hadley, Regional Venture Partner from Presenting Sponsor Outback Steakhouse, adds, "All of us at Outback Steakhouse are

excited to be a part of this incredible event benefiting FARA. This ride is not only about raising awareness of FA, but also about raising funds, to finance the research, to find a cure. We at Outback Steakhouse look forward a great partnership with Ride Ataxia for many years to come!"

In 2010, the Ride Ataxia National Program raised \$400,000 in support of FA research through rides in Tampa, FL; Northern California; Philadelphia; and Southern California. Ride Ataxia Dallas has a goal this year of raising \$125,000. Ride Ataxia Dallas is presented by Outback Steakhouse and additional sponsors include: Sewell Motors, Toyota of Fort Worth, Coca Cola, Hardie's Fruit & Vegetable Company, Richardson Bike Mart, and Bicycles Plus.

The team is seeking participants to join them on their journey and the event is accepting donations online and by mail. For more information or to make a donation please visit www.rideataxia.org/dallas

Medical Center of McKinney offers community education classes

(NDG Wire) Medical Center of McKinney offers a variety of community education classes throughout the month of April.

Medical Center of McKinney's classes include:

Prepared Childbirth. Thursdays, April 7, 14, and 21, 7-9 p.m., Medical Center of McKinney, 4500 Medical Center Drive, FREE to anyone delivering their baby at Medical Center of McKinney. This 3 week class offers a comprehensive look into labor and delivery and the early postpartum weeks. You'll learn useful breathing and relaxation techniques, pain management techniques information about Cesarean births and more.

Prepared Childbirth Seminar. Saturday, March 19 and April 16, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Medical Center of McKinney, 4500 Medical Center Drive, FREE to anyone delivering their baby at Medical Center of McKinney. This program is our

prepared childbirth classes in a compact full day seminar. It is a comprehensive look into labor and delivery and the early postpartum weeks. You'll learn useful breathing and relaxation techniques, pain management techniques information about Cesarean births and more. A tour of our labor, delivery and postpartum units are included.

Breastfeeding Basics. Monday, April 11, 7 - 9 p.m., Medical Center of McKinney, 4500 Medical Center Drive, FREE to anyone delivering their baby at Medical Center of McKinney. This class offers an in-depth look into the benefits and techniques of breastfeeding and helps expectant mothers prepare for success in nursing their babies.

Breastfeeding and the Working Mom. Monday, March 21 and April 18, 7-9 p.m., Medical Center of McKinney, 4500 Medical Center Drive, FREE to anyone delivering their baby at

Medical Center of McKinney. This two hour class covers choosing the right breast pump, when you should begin pumping, how to store breast milk safely, and much more.

Handle with Care. Sunday, March 20 and April 17, 3-5 p.m., Medical Center of McKinney, 4500 Medical Center Drive, FREE to anyone delivering at Medical Center of McKinney. This two hour class is for new parents to provide instruction on newborn care, including cord care, circumcision care, feeding, safety, products, signs of illness and more.

Heart Saver/CPR Online. Access www.medicalcenterofmckinney.com, Education, American Heart. This American Heart Association course is a two-step process. Part 1 is an online e-learning module, and part 2 is a skills check off scheduled with AHA approved instructor at Medical Center of

McKinney Wysong Campus, 130 S. Central Expressway, \$10. The class will provide basic training for first responders, childcare providers and other interested community members.

Sibling Class. Offered on an as needed basis, the next class TBA, to register please contact Rebecca Williams 972-369-1602 or rebecca.williams@hca-healthcare.com. FREE to anyone delivering at Medical Center of McKinney. This class is for what to expect when becoming a big sister / brother and ways to prepare for a new sibling.

Type II Diabetes Class. Tuesday, March 29 and April 26, 6-8 p.m., Medical Center of McKinney Wysong Campus, 130 S. Central Expressway, FREE. This two hour class offers ways to manage your diabetes and plan meals have questions answered by a diabetes expert and learn the importance of checking your blood

sugar and understanding the results.

For a complete listing of available dates and times, and to register for any of these classes, visit www.medicalcenterofmckinney.com. For more information call 972-369-1602 or email rebecca.williams@hca-healthcare.com.

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Lights Out McKinney! celebrates Earth Hour March 26

(NDG Wire) Saturday March 26 millions of people in more than 130 countries around the world will unite to celebrate the planet by switching off their lights for one designated hour in the annual Earth Hour event. The City of McKinney Office of Environmental Stewardship (OES) encourages residents to celebrate Earth Hour with "Lights Out McKinney!"

"Energy conservation, like turning off lights, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and improves air quality. Excessive artificial lighting also blocks

our ability to see stars at night and even interferes with bird migration. By taking part in Earth Hour, McKinney is committed to preserving those aspects of our community that make it an attractive and healthy place to live and work," said OES Manager Julie Smith.

During the weekend of Earth Hour, the City of McKinney will be conducting a competition between city teams by building facility and will track reductions in energy consumption and cost savings highlighting the applications of a recently installed

energy monitoring system funded through a Department of Energy grant initiative. Employees are encouraged to curtail usage of non-essential energy intensive devices and processes.

Please visit the city website www.mckinney-texas.org and look for the "Lights Out McKinney!" logo to take a pledge to do your part for Earth Hour and learn more about how you and your neighbors can organize local activities. To learn more about global Earth Hour initiatives, visit www.earth-hour.org.

Carrollton telecommunicator awarded Medical Dispatch Scholarship

(NDG Wire) 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Brenda Rodriguez of the City of Carrollton Public Safety Communications (PSC) Center and Angela Sherrod, Lewisville Police Department were awarded the 2011 Dr. Allen Groff Emergency Medical Dispatch scholarship by the Denco Area 9-1-1 District Board of Managers at its March meeting. Denco Area 9-1-1 District serves as the coordinating agency for 9-1-1 emergency service throughout Denton County and the entire City of Carrollton. It is the organization which implemented and maintains the 9-1-1 system.

The recipients were chosen by the Denco board based on specific application criteria, interest in the area of medical dispatch, general compliance with established Emergency Medical Dispatch protocols and overall attitude. Rodriguez and Sherrod will attend the national Navigator Emergency Dispatch conference in April. The scholarship includes paid travel to the conference, hotel room and registration fee. Both winners have committed to sharing knowledge learned at the confer-

ence with their fellow dispatchers from across the District.

Denco 9-1-1 board vice chair, Mayor Olive Stephens presented the awards to this year's recipients, commenting that, "it's you that make the 9-1-1 system work for our citizens." Board chair, Jack Miller said "scoring the applications is one of the most challenging tasks that Board members undertake, since the applicants are all so deserving of the opportunity."

Rodriguez, a veteran Telecommunicator with more than 20 years of experience, was excited about the chance to attend a national conference. In her application, she stated, "it is because of my EMD training that I am able to get the best possible care to those needing help, in the quickest manner possible." She plans to return from the conference with new knowledge that will help her "do her best each day."

All Telecommunicators in Denton County are trained as Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EM-Ds) using the nationally recognized and certified Priority Dispatch System. When a 9-1-1 caller has a medical

emergency, the EMD uses a flip card system to ask detailed questions about the situation and provide pre-arrival instructions, when appropriate. Using the system, Telecommunicators can provide step-by-step instructions for performing CPR, the Heimlich maneuver, and even delivering a baby.

The scholarship was established in 2000 by the Denco board to honor the memory of Dr. Allen Groff who served on the board from 1992 until his passing in August, 2000. As a primary care physician serving northern Denton County, Groff was committed to high quality Emergency Medical Dispatch training for Telecommunicators who answer 9-1-1 calls across the district.

City of Carrollton Public Safety Communications Center Manager Raney Tate said, "Brenda Rodriguez is the 8th City of Carrollton PSC dispatcher to receive this annual scholarship since it was first offered 11 years ago. I believe this speaks directly to the quality of our dispatchers, who truly are the first responders serving our community in emergencies."

DART joins the big switch off

(NDG Wire) The lights at Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) are set to go off for a good cause on March 26 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. as part of the global Earth Hour.

