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Mammograms: Digitally Yours

All mammograms start the same way—with an x-ray of the breast. But a newer type, called a digital mammogram, processes images differently. It records and stores images on a computer instead of on x-ray film.

Digital mammograms still require compressing the breasts to get quality images. According to the

American Cancer Society (ACS), they have some ad-

vantages over film.

Viewing and sharing -



Following your mammo-gram, a radiologist, ana-lyze the images.

“With digital mammo-grams, the radiologist can adjust the images on the computer screen to get a better look,” said Kay Burnside, Medical Center of McKinney Women’s Imaging Manager. “He or

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Wal-Mart brings back layaway for Christmas

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

An oldie but goodie is back at Walmart just in time for the holiday season – layaway.

The world’s largest dis-count retailer announced last week starting Monday, Oct. 17, shoppers can begin shopping for Christ-



mas gifts in the toys, elec-tronics, and jewelry de-partments and put them on layaway for 10 percent of the total purchase price. A \$5 service charge is ap-plied each shopper’s lay-away.

Daniel Morales, direc-tor of communication and
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Witness to innocence: Four death row exonerees to speak at SMU Oct. 16

Four former death-row inmates, who in some cases were just days away from execution when their convictions were overturned, will share their stories at SMU this Sunday, Oct. 16, in an effort to put a face on the fallibility of the death penalty.

The free “Witness to In-

nocence”; event, spon-sored by the SMU Em-brey Human Rights Pro-gram;, will be at 7 p.m. in the Hugh-es-Trigg Stu-dent Center



Forum; (lower level), 3140 Dyer St., on the SMU campus. Those who were sentenced to death and lived to tell about it include:

• Clarence Brandley, who spent nine years on death row for the 1980 rape and murder of 16-

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Renee Hartley: Accepting the task of community liaison for the Dallas County Democratic Party



President Barack Obama

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Fantasia might get cut from Jackson biopic

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COMMENTARY

Racism is undermining America's global dominance

By James Breedlove
Racism is at the core of the internal division that keeps America from maintaining its position of global dominance.

Racism is pervasive. Its effects are devastating both to the individual and also the nation. The battle to eliminate racism and the resultant discord in-jected into our society poses one of the biggest challenges America faces.

Improving race rela-tions is consistently part of the national dialogue

but racism still remains a virulent virus apparently immune from any social, moral or religious anti-dote. And the lightning rod “N****R”, that is racism’s dreaded calling card, is always lurking in the background. It may lie dormant for months or years; beguiling the nation into thinking the racism virus is in remission. Then, suddenly, like a striking viper it is inject-ing its poisonous division-

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Dr. LaSharnda Beckwith

Dr. LaSharnda Beckwith, an author and motivational speaker; Dr. Hilda Ruch, an author, family therapist and creative thinking lecturer at the University of Texas at Dallas; and Victoria Snee, a North Texas radio personality, award-winning journalist and beauty expert are the featured speakers for the Women in Commerce Conference at Texas Woman's University Friday, Oct. 28.

Professional women are encouraged to attend the conference, which is presented by the Denton

Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the TWU School of Management, Sally Beauty Supply, LLC and AT&T. The event will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Hubbard Hall on the TWU Denton campus. For a map of the Denton campus, visit www.twu.edu/maps.asp.

Registration, which includes lunch, is \$40 for Denton Chamber members, \$50 for non-members, \$20 for students and \$60 at the door. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register early. For more informa-

tion or to register, visit <http://business.denton-chamber.org/events/details/women-in-commerce-fall-conference>.

"Women who attend this conference will be able to connect with other area professional women and hear from successful business leaders who will inspire, motivate and challenge participants to be their best in their careers and lives," said Dr. Paula Ann Hughes, professor and chair of the TWU School of Management.

Dr. Beckwith has worked for more than



25 years in the government sector and maintains an expertise in leadership, workplace spirituality and personal progression. In 2005, she established the Beckwith Group, a personal and professional development organization. She also is the chief executive officer of Professional Christian Women, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organ-

ization. Dr. Beckwith is the author of the self-help book, "When You're Happy With You."