For the third year, all non-essential lights at

DART's headquarters building, 1401 Pacific Avenue, will be turned off during that time to help raise environmental awareness.

Earth Hour is about making simple changes that will collectively make a difference. DART makes a dif-

ference each day with its zero-emissions trains, clean-fuel buses, high occupancy vehicle lanes, and numerous solar-powered bus shelters.

Learn more about DART's green initiatives by visiting www.DART.org/gogreen.

Quick Trip to host job fair

(NDG Wire) Quick Trip convenience stores will host a job fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the QT office, 2701 E. Plano Parkway, Suite 150 in Plano.

Recruiters will be on site to accept applications and discuss employment opportunities. Applicants

must bring a complete application with them to the job fair. Applications are available at all Quick Trip locations in the area. To qualify for an interview, applicants must pass a math/aptitude test.

Applicant for hourly part-time employment mu-

st be at least 16. Flexible hours are available. For full-time assistant manager positions, applicants must be at least 18. Hourly positions pay \$8.25 hour. Average annual pay for managers is \$40,740 a year.

GOP to raid the Texas Mobility Fund to pay for Photo I.D.

Using data provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety, State Representative Rafael Anchia has calculated that enacting SB 14 could result in a loss to the Texas Mobility Fund of as much as \$14 million in the next biennium.

SB 14 requires the DPS to provide free state ID's to anyone who is registered to vote, or who registers to vote when they apply. The 'free ID' provision is necessary to maintain the constitutionality of the bill under the 14th Amendment.

If the cost of providing free ID's for people who have moved or changed names were included in the bill, the cost would rise to \$9 million per year.

Addressing the cost, Rep-

resentative Anchia said, "Think of all the revenue that's going to be lost when people figure out that they can get the state ID for free instead of paying \$16. Why would anyone spend \$16 when they can get their state ID for free?" He continued, "This is money that's supposed to be used for building roads, and raiding the fund is a clear violation of ARTICLE III(49-k)(f) of the Texas Constitution"

In 2010, the DPS issued 693,884 state ID's which produced over \$9 million in revenue for the Texas Mobility Fund, which is the trust fund pledged to paying back bonds used to finance the construction and expansion of state highways. The Texas Constitution specifically pro-

tections this fund from being "reduced, rescinded, or repealed." If the Legislature reduces the revenue for the Mobility Fund, it risks requiring the use of General Revenue to make up the difference to pay our bond debt; and may also limit the amount the state is able to bond for transportation projects in the future on an ongoing basis.

"There's a very good reason the Constitution protects the Mobility Fund from being raided by the Legislature to pay for partisan pet projects," said Representative Anchia. "Our state's fiscal credibility rests on our ability to assure investors that our word is our bond, and that this trust fund will not be tampered with."

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Boston; organizations, groups and families are taking the time to spotlight couples in the Black community that are "Married and Proud of It"

Wedded Bliss Foundation is also encouraging local Black Marriage Day sponsors across the country to involve singles and youth in their Black Marriage Day events on Sunday, March 27, with film festivals, workshops, conferences, marriage vow renewals and much

more.

"Healthy married couples in the Black community are nearly invisible from the media but they exist. All we generally hear about is the pain. We're creating a cultural shift in the Black community to reconsider the benefits of marriage and show the many couples who are, "Married and Proud of It"; Wedded Bliss Foundation Executive Director Nisa Muhammad said. "Much of what we hear about marriage in the Black community is a

blues song about low rates, out of wedlock births, escalating divorces and how somebody done so-mebody wrong. We want to replace that blues song with a love song of joy."

Black Marriage Day has been celebrated annually at locally sponsored events hosted by faith-based and community groups on the fourth Sunday of March since 2003. Marriage activists in more than 300 communities participated in 2010, Mrs. Muhammad said.

SMU host National Geographic Lecture and grant writing workshop

(NDG Wire) The National Geographic Society is bringing its field research and adventure to SMU for a free evening of dramatic discussions and compelling photography.

John Francis, vice president of National Geographic research, conservation and exploration, will join photographer Carsten Peter and renowned alpinist Conrad Anker for the presentation on Saturday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m., in the Mack Grand Ballroom at SMU's Umphrey Lee Center. <http://smu.edu/maps/>

In addition to the presentation, a daylong workshop for SMU students on National Geographic's Young Explorers Grants program is to be held that day

at Hughes-Trigg Student Center from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Young Explorers grants support individuals ages 18-25 in their pursuit of research, exploration and conservation-based field projects.

The workshop will enable students interested in pursuing Young Explorers grants to meet with recent grant recipients and National Geographic staff, explorers, conservationists and researchers. They will learn about the kinds of projects the program aims to support and will have an opportunity to discuss their ideas for field projects with National Geographic grantees and staff. A former National Geographic grantee, paleontologist Louis Ja-

cobs, will take part in the workshop.

"Until starting the Young Explorers program in 2006 we tended only to fund more established researchers," Francis said. We realized that by supporting younger individuals on their first field projects, we could reach a fruitful, new sector. With increasingly diverse media and more Young Explorers, we hope to better fulfill our vision to inspire people to care about the planet."

For more information and to register for the free workshop log on to <http://nationalgeographic.com/young-explorers>. To register for the free evening lecture log on to <http://smu.edu/nge/>.

UNCF needs communities across America to help students graduate this spring: text "UNCF" to 50555

\$1 Million needed from concerned individuals, corporations and foundations

(NDG Wire) UNCF-the United Negro College Fund-the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization, needs communities' support across America to help thousands of economy-impacted college students short of funds to pay their tuition and room and board balances in order to graduate this spring. The UNCF Campaign For Emergency Student Aid is an initiative to help students at UNCF's 39 member historically black colleges and universities complete their senior year and get their diplomas. Nationally, UNCF has raised nearly \$3 million toward its \$4 million goal for this academic year to ensure that 2,600 at risk students graduate this spring. Concerned advocates for education are en-

couraged to join UNCF and the more than 10,000 individuals, corporations, organizations who have already signed on and made donations to ensure that students - who have done everything in their power to graduate - walk across the stage and receive their college diplomas.

"Thousands of students are so close to crossing the finish line and getting their college degrees," said Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D., UNCF president and CEO. "They have worked hard but are falling short financially. It is critical for all Americans who understand the power of an education and the doors it can open, to join forces to help these students get the education they need and our nation needs them to have. Many of these students will

not be able to graduate this year if those who understand don't step up to help."

As the recession lingers, many students at UNCF schools continue to find themselves in financially vulnerable positions. Layoffs, pay cuts, and the disappearance of many private student loan programs have left students owing money for tuition, text books, and dormitory room-bills that must be paid before they can graduate. Education advocates, supporters and friends of UNCF can text "UNCF" to 50555 on their cell phones to donate \$10 to help students walk the last mile of their education. To learn more and make an online donation, visit www.uncf.org and click on the Campaign for Emergency Student Aid icon.

Local educators inducted into the Archives and History Program 2011 Hall of Fame

(NDG Wire) Each year efforts of the African American Education Archives and History Program remind the public that African American education in Dallas County came at a high price over more than a century and a half of Dallas County history, and that many heroic and dedicated African American educators willingly paid that price for past, present and future generations.

The Hall of Fame is one of five components that comprise the African American Education Archives and History Program that was initiated in 2001 and will observe its first decade this year. The Hall of Fame honors both educators and

other individuals who have significantly promoted and enhanced African American education throughout Dallas County history.

The African American Museum at Fair Park co-sponsors the Program's five components and houses the Hall of Fame. The other four components are:

- Oral History Project
- Archives and History Repository
- Exhibits and Media Presentation
- Curriculum Development

Program officials are proud to announce ten 2011 Hall of Fame living and deceased inductees and two Special Awards recipients. All 2011 honorees will be

saluted at an induction ceremony banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011 at New Birth Baptist Church, Jesus Center, 444 West Ledbetter Dr., Dallas. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner. A table for 10 is \$500.