Dr. Ruch is the author of *Women Create! A Seriously Whimsical Celebration of the Creative Feminine*, which explores women's process of constructing and expressing creativity. She has taught and practiced therapy in Dallas for more than 25 years and currently teaches Creative Process at the University of Texas at Dallas. She also maintains an independent counseling practice working with women and couples.

Ash Cash

During one of the worst economic times in the country's history, 30-year old Ash Cash has decided to take a leap of faith and quit his six figure job as a bank manager to pursue a dream of becoming an entrepreneur and teaching financial literacy. Born and raised in a single parent household in the St. Nicholas projects in Harlem, it was believed by Ash and most of his peers that they would be dead or in jail by the age of twenty-five. Somehow through faith, family support, hard work

and sacrifice he was able to avoid both.

With more than ten years of banking experience, Ash was able to work his way up the ranks from teller to personal banker, private banker and branch manager. Throughout his career he managed a book of 400 affluent clients with assets ranging from \$100,000 to \$22 million, coached and trained over 100 sales professionals, opened and managed six branches and brought in almost \$90 million in deposits. Today he is an entrepreneur, motivational speaker, and the author of *Mind Right, Money*



Right: 10 Laws of Financial Freedom. He works with city agencies and organizations and teaches financial literacy in churches, colleges, and to undeserved, at risk, and in-

carcerated youth. Simply put, Ash is on a mission to Financially Re-Educate Every Spectrum of Humanity.

Ash believes that the biggest problem in the community, as it pertains to money, is that "we spend money we don't have to buy things we don't need to impress people we don't like."

He continues, "As a people, we are so used to not having money that we can't

really grasp the concept of saving for the future and spending our money wisely. Couple that with the fact that a lot of us have low self-esteem and use expensive material things to make us feel better. Some of us would rather spend money on cars, jewelry and clothes than to become homeowners, save for emergencies or fix our credit. Our issues are deeply rooted and they become a cycle that is passed down from generation to generation making it more difficult to break. The good news is that there's a movement going on; people are starting to wake up and take more re-

sponsibility. We are seeing more of our people excel in positions that in the past didn't seem possible. This movement is what is spearheading the paradigm change and forcing many of us to put the first things first."

This is what led Ash to writing his book. *Mind Right, Money Right: 10 Laws of Financial Freedom*, is a book designed to teach readers how to effectively manage their personal finances. It shows, how with the right mental attitude and laser sharp focus, anyone

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Rue Mapp

Rue Mapp knew it wouldn't be too hard to de-



velop a following when she launched OutdoorAfro.com, the social media website that connects African Americans with the Great

Outdoors and with each other.

After all, there isn't any other place on the Internet where African Americans who like outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing and river rafting can meet one another and find out about upcoming outdoor adventures with other African Americans.

What Mapp didn't expect was the continuing surge in website traffic and phone calls that have taken place since she publicized an RV trip with her family to

Ponderosa Resort in the Sierra Nevada foothill community of Lotus two months ago.

"I'm getting people following me everywhere," said Mapp, a 40-year-old Oakland resident. "I'm getting lots of traction in California because that's where I'm from. But I'm also getting hits in New York, Seattle and Atlanta."

Mapp even got a phone call recently from an elderly Atlanta woman with a trailer, asking if she had any advice on how she could find other African Americans to go RVing with. Mapp did a quick Web search and put her in touch with a regional coordinator from the National African American RVers Association.

"These are the kinds of connections I'm trying to help people make," Mapp said, adding that the whole

point of OutdoorAfro.com is to make camping and the enjoyment of nature accessible and relevant to the lives of African Americans, who typically are rarely seen in outdoor activities.

Mapp's next trip will be Oct. 21st to 23rd in a rental RV from El Monte RV. She'll head down Route 1, explore the coast, and camp overnight at Big Sur Campground and Cabins, which will serve as a base camp for Mapp and her family as they explore the many hiking trails, waterfalls and scenic coastline in the Big Sur area.

Mapp said she plans to shoot video, tweet and blog about her trip so that the roughly 7,000 African American members of OutdoorAfro.com can continue to follow her and share in her family's experiences as they explore scenic outdoor destinations across California.

CampCalifornia.com and Big Sur Campground and Cabins are co-sponsor-

ing her trip along with El Monte RV, which is supply-

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Hey, Congress: My Future Isn't Just a Line Item in Your Budget

By Tim Simmons
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If you happened to be walking around Capitol Hill in Washington, you might have been seeing red. Plenty of it, and likely more than one kind.

In addition to the frustration many voters feel, hundreds of AARP members, volunteers and staff such as myself hit Capitol Hill this week in red shirts to deliver a forceful message to Congress: "Seniors aren't numbers. We aren't line items in a budget. And we're definitely not pushovers."

In Congress, a group of 12 very powerful lawmakers, including Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Dallas, is now meeting behind closed doors to plan how to cut \$1.5 trillion out of the federal budget over 10 years.

One proposal would cut Social Security benefits by \$112 billion, even though Social Security has

not contributed one cent to the deficit. Another would raise the Medicare eligibility age, cutting benefits for younger retirees. For 65-year-olds alone--more than 200,000 Texans--this change would increase out-of-pocket costs by \$2,000 each year. Simply put, that's just wrong.

Who is being targeted to help solve the federal deficit? They are the oldest among us, those who have worked all their lives to make this country what it is today. And they are being treated like budget "line items" instead of people worthy of our respect... and of the Social Security benefits they've earned. It's just wrong.

But they're not the only ones who would be affected. While millions of Texans are working hard to keep food on the table and the lights on in this sluggish economy, the "supercommittee" is proposing stretching them even thinner. Premiums

for current Medicare recipients would go up, as the average cost of care would rise because only older people are in the system. Businesses would be hit hard too, as Texas workers would opt to stay on employee health care plans longer.

And it's not just potential cuts to benefits that are concerning. Supercommittee cuts could also endanger Texans' access to doctors and hospitals. That's just wrong.

If Congress really wants to look at seniors and numbers, let's look at these: Around 2.9 million Texas Medicare beneficiaries and 3.3 million Texas Social Security recipients could be harmed if Congress makes these cuts. Of those receiving Social Security, more than 49% rely on Social Security for half of their income or more. Cutting these crucial programs would be wrong.

For millions of Texans, Social Security and

Medicare are vital safety nets. However modest, they're all the retirement assistance many people have. Half of Americans age 65 and older make less than \$18,500 each year, and the average person on Medicare pays \$3,000 each year out-of-pocket for medical expenses--a number that's continually on the rise.

On this issue, AARP members are solidly united. Republicans, Democrats and independents all agree that it's just wrong to cut the benefits they've worked for and depend on.

Now is the time for you to raise your voice. Call 1-888-322-1334 to tell your member of Congress to start focusing on cutting waste and tax loopholes. Harming millions of Texans who have worked their entire lives to earn Medicare and Social Security benefits is just wrong.

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ist venom into the veins of an unsuspecting nation.

No nation can thrive if its "all men are created equal" foundation is rotting away.

It is absolute racism when a majority of the congress, who have mandated by the constitution with the fiduciary responsibility to legislate and spend wisely for the benefit of the people decide they will let the country go bankrupt rather than permit a black president to participate in creating viable solutions for the declining economy, wide-

spread joblessness, ballooning debt, escalating health costs, and unaffordable highly questionable wars that beset the nation.

Racism is biasing government decisions to the extent that they are making the nation's domestic and global problems worse.

"Let's Call them Ni***R" is a controversial book that confronts racism head-on. The author insists that an open dialogue must take place between Black America and White America if America is to stop its self-destructive slide into

third world status.

The book suggests that a new corrective paradigm be developed to save America from its programmed demise and implemented to replace the ineffective methods that are not producing satisfactory results for either Black America or White America.

Neither Blacks nor Whites seem to understand that their destinies are inextricably intertwined. The emotionally charged dialogue stimulated by N****ritis and other race based viruses in which peo-

ple are talking at each other and not with each other is not only meaningless but also counter-productive. When the ship of state sinks the devastation will be universal and not race specific.