Living inductees are Dr. Carol Francois, Dr. James O. Griffin, John Kincaide, Mavis B. Knight, Priscilla McGaughey, Dr. Roscoe C. Smith, Melvin Traylor, and Dr. Ann Williams. Deceased inductees are Dr. Herman I. Holland and Lucy McDonald Davis. Special Awards recipients are Brenda Alyce Fields (Trailblazer) and J. N. Ervin (Pioneer). See the attachments for details on the inductees.

City of Dallas Summer Youth Camp Registration begins Saturday, March 26

2nd Annual Park Department Open House showcases diverse recreation programs

(NDG Wire) Summer is months away and the Dallas Park and Recreation Department is encouraging parents to be among the first to enroll their kids in summer programs. Camp registration gets under way during the department's 2nd annual open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at all city recreation centers.

For the first time, the Park Department will offer sibling discounts for the camps, which are designed for ages 6-12. Activities for teenagers are available at selected recreation centers. Camps begin June 6 and continue through July 29. Camp enrollment is limited, so parents are encouraged to register their children right away.

In addition to summer registration, other open house activities will give families and friends a chance to try recreation enrichment and fitness classes, play various indoor and out-

door games and enjoy live music and dance. Anyone who signs up for camps, fitness memberships, or leisure classes and programs will be entered into a city-

wide drawing. Prizes include family passes to Bahama Beach Waterpark, Dallas Arboretum and City

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tute, an interdisciplinary program of religious leadership development for urban society.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Peters received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern University (Baton Rouge, Louisiana), the Master of

Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Hamilton, Massachusetts), and his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Rev. Dr. Peters was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and joined the

Pittsburgh Seminary faculty following 18 years of pastoral leadership in the state of Florida. He is an internationally respected preacher, author, and advisor on social witness policy and urban theological education.

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Murphy municipal ballot set, two races uncontested

(NDG Wire) The City of Murphy's municipal ballot has been finalized with candidates for election now in place for the Mayor's office and two City Council positions, according to City Secretary Aimee Nemer.

"The filing period for candidates for the election for the Mayor and City Council Places 3 and 5 ended at 5 p.m. on March 14. The deadline for a write-in candidate was Monday, March 21 and deadline to withdraw as a candidate was Tuesday, March 22," she said.

The write-in deadline passed with incumbents Mayor Bret Baldwin and

Place 3 City Council member John Daugherty drawing no opponents. Therefore, they will be sworn in for their new terms after the May 14 election. The race for City Council Place 5 drew two candidates, and their names will appear in this order: John Wideman and Bernard Grant. The order resulted from a drawing held on Tuesday, March 15 at City Hall administered by the City Secretary.

"Mayor Baldwin and Councilman Daugherty are running unopposed; however, because the race for Place 5 has two candidates, all candidates must appear

on the ballot. Unopposed and elected candidates will be certified and take the oath of office at the May 17 Council Meeting," she added.

Early voting for the May 14 City Council Election is May 2 through May 10. More information on polling locations, dates, and times will be released at a later date. Voters wishing to vote in the May Election must register to vote by April 14, 2011. Voter Registration Applications are available at City Hall or via the Collin County website at <http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections/index.jsp>.

Irving student named Texas Gatorade Player of the year

Alexis Jones, junior at MacArthur High School, was named as Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Player of the Year March 10.

In 1985, The Gatorade Company established an award honoring America's elite high school student-athletes. Now in its third decade, the Gatorade Player of the Year award has become one of the most prestigious accolades in high school sports. The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one award winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states.



Alexis Jones

All final selection decisions are the result of a collaborative effort between ESPN RISE and The Gatorade Company.

Among Gatorade

Player of the Year award alumni, fans will discover names like Peyton Manning, Candace Parker, Alonzo Mourning and Lisa Leslie. These champions represent only a handful of exceptionally talents who were first recognized by the Gatorade Player of the Year program before shining at the highest levels of competition. For over 25 years, state and national Players of the Year have been honored for their athletic achievements, academic excellence and exemplary character.

DART brings new life to historic maintenance building

The Monroe Shops building, located at Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) Blue Line Illinois Station, will enter its next century of use in a way that could not have even been imagined when it opened as a train maintenance facility around 1914. On March 21 it becomes the new home of the DART Police Department.

The building on South Corinth Street Rd. has long been recognized as a historic treasure. But efforts to redevelop it for retail or other transit-oriented uses were unsuccessful, and the maintenance facility for the former Texas Interurban Railway has sat vacant for years.

With the DART Rail sys-

tem slated to grow to 90 miles over the next few years, the number of DART police personnel will need to expand beyond its current force. Lt. James Foster was charged with leading the needs assessment for the DART Police Department. Together, with Steven Bourn, AIA, DART architect and project manager, and Ronald Maddox, DART Construction Engineering Manager, the team developed and executed a plan to rehabilitate the building and provide approximately 69,000 square feet to accommodate the police.

Bourn admits it was a challenge designing the sensitive conversion of an old trolley repair shop listed on the

National Register of Historic Places into a 21st Century police headquarters. DART is applying for recognition of Monroe Shops as the agency's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building.

Monroe Shops was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Secretary of Interior in 2007. The building was listed because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of architectural patterns reminiscent of Texas Interurban Railway era. The Interurban linked much of North Texas by passenger rail until 1948.

"Working with a historical building can be tricky, but DART's priority was to preserve the structure while making it useful to the needs of a growing transit system," Bourn adds.

The new \$20 million facility now includes three floors of modern workspace, meeting rooms, staff offices, showers, lockers and an exercise facility.

Redesigning this historic structure for modern police use has been a labor of love for the architect. "How can you not be interested in a project named Monroe," Bourn jokes. "Besides, what is the value of a public building if it's just sitting there and no one can use it?"

DART Police Chief James Spiller has been watching Monroe Shops change shape



little by little since construction began in July 2009 and is anxious to move into the historic structure, which was greatly expanded to accomplish his department's work.

"It's bigger, modern and more environmentally friendly. It will also enhance the efficiency of the DART police department by allowing room for growth and expansion, as the need arises," Spiller says. "When we started this project and broke ground, it was the first time that the officers felt like something was happening. When we finally get moved in it'll make a huge difference to them."

Nobody can remember how it got its name, but there is no denying that Monroe Shops played an important part in Dallas' transportation history according to Stephen Salin, DART Vice President of Rail Planning.

"It was the home of all heavy repair work to cars belonging to the Texas Electric

Railway, or Interurban, until its final run in 1948," he says. "Prior to the arrival of the railway, Dallas mainly served as a prosperous agriculture-based town. That all changed due to the existence of the Interurban and this historic repair facility."

For more than three decades, the Interurban created transportation jobs, brought buyers to Dallas markets and workers to downtown over 226 miles of track on three lines that traveled to Denison, Sherman, Ennis, Corsicana, Hillsboro and Waco.

When the Interurban stopped taking daily care of 250 rail cars, their maintenance property became the home of such businesses as Fleming & Son Papermill, U-Haul Company, and the city of Dallas before DART acquired the abandoned building in April 1991 as part of the land acquisition for the southern Blue Line segment.

"When you look at this

historical building it reminds you of the era of interurban rail travel, but now it will play two new roles; for law enforcement and as a catalyst for transit oriented development," Salin explains.

Monroe Shops was built south of the city of Dallas in an area known as Trinity Heights. It was historically populated with railroad workers who worked at the shops and spent their money with businesses that sprang up in the neighborhood.

Jack Wierzenski, DART Director of Economic Development, says having the original repair facility there almost 100 years ago helped the area to grow and prosper. He hopes the new Monroe Shops will have the same affect and be a catalyst for new development and reinvestment along the rail corridor in South Dallas.

"We have always considered our DART Rail stations as gateways to the community and the Monroe Shops at Illinois Station is no different," Wierzenski says. "Now, almost 100 years later, with DART moving into the neighborhood, we hope history repeats itself and we help renew economic growth all over again."

DART's presence, according to Wierzenski, could do just that. He said once the idea of growth and development takes hold in a community, it becomes a powerful motivator for change.