Blacks and Whites need to become informed about the N*****R Virus and be freed from the fear mentality that encourages irrational reactions even on issues of mutual concern.

James W. Breedlove

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

The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center Seek Support

While the citizens of Irving voted for the Irving Entertainment Center years ago, the city has yet to appropriate the necessary funds for the project.

The complex, planned for development next to Irving Convention Center,

is not only expected to bring commerce, restaurants and family-friendly entertainment. It is projected to create 2,000 – 2,500 jobs. This is why advocates of the project are going before officials to form a special purpose

political action committee in order to save it.

The Citizens for Irving Entertainment Center will be holding a 60-day petition drive and need the signatures of 6,000 Irving residents to present to the Irving City Coun-

cil.

Irving residents are urged to contact Anthony Bonds at 214-830-6719 or at aebond09@yahoo.com for literature and information about how to participate in the petition drive.

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To learn more about the State of Texas HUB Program, visit the Texas Procurement and Support Services web page at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/>

Visiting Nurse Association to host Memorial Service November 6

The Visiting Nurse Association will be hosting a Service of Remembrance to honor the memory of loved ones on Sunday, November 6 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The memorial service will be held at the Preston Hollow

United Methodist Church on 6315 Walnut Hill Lane in Dallas.

The event is open to the public and will feature special music, readings, and the opportunity to light a memorial candle. Attendees of all

faiths are welcome.

Additional information about the Service of Remembrance can be obtained by calling Sue Rafferty, bereavement coordinator with the Visiting Nurse Association, at 214-689-2922.

Moving Dallas Park System forward is focus of upcoming summit

Building citizen alliances and partnerships is what the Dallas Park and Recreation Board hopes will happen when it convenes the 2nd annual Dallas Parks Summit: Moving the System Forward from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Music Hall at Fair Park.

Eleven parks-related breakout sessions will address the

role of citizens in helping the City of Dallas ensure the vitality of parks and recreation programs. Topics will include the 2012 Capital Bond Program, the Dallas Bicycle Plan, Dallas Trails Network, and Dallas Aquatics Master Plan.

At the end of the Summit, Willis Winters, FAIA, Dallas author and Fair Park historian, will conduct a tram tour of Fair

Park, providing a fascinating look into the creation and restoration of the park's murals and art-deco art and architecture.

The summit and tour are free and open to the public. To attend, register at www.cityofdallasparkssummit.eventbrite.com or call Fair Park at 214-670-8400. Registration ends Oct. 28.

Dallas Mayor's Youth Fitness Initiative Kickoff and Citywide Celebration at Dallas City Hall

Mayor Mike Rawlings will kick off the Mayor's Youth Fitness Initiative (MyFi) at an outdoor festival for Dallas youth and their families. After he welcomes more than 500 Dallas children and their families to City Hall Plaza, the Mayor will give a brief overview of the Mayor's Youth Fitness Initiative. The event is Saturday October 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Dallas City Hall.

The youth who participate in Dallas Park and Recreation Department programs will get detailed MyFi program information through fitness and cooking

demonstrations including kid-friendly snacks and beverage tastings. They also will learn tips for incorporating healthy eating and fun fitness activities into their daily routines.

The Mayor and special guests, along with hundreds of Dallas kids, will sign a 6-foot "Get Moving with MyFi" pledge banner. The youth will put their "Get Moving with MyFi" pledge in motion by participating in more than 20 interactive stations, from obstacle courses and sports demos to fruit giveaways and inflatables.

Nationwide, the national

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that obesity affects one out of every three children and adolescents.

MyFi is a new public-private project led by Mayor Rawlings along with community and business leaders to address obesity among Dallas youth. MyFi's goal is to help youth get fit and eat smarter. Once MyFi gets under way, specialty fitness and nutritional programs will be implemented at all City of Dallas recreation centers to educate and engage kids in living healthier lifestyles.

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she can change the size, brightness or contrast to see certain areas more clearly." Some studies show that this reduces the number of women who need to return for further tests.