Fields visits Irving elementary school



Greg Fields, meteorologist at WFAA-Channel 8 spoke to students at John Haley Elementary School as a culminating activity for their unit of study regarding the weather March 11

Ongoing

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

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

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

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.NoLimitNetwork.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://nbwen.org.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).

Target Second Saturdays at Latino Cultural Center On the second Saturday of every month family-friendly activities celebrating Latino arts and culture. Come in for one hour, or stay the whole day.

Business Empowerment Sessions. Learn to grow a successful small business. 1st Thursday of each month at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dal-

las. Call 214-942-6698 for details.

How to start a business. Free sessions on getting started the right way. Sessions held the last Monday of each month. Call The PLAN Fund for details 214-942-6698.

Through March 26

The PDNB Gallery, 1202 Dragon St. in Dallas, will host *Neil Leifer: For the Love of the Game*, every Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Photographs Do Not Bend Gallery. Leifer, a longtime *Sports Illustrated* photographer, showcases the greatest moments of professional sports since he began shooting pro football at the NFL Championship Game in 1978. The exhibit is free.

The **Bath House Cultural Center**, 521 E. Lawther Drive in Dallas, will present the comedy *The Housekeeper* by James Prideaux at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Call 214-532-1709 for reservations. www.bathhousecultural.com

Through March 27

The Art Centre Theatre, 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will present *Peter Pan*. Performances will be Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m., March 11 and March 25 at 7:30 p.m., March 12 and March 26 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. and March 27 at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays are half-price. Ticket prices are \$12 online or \$15 at the door. Advanced online purchases (before opening) are only \$10 with coupon code "PAN." www.ArtCentreTheatre.com

Through April 1

3rd Annual Spring Flower Fund Raiser to Benefit the Network of Community Ministries Dental Clinic in Richardson is accepting flower orders now. Choose from a variety of flowers including Begonias, Periwinkles, Dusty Miller, and many

others in flats of 18 four-inch pots. The benefit sale is hosted at Loveable Smiles, 1410 N. Plano Rd., Suite 200, Richardson. Contact Loveable Smiles for an order form by phone at 972-231-0585, email info@loveablesmiles.com, or download at <http://www.loveablesmiles.com>. Pre-order deadline is Friday, April 1. Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, April 8, 4—6 p.m.

Through April 2

The **Garland Civic Theatre** will present Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* at the Granville Arts Center, 300 North Fifth St., in downtown Dallas. Thursday performances are slated for March 10 and March 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for all shows except the March 10 show (\$15). Friday and Saturday evening shows start at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2:30 p.m. Call the Arts Center Box at 972-205-2790 for tickets.

March 28

SMU's **Godbey Lecture Series** features Ezra Greenspan, professor of English discussing *Researching and Writing African American Biography: The Life and Writings of Williams Wells Brown* at 11:30 a.m. lecture, noon lunch at the Maggiano's at NorthPark Center, 8687 N Central Expy, Suite 205, Dallas, \$45 for members, \$65 for nonmembers for individual lectures. Info: 214-768-2905; www.smu.edu/Dedman/AboutDedmanCollege/GodbeyLecture

March 25

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"When Couples Become Parents: Keeping your Marriage Strong for Your Child"** by Dr. Karen Prager

March 25-April 10

The Young Adult Rated Drama (YARD) of the **Dallas Children's Theatre** presents the stage adaption of the award-winning novel *Tuck Everlasting* the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman in Dallas.

www.dct.org

March 26

9 am to Noon **Composting Workshop** \$60; \$48 for Texas Discovery Gardens members.

The **Perry Museum**, 1509 N. Perry Road in Carrollton, will host a kite exhibit. cityofcarrollton.com/museum

The Gideon Center, 3110 Main St. in Frisco, will host a **grand opening and open house** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 214-676-9015 or email ardella@thegideonfoundation.org.

March 30

Real Girls Real Women - East Texas Annual Awards Luncheon - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. at Hollytree Country Club, Tyler

March 30-April 3

Disney on Ice presents *Disney/Pixar Toy Story 3* at American Airline Center at 7:30 p.m. on March 30, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 31, April 2 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish performance) and April 3 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

April 1-2

Antioch Christian Fellowship Church of Lancaster will host its annual **No Plan B Marriage Conference** at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 1311 E. Centre Park Blvd. in DeSoto. 469-789-6313.

April 2

Modern Victory Gardens: Discover the Art of Summer Vegetable Gardening at Texas Discovery Gardens 9 a.m. to noon., \$25 per class or become a Garden Member and save \$5! Info: Programs@TexasDiscoveryGardens.org and 214-428-7476 x 240.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Psi Chapter will hold its annual **Business Month Education and Scholarship Luncheon** from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Market Center, 7050 N.

Stemmons Freeway Dallas

April 6-May 12

Gideon Math and Reading Center, 3110 Main St. in Frisco, will host creative writing workshops by award-winning journalist Linda Jones for 4th through 9th graders at the center. Tuition costs \$240 per student; those who register online receive a \$10 discount. To register (deadline April 2), contact manelock@yahoo.com.

April 7 and 21

The **Visiting Nurse Association Meals on Wheels volunteer training** is scheduled for April 7 and 21 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Visiting Nurse Association's headquarters on 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. Info: 214-689-2210 or www.vna-texas.org.

April 7

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic are coming to South Side Music Hall, 1135 S. Lamar in Dallas, at 7:30 p.m.

April 8-9

WINGSPAN THEATRE COMPANY and ONE THIRTY PRODUCTIONS, in partnership and in cooperation with The Bath House Cultural Center will present *Horton Foote's The Carpetbagger's Children*. This partnership production is part of a two month long celebration of the late legendary Texas playwright Horton Foote. The Horton Foote Festival is slated to run March 14 - (Foote's birthday) through May 1. During this time, various arts organizations in Dallas and Fort Worth will be presenting plays, screening film adaptation of his work, and presenting insights into his life through readings, and other related events. All performances will be at The Bath House Cultural Center on White Rock Lake, 521 East Lawther Drive, Dallas, Texas 75218. Ticket prices are: \$5.00 for matinee performances and \$10.00 for evening performances. Info: 214-675-6573 or via:

April 17-24

Dr Pepper Dallas Cup XXXII Info: www.dallas-cup.com

April 19

SMU Athletic Forum: AT&T Luncheon with Mike Krzyewski, Duke University current head men's basketball coach and coach of U.S. men's national basketball team at Noon at the Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, 27th Floor, Dallas. Info: 214-768-4314, <http://smu.edu/athleticforum/events.asp>

April 21

The American Diabetes Benefit, "Stars of Texas ... Racing Against the Odds." from 5 – 10 p.m. at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie. Info: www.diabetes.org/starsoftexas or Roxann Pishnick at 214.616.3868

August 20

AnyEvent Event Planning Services is hosting **Event Planners Boot Camp** at UTA, 701 S. Nedderman Dr. Arlington, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Info: Teri Robinson at 214-376-6530 or at teri@anyevent.org. Register online at www.anyevent.org.

April 26

Garland City Manager's Quarterly Meeting 7 p.m.

April 28

Dallas candidates for mayor forum will feature Ron Natinsky, David Kunkle, Mike Rawlings, and Edward Opka will attend 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Road, Dallas. More info at <http://blog.farnorth-dallasdemocrats.org>

April 29

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"Play Dates and Peer Groups: Forming Friendships across Childhood"** Dr. Lisa Rosen.

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'Small-town girl' living her dream in Big D mentoring at Dallas Kimball High

Two old computers sit atop aging desks in front of a long green chalkboard in a sparsely decorated room at Justin Kimball High School in Oak Cliff. The words, "Welcome to GO Center" are scrawled on the chalkboard around a red Kimball Knights pennant taped in the middle.

A Kimball student sits at one of the computers, struggling to enter personal information on a scholarship application Web site. Standing over her shoulder is University of North Texas at Dallas master's student Viola McGowan, ready to encourage and help her navigate through the tedious document.

A first-year counseling student, McGowan serves five hours a day, four days a week as a UNT Dallas "Jaguar Leader" at the high school. Dressed in a white UNT Dallas T-shirt and sporting her trademark smile, McGowan is doing what she loves.

"I love being a mentor. If this is all that I could do, I would do it day in and day out because I love helping people. It gets me one step closer to my goal which is to help kids better themselves," McGowan said.

She enjoys Kimball because it is an interesting place that doesn't present a lot of surprises. She goes in with no expectations. "I just take it one day at a time. Whatever curve ball they throw at me, I didn't expect it anyway, so I swing whether I miss or hit a grand slam."

As a Jaguar Leader, McGowan helps students look for and apply to colleges, she explains the financial aid process, she helps them find and secure scholarships and she proofreads their scholarship essays. "Anything in terms of applying to college I help them with." She brought the entire senior class—276 students—to UNT Dallas in



University of North Texas at Dallas counseling student Viola McGowan helps a student in the "GO Center" at Kimball High School March 8. A "Jaguar Leader," she loves being a mentor to students.

January. "That was a hectic day."

Kimball senior Esther Gibson called McGowan a good person who pushes her to succeed. "She gives me good advice: keep my head up and keep pushing. She takes me to this Web site where you go and apply for scholarships, and she sits down with me and tells me how to go through it. I look up to her. She inspires me a lot."

Takesha Winn is an English teacher and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) coordinator at Kimball. She calls McGowan and the GO Center assets to the school.

"She's doing an awesome job here. It's helpful because she's helping students apply for the ACT and SAT. Some students just cannot navigate that process. She helps them with essay writing. It's an asset to the school because teachers may not always be able to have the extra time to sit down with students to do those things whereas she can. She's always very helpful."

Winn said every Dallas Independent School District high school should have a GO Center and

maybe even starting as young as middle school so they can start getting exposure to college.

As Kimball students get acceptance letters, the school posts them on bulletin boards around campus. Some of them will become the first in their families to get a college degree, just as McGowan was.

The self-described "small-town girl who had big dreams and wouldn't stop until they were re-ached" grew up in a three-bedroom, one-bathroom trailer with her parents and two brothers in Jayess, Miss., 45 minutes west of Hattiesburg. Her parents went to work after graduating from high school—her father as a truck driver, her mother as a textile worker making parachutes for the government.

"Our rooms were tiny, but we made the most of it," McGowan remembered. "You have to learn to make the most of what you have and love it and treat it like it's a castle."

Growing up with two older brothers, she tried to follow in their footsteps. Everything they did, she was going to do. "I was a tomboy," she said. She

played basketball and softball and ran track. Sports taught her time management and, most importantly, "when things aren't going your way, don't give up; just try it a different way."

Her middle school only had five black students in it, so she always had to prove herself. One day her principal told her, "Don't get mad, get even." "And that stuck with me. Do it better. Be great. I think the biggest revenge that you can have is success."

McGowan had a few teachers that didn't expect anything of her, and when she needed help they wouldn't offer it, she said, so she had to learn to rely on herself. At Kimball High School she tells students they're not always going to have somebody they can depend on, "and in those times you need to be able to use your brain to get you where you need to be."

In high school, she didn't have anyone to help her with applying to colleges or financial aid. "So for me to be able to help them in a way that I wasn't able to receive help means a lot to me because I know how hard it is to find your way

by yourself."

Since taking an interest assessment during a career discovery class in sixth grade, she wanted to be a psychologist, she said. During her senior year at Alcorn State University, she did her senior internship at a juvenile detention center, and something about that environment spoke to her.

"It was like, these kids wouldn't be here if someone had shown them the way. I used to be a trou-

bled child and my guidance counselor helped me find my way. I made it all the way to Texas to a master's degree program. If she could help me change my life, I can help someone else change theirs for the better."

McGowan earned a bachelor's in psychology and then started looking for a counseling program to earn a master's degree. She looked for an out-of-state school that was affordable, and friends told her about UNT Dallas. She enrolled and said she's glad she did "because I love the close-knit environment of the school."

"I appreciate the fact that my professors know my name; not only do they know my name, they know the name that I prefer to be called—Liz, because my full name is Viola Elizabeth. I never liked Viola, so I always went by Liz. And the fact that they know what my life goals are, what I want to be in life, where I'm going and where I came from, I appreciate that."

McGowan's other brother — whom she called her best friend — died at age 22 during her freshman

year at Alcorn State University. He had hypertension and epilepsy. "When everyone else was gone I would see him crying. He was a big guy—he played football. To see this big guy crying like a baby because his headaches were that bad hurt more than me losing him because I know that he's not in pain anymore."

"I know what type of person he expected me to be so I try to live up to that. He expected me to give my best attempt even if I didn't believe that I would succeed, at least try and try hard."

Now her brother's death impacts her mentoring because you never know what kids are going through, she said. "You can't put yourself in their position; all you can do is treat them like individuals and always have a smile on your face because that might be the only smile they will see that day."

McGowan recently started working a second job at the YMCA in White Rock. After moving to Dallas last fall she played semi-pro basketball with the Dallas Diesel, a Christian traveling club, but two jobs got to be too much so she gave up basketball.

Lilian Rosales, McGowan's supervisor in the UNT Dallas Office of College Readiness and Academic Success, said McGowan is "dynamic, easy going, compassionate, fun, smart, dependable, and I could go on. She is a true Jaguar Leader."

The Citi Foundation gave UNT Dallas \$35,000 to fund the leadership program which pays for McGowan and three other Jaguar Leaders to go into area high schools. The university is looking for two more Jaguar Leaders and at least five more G-Force Mentors to staff the GO Centers.

'Round About DFW

Through April 2

The Oak Cliff Cultural Center gallery, 223 W. Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, will host the 2011 *Dia de los Niños* art exhibition. The two-week exhibition will feature multimedia art work created by students from four Dallas ISD and Oak Cliff elementary schools.

March 25-April 23

The African Company presents *Richard III* at the Jubilee Theatre, 500 Main St. in Fort Worth. Tickets start at \$10. Call 817-338-4411 or visit www.jubileetheatre.org

March 25-March 27

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Beltline Road #250 in Dallas. Tickets cost \$25. www.improv.com

March 26

Salt-n-Pepa's Legends

of Hip Hop Tour at the Dallas Convention Center, 650 Griffin St. in Dallas, at 8 p.m. Scheduled to appear are Kool Moe Dee, Biz Markie, MC Lyte and Doug E. Fresh. www.ticketmaster.com.

March 25-April 10

The Young Adult Rated Drama (YARD) of the Dallas Children's Theatre presents the stage adaptation of the award-winning novel *Tuck Everlasting* the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman in Dallas. www.dct.org