Both film and digital mammograms work well at finding breast cancer. However, several studies show that digital images may be more accurate in women younger than 50 and in women with dense breast tissue, reports the ACS.

Safe and effective - While all x-rays use radiation, the dose from both film and digital mammograms is small. In fact, one mammogram delivers about the same amount of radiation usually received in three months from natural sources.

About half the mammograms administered today are digital. However, if there is only access to film mammograms, do not worry. Both types are remarkably adept at detecting breast changes early, when treatment works best.

According to the ACS, women should start having yearly mammograms at age 40. If you are at high risk of breast cancer due to a family history of the disease or other factors, your doctor may recommend that you be tested more often and at

an earlier age.

Medical Center of McKinney's Women's Imaging Center has moved to the Medical Arts Imaging Center, 4201 Medical Cen-

ter Drive, Suite 100. To schedule a mammogram at the newly remodeled imaging center, call 972-540-4380.

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Eastfield College Department of Theater presents "Dracula"

Eastfield College Department of Theater presents "Dracula" by John Matterna October 21 - 22. The show will be at 7 p.m. in Eastfield's Lower Courtyard. This production of "Dracula" is directed by Dusty Reasons, Eastfield Theatre Program Coordinator, with a set designed by Lori Honeycutt, Eastfield

Theater Tech. Lights and special effects will be done by Assistant Theater Tech Lucas Barnes.

"I can't think of a more fun family activity than seeing Dracula outdoors in October at Eastfield College. The talented cast and clever script will ensure that everyone has a great experience," says Reasons.

Ticket prices are adults-\$7, students and children over 12-\$5, ages 5-12-\$3 and ages 4 and under are free. A special family and friends preview is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20 to raise money for scholarships for drama students. Family-friendly fall-themed activities will be happening prior to show. Guests are in-

vited to bring chairs and blankets.

Eastfield College Theater Department now offers an associate in arts with an emphasis in theater. The department hosts three to four productions a year. Full details can be found at www.eastfieldcollege.edu/a1/Drama/index.asp.

Rally on Saturday celebrates 11 lives saved Youth Unite in Solidarity

40 Days for Life-Dallas kicked off to an inspiring start on September 27, as Ramona Treviño shared her journey from Planned Parenthood manager to pro-life witness with a crowd of nearly 300 at Harry S. Moss Park. "This Saturday, October 15, we will again gather in the park to mark the midpoint of the 40 Days for Life campaign and to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the amazing miracles that have blessed us thus far," said local Campaign Director, Joanne Underwood.

Within the first 12 hours of the campaign, three abortion-minded women chose life for their babies outside the Southwestern late-term abortion center, where the 24/7 40-day prayer vigil is taking place. The intense prayer efforts indicative of 40 Days for Life continued to bear fruit in the days that followed as eight more babies were saved from abortion. Plus, the Community Mobile Sonogram unit parked across the street from the vigil site reported four more women choosing life.

The 40 Days for Life-Dallas Midway Rally on Saturday will begin at noon at Harry Moss Park, 8000 Greenville in Dallas, with a family cookout and praise and worship, followed by dynamic pro-life speakers including Corinne Kelly of UTD Students for Life, Rev. Michael Guadagnoli of St. Pius X Catholic Church, Joe Baker of the new Save the Storks Counseling Ministry, and Fr. Seraphim Hipsh of St.

Sava Orthodox Church.

"The rally will not only be an opportunity to inspire continued participation in the campaign, but also to extend our gratitude to all those who have already participated this Fall. We are humbled by the personal sacrifices made by so many to stand against the culture of death," said Underwood.

Saturday is also 40 Days for Life-Dallas Youth Day

during which local youths will gather throughout the day in prayer outside the Southwestern late-term abortion center (8616 Greenville at Royal). That morning (11 a.m. - noon), youths will prayerfully and peacefully demonstrate their solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the womb with yellow "LIFE" balloons, a symbol of the pro-life youth movement spreading across the country.