March 29

Read Across McKinney wraps up with the lecture *The*

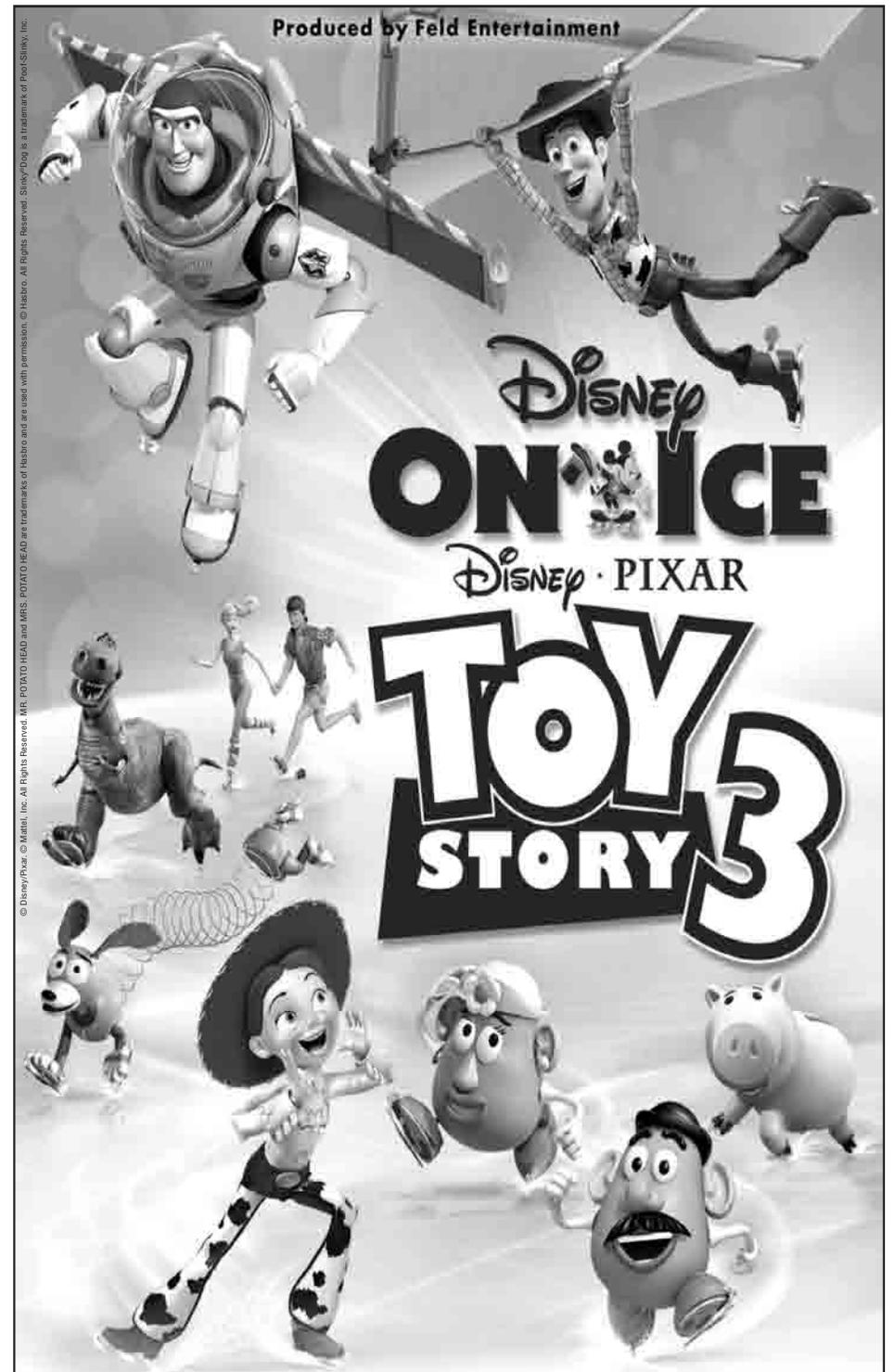
Salem Witchcraft Trials: Their Place in American Past at 7 p.m. at the Collin College Central Park Campus Conference Center, 2200 . The event is free and open to the public.

March 30-April 3

Disney on Ice presents *Disney/Pixar Toy Story 3* at American Airline Center at 7:30 p.m. on March 30, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 31, April 2 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish

performance) and April 3 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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Gazette Gossip: Can you honestly say court battle all about Coleman's ashes?

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer
Strange is all I can say. Shannon Price, ex-wife of the late Gary Coleman, wants to wear the deceased *Diff'rent Strokes* star around her neck. Price is still in a court battle with Coleman's former business manager and girlfriend Anna Gray, benefactor of his 2005 will.



Shannon Price & Gary Coleman

It is a darn shame that she won't let it go and allow Coleman to rest in peace. The same tumultuous life Coleman led won't escape him in death. Sadly, Coleman's ashes are in limbo, only because a nutcase wants to keep him close to her heart. Please! She wants Coleman nearby alright; she wants the Benjamins.

You gotta love Erykah
No matter what nonsense people write about Dallas' Erykah Badu and her personal life, no one can deny the girl's talent. The Internet was abuzz last week prais-

ing Badu's performance during the South by South-West (SXSW) music festival in Austin. Last weekend during the Wu-Tang All-Night Show, she showed the crowd that she is one bad DJ. Check out Badu's mad skills on our Facebook page.

Simon and Paula re-union? Simon Cowell is still on the search for a stellar judge panel for his new talent show, *X-Factor*. Music producer **LA Reid** is already a confirmed judge,

but the other slots are still a mystery. Young, Black and Fam-ous.com is reporting that the "Black Barbie" **Nicki Minaj**, **Jessica Simpson**, **Paula Abdul** and **Tommy Mottola** are candidates - yes Paula Abdul. Now that the CBS has pulled the plug on her dance show, she is on the hunt for a "new" gig. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see Simon and Paula back together on television? BTW, X-Factor try-outs will be held in Dallas on May 26.

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Debit card overdraft abuse continues

Many banks still benefit from account manipulation and high fees

By Charlene Crowell
Some of the biggest banks in the nation still collect excessive fees from American families by encouraging overdrafts and manipulating customer accounts. Comments in the media suggesting Americans overwhelmingly choose expensive debit card overdraft coverage overlooks the million of customers at banks that do not offer the high-cost option and ignore the heavy-handed marketing that banks have used to persuade customers to "opt in" to a costly service.

Banks are now required to seek customer

permission before approving debit card transactions that would result in an overdraft and its accompanying average \$34 fee. The Center for Responsible Lending's research shows that overdrafts strip \$24 billion from checking account holders each year.

While Bank of America and Citibank, two of the nation's largest banks in terms of deposits, do not charge debit card overdraft fees – saving their customers millions in fees – other banks have launched opt-in marketing campaigns described in an issue brief by the Center for Responsible Lending.

It shares how some lenders are targeting customers at greatest risk for frequent overdrafts. The brief is available online.

In other instances, some lenders are also continuing the practice of re-ordering check transactions to further boost overdraft fees. Five civil rights groups including the NAACP, the National Council of LaRaza, the National Coalition for Asian Pacific-American Community Development, the National Urban League and Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights have jointly asked JP Morgan Chase

and Wells Fargo to discontinue their abusive overdraft practices.

These practices are a financial boon to banks and credit unions but a budget-buster for consumers who keep slim balances in their accounts. They are the most painful for low-income, single and minority heads of household living paycheck-to-paycheck. With little or no financial cushion in a checking account, multiple and high-cost overdraft fees add up quickly. When a new deposit is made, those monies are reduced immediately by the banker, taking repayment for

the amount of this short-term loan and all of the related fees.

Some banks artificially inflate these fees by playing with the order of transactions when they daily balance the books at the close of business. A video that further explains how banks are gouging customers their practices is also available on the CRL web.

Both items can be accessed from: www.responsiblelending.org.

Consumers should opt out of overdraft "protection" programs and allow their debit card transactions to be declined at no

cost when available funds cannot cover a transaction. Other consumer options can link customers' checking and savings account or establish a low-cost line of credit for overdraft coverage.

From CRL's perspective, federal bank regulators should take action to ensure that all consumers are protected from overdraft abuse.

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Small business owners pay attention to funding opportunities from the state

By Dante Lee
NDG Special Contributor
In September 2010, President Barack Obama approved the Small Business Jobs Act - a new law that has become a very significant piece of small business legislation. The law extends the successful SBA enhanced loan provisions while offering bil-

lions more in lending support, tax cuts, and other opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Now in 2011, those provisions have become to manifest themselves. Just recently, the U.S. Treasury Department approved more than \$50 million to support lending to small busi-

nesses in the states of Connecticut, Missouri and Vermont. This might sound small, but that translates into \$534 million in loans.

In an earlier round of funding this year, California, Michigan and North Carolina were approved for a total of \$293.8 million. And guess what? As time goes on, the law pro-

vides that even more states will receive funding.

Being that African American business owners are disadvantaged in many

ways, they should especially pay attention to what's happening and inquire locally at their banks and credit unions. A lot of this

funding is being allocated to commercial loans, technology loans, and other

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brother Bobby.

"We are so excited that we get to shoot the pilot episode of Dallas in Dallas," said Cidre and Robin. "The city has changed so much since the original series and we can't wait to show our audience the fun, the culture, the architecture, the restaurants, the landscapes and the people that make Dallas such a vibrant and cinematic city." The pilot alone is expected to have a significant financial impact on the city and create many jobs for crew, actors, extras and vendors. Pre-production will start immediately, with shooting set to begin in late April.

The Dallas Film Commission is the official film commission for the Greater Dallas area. Its mission includes marketing and pro-

moting the area to content creators; serving as the primary liaison between the industry, government and the community as well as educating, promoting and advocating for growth of the local industry. In November 2009 the film commission transitioned to the City of Dallas Office of Economic Development to provide a more synergistic approach to growing the City's targeted media industries, which has resulted in an unprecedented increase in production, particularly in television.

Warner Horizon Television (WHTV) is one of the industry's fastest-growing television companies, specializing in the creation of scripted series for cable and primetime reality series for both network and cable.

Founded in 2006, this second production entity allows the Warner Bros. Television Group to expand its programming offerings and explore creative options made possible under a new business model. WHTV is currently producing more than a dozen projects. Its unscripted shows include *The Bachelor*; *The Bachelorette*; *Bachelor Pad* and the upcoming *Take the Money and Run* for ABC; *The Voice* for NBC and *Randy Jackson Presents America's Best Dance Crew* for MTV, among others. Scripted programs from WHTV include *Rizzoli & Isles* and *Memphis Beat* for TNT, *Pretty Little Liars* and the upcoming *The Lying Game* for ABC Family.

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Real Estate Staging Association Dallas Chapter joins forces with DFW Metroplex realtors to support local women shelters

(NDG Wire) The Dallas Chapter of the Real Estate Staging Association (RESA) has launched its first Metroplex wide spring charity drive "March Madness Spring Cleaning." During the month of March - April 15th, RESA Dallas will join forces with Realtors throughout the Metroplex encouraging clients and community residents to donate unwanted new and gently used household items to The Genesis Women's Shelter, serving greater Dallas, and The SafeHaven of Tarrant County.

"Home stagers and real

estate agents work as a team toward the common goal of getting homes sold. It's a natural fit for RESA Dallas to combine efforts with Realtors to give back to the community," Karen Eubank, RESA Dallas President and owner of Eubank Staging, said. "March marks the beginning of the spring real estate market. Homeowners are preparing to sell, some are re-designing and everyone has that spring-cleaning fever! This is a perfect opportunity for our clients and the community at large to support two wonderful organizations."

For 25 years, Genesis Women's Shelter of greater Dallas has provided victims of domestic violence safety, shelter, and strength through crisis intervention, as well as free and confidential counseling to over 25,000 women and children.

SafeHaven of Tarrant County (SHTC) is one of the largest shelters for women and children in Texas with facilities in Arlington and Fort Worth. SHTC's mission is to end domestic violence through safety, support, prevention, social change, and to help women achieve independ-

ence and self-sufficiency.

"Home staging is a female dominated industry and supporting women is important to us," Stefanie Levine, RESA Dallas Pub-

licity Chair and President of Niptuck Home Staging & Re-Design of Mansfield, said. "This month it's all about enhancing the lives and homes of women and

children coming out of crisis situations."

The following real estate agencies have partnered

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Division III men's basketball champions.

"This was my first championship win and my very first airplane ride. It was exciting but our team remained focus," said 19-year-old national MVP, Marcus Price.

Mountain View's top scorer, Marcus Price, dropped 18 points on the Yellowjackets, including going 2 for 3 from the free-throw line. Eliwasa Baker joined in with 11 points, and added eight rebounds, while Ashley Crayton also contributed 11 points and five rebounds. Baker and Crayton went 3 for 6 and 5 for 8 from the line, respectively. Bryan Rollins was an asset off the Mountain View bench, scoring 8 and grabbing three boards. William "Gary" Talton had 11 assists in the title game.

Sources say Mountain View College is building a name for itself and creating an athletic program that places a premium on academic achievement.

"We are building a winning athletic program but more importantly we are building an all academic team collectively averaging a 3.00 or higher GPA," says Coach LeRoi Phillips.

The National Junior College Athletic Association national championship has a forty-year history. The NJCAA Men's Division III Basketball Championships consists of eight teams playing over a three-day period (Thursday-Saturday) in March to determine a National Champion. The tournament field is made up of teams that win either region or district

championships that are required to earn entry into the tournament. Mountain View College celebrated its forty-year anniversary in 2010 and celebrated their very first national basketball championship this season.

Eighty-nine percent of the team consisted of freshman spawning from Fort Worth, Atlanta and New Orleans who accepted the challenges and remained as, one player put it, humble and focused on the win and become a force to be reckoned with in New York state. Talton, whose favorite coach happens to be Phil Jackson shared, "When the season started all of the team members were new. We had never met one another before but now we are all brothers - a family of winners."

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bled and proud to say that in past years, this event has generated more than \$2 million dollars to benefit the American Diabetes Association's mission to prevent and cure diabetes. We hope to reach the \$3.5 million dollar goal this year."

"Stars of Texas" will be held Thursday, April 21, 2011 at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie. The cocktail hour will begin at 5 PM and the buffet, racing and auction will be held from 6-10 PM.

Valet parking is available for all guests.

Tickets are still available for "Stars of Texas", but the event typically sells out

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Spring Job Fair April 7 at Eastfield College

(NDG Wire) The annual Eastfield College Spring Job Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 7 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in C135.

Organizations with job openings to fill will speak with students and other job

seekers regarding employment opportunities with their organizations. Job seekers should come prepared with plenty of updated résumés and dressed to interview. Open to the general public. Attendees will be entered for a chance

to win one of two Eastfield College tuition scholarships, drawn after the fair is over.

For more information contact Career Services at 972-860-8310. To see a list of participating employers, go to www.eastfieldcol-

lege.edu/SSI/EFCjobfair.asp. The list will be updated as more employers register.

Eastfield College, one of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges, is located at 3737 Motley Drive in Mesquite, just north of I-30.

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loans for companies who have less than 500 employees.

Here are some other facts about the new law:

- The law eliminates the "Competitiveness Demonstration" program, which limited opportunities for small contractors in 11 industries where they excel, such as construction, landscaping and pest control.

- The law will provide \$90 million in competitive grants over next three years for states to help small business owners with exporting (target roll-out summer 2011).

- The law provides up to \$50 million in grants to Small Business Development Centers across the country starting January 2011.

For more information about the Small Business Jobs Act or business credit in general, visit www.sba.gov/content/small-business-jobs-act-2010 and www.businesscredit.org

Dante Lee is an entrepreneur and the best-selling author of "Black Business Secrets: 500 Tips, Strategies and Resources for the African American Entrepreneur".

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of Dallas golf courses.

Last year, Dallas Park and Recreation offered 16,200 recreational programs, summer camps and special events at its recreation centers, parks and other special attraction ven-

ues.

"Open house is a fun-filled event showcasing the diverse recreational opportunities available year round for youth and adults. It is designed to welcome residents and visitors who in the

past have not participated in city recreation programs. Everyone will have a chance to see what variety we offer and how leisure enhances a community and our quality of life," said Andrea Hawkins, park depart-

ment public engagement manager.

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On Going

You are invited to fellowship with us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; and Fridays at 8 p.m.

Shola Adeyemo, Senior Pastor
2115 Teakwood Lane
Suite 550
Plano, TX 75075
972-398-0999
www.covenantembassy.org

DAYSTAR DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

On Going

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Visit Helen's House every Monday and Friday to receive, to give, to comfort and to fellowship. The give-a-way of food, love and household items is given freely to all those who could use a little touch.

Pastor Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing
635 W. Campbell Road
Suite 210
Richardson, TX 75080
972-480-0200

EIRENE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

On Going

You're invited to our Wednesdays Bible Study at 7:45 p.m.

Now Through April 23

Join us for Lent. Walk with Jesus: A Journey to the Cross and Beyond by Charles Swindoll. Call the church for times and other details.