A Respect Life Mass will also be held at 8 a.m. Saturday morning at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dallas, followed by a prayer procession to the Southwestern late-term abortion center, where mass-goers will join the Dallas faithful at the 40 Days for Life-Dallas vigil site.

To learn more about 40 Days for Life-Dallas, please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/dallas.

DART speaker to discuss mobility transportation program



The Greater Lake Highlands Area AARP Chapter #3881 meeting will be held at Lake Highlands United Methodist Church, 9015 Plano Road on Monday, October 26 at 10 a.m. Plan to arrive early enjoy coffee and mingle starting at 9:30 a.m.

The program will feature

Ms. Wan-Lin Tsou, representing Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). She will discuss DART's Mobility Transportation Program for those with special transportation needs.

For further information contact Patsy Romanowski, Chapter President at 972-475-8080.

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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 meetup.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.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. www.nbwen.org.

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-fri-endly 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., Dallas. Info @ 214-942-6698.

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.

Oak Cliff Cultural Center, 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wed-nesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. www.tangocanyenguedallas.com

Through October 18

The City of Lewisville will host it's annual concert series **Sounds of Lewisville** every Tuesday from 7pm – 9pm at the MCL Grand Courtyard, 100 N. Charles, Old Town Lewisville, TX

Through October 23

Nationwide Insurance is donating \$10 to the Dallas/Fort Worth UNCF's **Campaign for Emergency Student Aid** for every auto insurance quote requested by drivers who visit uncfdallas.org or call 972-744-1422.

Through October 27

Concerts in the Garden at the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, Garland, TX, features different bands every Thursday from 7pm-9pm. Tickets \$16/Adults and \$9/Children. Info: info@dal-lasarboretum.org or 214-515-6524.

Through October 31

Bible Way Community Baptist Church, 4215 N. Greenville Drive, Irving, TX 75062, will be accepting donations for their annual **Operation**

Christmas Child drive to make Christmas special for children living in 3rd World countries. Info: 972-257-3766 or bwcbc.com.

Through November 11

Plano Children's Theater, 1301 Custer Rd, Suite 706, Plano, TX, presents **School House Rock Live Jr.** Show times and ticket prices vary. Info: planochildrenstheater.org or 972-422-2575.

Through November 23

Autumn at the Arboretum with its acclaimed pumpkin patch, activities and fall foliage comes to the Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, TX 75218. Adult tickets \$12. Children tickets \$8. Info: 214-515-6500 or dal-lasarboretum.org.

Through October 28

Sharing the Journey: Coping with Grief will meet Fridays, at the Visiting Nurse Association of Collin County office on 2414 West University Drive, #200 in McKinney. The meeting time is 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No cost to attend, RSVP at 214-733-5500 or harrisonm@vnatexas.org.

Through October 23

West Side Story will be performed at the Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 1st, Dallas, TX, 75201. Show times vary. Tickets start at \$54. Info: 214-565-0306.

October 13

North Texas Minority Chamber of Commerce One-Year Anniversary Celebration will be held at Collins Restaurant, 1010 N. Collins, Arlington, TX 76010 from 6-8pm. Tickets: \$25 member/\$35 non-member. Vendor tables: \$50 member/\$100 non-member. Info: ntmcc.org or 800-718-2425 ext. 706.

October 14

Exotic Hair Collection Official Launch Party will be in full swing at Elite Emage Hair Salon, 1409 S. Lamar Street, Dallas from 6 – 8pm. FREE. RSVP. Info: exotichaircollection.com or 877-727-7175.

October 15

The **2011 Komen Dallas Race for the Cure** comes to NorthPark Center, 8687 N Central Expy Ste 1030, Dallas, TX starting at 6:30am with registration and breakfast. Info: komen-dallas.org or 214-750-7223.

Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals (ULGDYP) presents the **Power ON Empowerment Conference "Ready. Set. Grow. Winning Ways for Leaders and Entrepreneurs** at the JCPenny Headquarters, 6501 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75024 from 8am – 5pm. Member registration \$65. Non-member \$75. College student \$30. Info: ulgdyp.org.