Pastor Autry
701 E. Centennial Blvd.
Richardson, TX 75081
972-991-0200
www.followpeace.org

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH IN ALLEN "The Ship"

On Going,

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Prayer Lines for those in need are 972-649-0566 and 972-649-0567 or they may be submitted via email to: prayerline@theship3c.org

On Going, 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night Live in the Joyce Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive. Corporate prayer starts at 7 p.m. and our Kidz Zone, an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.

Rev. W. L. Stafford, Sr., M.Div.
Senior Pastor
305 N. Alder Drive, in Allen for Sunday Morning Worship.
Church Address is 200 W. Belmont Drive
Allen, TX 75013
972-359-9956
www.theship3c.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK "First Church"

April 23, 12 Noon

You're invited to our Mothers/Daughters Tea in our Family Life Center; for mothers, grandmothers, daughters, spiritual mothers and aunts. Theme: "Preserving the Legacy" from Psalm 78:4. Attire: Sunday best with hats and gloves.

On Going, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Let your children join us for fun, fellowship and Bible learning at our Annie Pearl Foster Children Center in Room 238.

Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor
300 Phillips Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-235-4235
www.fbchp.org

NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST MINISTRIES

On Going

You're invited to our Sunday School Service at 9:30 a.m.; our Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.; our Wednesday's Bible Study at 7 p.m. and our Friday Night Service at 7 p.m. as we worship and praise God.

Pastor A. L. Felton, Jr. Senior Pastor
17720 Dickerson Street
Dallas, TX 75252
972-380-4100
www.nljcm.org

NEW MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALLAS

March 27

Mark your calendars for our 65th Church Anniversary Services and come be blessed with us.

On Going

You are invited to visit our Job Resource Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon in our Computer Training Room in the Educational Building.

On Going

Let your child or children attend TTS (Test Taking Skills) for math classes for TAKS (5th - 12th Grades) and special TTS for math Class (5th - 8th Grades.) Call 214-235-3190 or 214-541-8292 for time, place and other details.

Dr. Robert Price, Sr. Senior Pastor
9550 Shepherd Road
Dallas, TX 75243
214-341-6459
www.nmzb.org

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

On Going Help

God never expected us to bear our burdens alone; our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide emotional and spiritual care when you need them. Call 972-437-3493, Ext. 153 for details.

On Going

Youth Living in the Word at 6:30 p.m.; Worship and Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. and Bible Study at 7:40 p.m.

Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor
1010-1020 S. Sherman Street
Richardson, TX 75081
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PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVERS FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE (PACE)

April 16, 11:30 a.m.

Join us for our annual scholarship fundraising banquet at Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive, Dallas, TX 75234. PACE is a 501(c)3 organization that gives scholarships to high school graduates in the local area to help them attend college. There is a \$35.00 donation for a banquet ticket. Vendors will be available for some smart shopping. See any member

or log on our website for tickets.

Rachel Lewis, President
P.O. Box 112721
Carrollton, TX 75011-2721
www.pacedfw.org

SAINT MARK MBC IN MCKINNEY

March 26, 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to a Financial Seminar. Call the church for details.

March 27, 10:45 a.m.

Join us for Friends and Family Day as we worship and praise God for His blessings.

On Going Every 2nd Saturday of the month April 9, 12 pm

All Senior Saints are invited to our Double Nickel (55 and above) Luncheon @ the Newsome Center on Amscott Street in McKinney. Activities include lunch, bingo and door prizes. Come and bring a friend. If you are homebound, we will deliver to you. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than the Friday (April 8 this month) before the luncheon and leave a message with your name, address, phone number and how many meals you need.

On Going

Join us each Wednesday for Prayer at 6:30 p.m. and for Family Ministries at 7 p.m.

Dr. Charles Wattlew, Senior Pastor
1308 Wilcox Street
McKinney TX 75069
972-542-6178
www.saintmarkbc.com

SHILOH MBC IN PLANO

On Going

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our Mid-Week Service as we praise and worship God for His blessings.

Dr. Isaiah Joshua, Jr. Senior Pastor

920 E. 14th Street
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-6695
www.smbcplano.org

THE NEW LIGHT CHURCH

On Going

You're invited to worship with us on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School and 11 a.m. for Morning Worship as we praise and worship God.

On Going

Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 pm for Girls in Action meeting. All girls ages 6-17 are encouraged to explore Christ and the Word of God.

Shaun Rabb, Senior Pastor
9314 Elam Road
Dallas, TX 75217
214-391-3430
newlightchurchdallas.com

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

April 3, 4 p.m.

You're invited to our 3rd Church Anniversary. Come to hear a message from God and the exciting things that He has done for Word of Life these past three years.

On Going

Join us in prayer early in the morning at 6 a.m. on Monday - Friday at 1-661-673-8600, Code # 142219 and please put your phone on mute. Prayer will change people and things.

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

You're invited to hear anointed men and women bring the Word of God.

Dr. Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor
2765 Trinity Mills Road
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214-514-9147

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Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - First Sundays - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Night Live (Prayer, Praise and Proclamation) - 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Shaun Rabb & Co-Pastor Marian Rabb



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National Women's History Month Continues

The 2011 Theme is "Our History is Our Strength." The stories of Women's achievements, tenacity, courage and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength and knowing some of these stories provides essential role models for everyone; and role models are genuinely needed to face the challenges of the future.

Remember the importance of Black women in America; and about the myriad (innumerable) ways they have changed the world. I also call attention to the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of Black women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams.

The history of the Black woman is quintessential to women's history; they have always played a vital role in shaping American history. It is the story of amazing women's accomplishments acclaimed at the time but written out of history.

Shirley Anita Chisholm is the first Black woman elected to Congress; she was born in 1924 in Brooklyn, New York to Charles and Ruby St. Hill. She received her early education from the British school system. She excelled in academics at the Girls High School in Brooklyn and graduated in 1942. In college Chisholm majored in sociology. She encountered racism at Brooklyn College and fought against it. When the Black students at Brooklyn College were denied admittance to a social club, Chisholm formed an alternative one. She graduated in 1946.

In 1949, she married Conrad Chisholm, a Jamaican, who worked as a private investigator; she helped to form the Bedford-

Stuyvesant political League. She also formed the Unity Democratic Club, which was instrumental in mobilizing Black and Hispanic voters.

In 1968 Chisholm campaigned to represent New York's Twelfth Congressional District. Her slogan was "fighting Shirley Chisholm—Unbought and unbossed." She won the election and became the first Black woman elected to Congress.

On January 25, 1972, Chisholm announced her candidacy for president, and said, "I stand before you today as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States. I am not the candidate of Black America, although I am Black and proud. I am not the candidate of the women's movement of this country, although I am a woman, and I am equally proud of that. I am not the candidate of any political bosses or spe-

cial interests. V I am the candidate of the people." Although she did not win the nomination, she received 151 of the delegates' votes. She served in the House of Representatives until 1982.

Great Quotes: *Your success and happiness lie in you . . . Resolve to keep happy and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties - Helen Keller. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dream - Eleanor Roosevelt.*

Patricia Bath was the first Black female doctor to receive a patent for a medical invention; a machine for ablating and removing cataract lenses.

Henrietta Bradberry invented a bed rack with an attachment to the bed that permitted air to pass through and refresh worn clothes in 1943; and in 1945, the device operated pneumatically and was adapted to discharge torpe-



Sister Tarpley and three of her four grandchildren (L to R): David, Philip and Tyanna Lott enjoying an outing.

does under the water surface (the Torpedo Discharger.)

Bessie Blount, a physical therapist who worked with soldiers injured in WW II, invented a device allowing amputees to feed them-

selves in 1951. **Alice Parker** in 1919 invented a new and improved gas heating furnace. The invention provided a mechanism for regulating heat to be carried to various rooms in a building.

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ongoing collaborative relationships. "Great acting is at the center of all great theater," Moriarty says. "The members of the Brierley Acting Company are vital to our artistic success and our relationship to the community." Company members include Hassan El-

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