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ hosts **Wisdom and Knowledge - College and Career Fair Readiness Fair** at 1013 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit www.gacoc.org to register.

The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce will host the **"Sustaining Economic Prosperity"** workshop as part of its Building Blocks of Business II series on Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College in Room BB206. The program will be facilitated by Terri Thomas of Chase Bank. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m

Plano Community Forum 30th Anniversary Gala will be held at the Southfork Hotel, 1600 N. Central Expy, Plano, TX at 6:30pm. Single tickets \$60. Tables of eight \$480. Info: 469-675-0002, 972-964-0867 or planocommunityforum.org

Free concert at Dallas Museum of Art - Dallas Symphony Brass Quintet

Texas Woman's University open house for prospective students from 8 a.m. until noon on the TWU Denton campus. Info: www.twu.edu, openhouse@twu.edu or call 940-898-3014 or 1-866-809-6130.

October 15 – 16

Wellness Expo 2011 is at the Addison Conference Center, 15650 Addison Road, Addison, TX from 11am – 6pm. Admission \$7. Children under 12 and adults over 65 are free. Info: 972-378-3770 or wellnessexpo.net.

October 17

Plano Children's Theater hosts a **Musical Theater Workshop** for grades 2-5 at 1301 Custer Road, Ste 706, Plano from 6pm – 6:45pm. FREE. Info: planochildrenstheater.org or 972-422-2575.

Plano Children's Theater's Shakespeare's **Fairies and Mechanics workshop** at 1301 Custer Road, Ste 706, Plano from 5pm – 7pm. FREE. Info: planochildrenstheater.org or 972-422-2575.

October 20

Marsha Ambrosius performs at the Palladium Ballroom, 1135 S. Lamar, Dallas, TX. Doors open at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. Tickets \$39.50 - \$42.00. Info: thepalladiumballroom.com or 214-421-2021.

October 21

A Small-Acreage Landowner Resource Management Workshop from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 460 Pullen Rd., Rockwall.

The stage play **Faces in the Mirror** will be performed at Friendship West Baptist Church, 2020 Wheatland Road, Dallas, from 8pm – 10pm. Tickets \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. Info: friendshipwest.org/announcements.

October 22

The **2011 C.C. Rousseau Scholarship Black and Gold Scholarship Gala** will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 400 N. Olive Street, Dallas, TX at 7pm. Black Tie. Tickets \$65/person or \$650/table. Info: jabari156@gmail.com.

Plano North Metroplex Chapter of The Links, Incorporated hosts a **Youth Summit – "Strong Talented Emerging**

Minds" Preparing 21st Century Youth for the Future at Richland College, 12800 Abrams Road, Room #WH115, Dallas, from 8:30 am – 2 pm. Grades 7 – 12. RSVP by 10/17. Info: spignerjames@yahoo.com or 972-644-6349.

October 22-23

Fort Worth Alliance Air Show

October 22

Help raise money for impoverished communities in Africa at the **Humanitarian Hands 2011 Gala Event** at the Intercontinental Hotel Dallas, 15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, TX 75001 to. Info: 972-331-6098 and hhcharities.org

The **African Unity Festival 2011** comes to SMU's Hughes Trigg Student Center, 3140 Dyer Street, Dallas at 7pm. FREE. Info: dfwinternational.org/africanunity or 972-661-2764.

October 29

Cowboys of Color National Finals Rodeo comes to the Mesquite Championship Resistol Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite at 7:30pm. Ticket prices vary. Info: cowboysofcolorrodeo.com or 972-285-8777.

October 31

Bible Way Community Baptist Church is holding its annual **Fall Festival** at 4215 N. Greenville Drive, Irving from 6pm to 8pm. FREE. Info: 972-257-3766.

November 12

Women on the Verge of a Breakthrough Brunch will be held at the Marriot at Market Center, 2493 N. Stemmons Frwy, Dallas from 10am – 2pm. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$30 after 10/21. Vendors start at \$75. Info: Teri@anyevent.org.

A Sister's Gift Women's Center presents their **1st Annual Women of Unsung Courage Awards Brunch – 30 years of AIDS** at the TOP Event Center, 1508 Cadiz Street, Dallas at 11:30am. Tickets \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Info: asis-tersgift.org or 214-421-4274.

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Renee Hartley: Accepting the task of community liaison for the Dallas County Democratic Party



By: Jackie Hardy,
NDG Contributing Writer
The Dallas County Democratic Party (DCDP) looks forward to building relations within the community and excited to have Renee Hartley on board to serve as the Community Liaison. After meeting with Darlene Ewing, DCDP Chair, it became clear to Ewing that Hartley would be the ideal candidate for the job as Community Liaison.

"I think Renee represents the best in the qualities that we were looking for. She is organized and has people skills, well connected in the community and has worked on various campaigns and knows people all over the county. When you talk about a liaison you need someone who can interact with everyone within the community and not just one group; and Renee is able to do that," remarked Ewing.

Hartley officially accepted the position as the Community Liaison in September. Hartley's outstanding background both in the Dallas County Democratic Party and Young Democrats of America (YDA) certainly speaks for itself. Her background served as a major asset in helping to solidify her current position.

Hartley's past and current offices range from the Regional Director for Region V of Texas Young

Democrats (2006-2007); Vice Chair of Campaigns Committee for YDA (2007-2009); President of Dallas County Young Democrats (2009-2010); Volunteer Coordinator to elect Sam Coats for Dallas Mayor (2007); Vice President of YDA (2009-Present). She also served as a respected political blogger within in the local Party organization.

In her native state of Florida, Hartley learned the importance of community involvement at an early age. Being involved in the community was a value instilled in her from both her parents and grandparents. Hartley witnessed service in action first-hand as her father served in the U.S. Navy while stationed in Pensacola.

"My parents and grandparents instilled in us from a very young age the importance of voting. My Grandmother was an educator and a leader in her community. During the Jim Crow era of poll taxes and citizenship exams, my Grandmother would help her friends and neighbors learn the answers to the questions so they would be able to vote. She took her natural skills and put them to work in her community and that is what I hope to do," said Hartley in a written response.

There will be plenty for Hartley to do in this new role; the job functions

and responsibilities of the Community Liaison include outreach to the various constituencies comprising the Dallas County Democratic Party. Also, Hartley will seek to maintain a strong focus on the planning, development, and implementation of community education. Other tasks will include conducting informational meetings throughout all of Dallas county.

"Our hope is to broaden our reach to those people who share our core values as Democrats, but may not know the structure exists to help them be active and engaged citizens."

"We want to broaden our reach across Dallas County. We want to let the general public know they have an active Democratic Party, that is here to help them get organized and get active in their community," adds Hartley.

One of the most pressing challenges she faces is addressing the general feeling of disconnect many members within the DCDP have felt. Dallas County Democratic Party Leader Darlene Ewing recognized how the DCDP has fallen short in maintaining a sense of connection. The DCDP feels having a central point of contact such as a Community Liaison will help eliminate this issue.

"I think people are generally just turned off

by the current political climate. Politics and government can get mean, ugly and unproductive. However, we can share our personal stories of how government can be a



Renee Hartley

place where everyone is welcomed and no one gets left behind," Hartley added.

"Democrats need to do a better job of communicating what we stand for and our core values of equality, opportunity and fair play for everyone. Also, we can work to demystify the political process. There is nothing mysterious or magical about becoming active in the Democratic Party; the Democratic Party is a group of committed people who took it upon themselves to become active first in their communities and then in the Party or political structure" stated Hartley.

A community as diverse as Dallas County can also result in challenges for the incoming

Community Liaison. The minority population within Dallas County continues to grow. Bringing these diverse groups together to ensure equal representation of all issues is an on-going challenge.

Hartley advised, "I believe communities come together around issues that affect them and they trust people from within their communities when it comes to important matters. We have to get out there and engage the people. If we truly want our Party to reflect the diversity that is our electorate, we must meet them where they are and

be relevant in their lives. We have to go to the people and ask them to join us in helping make our community better."

Hartley's vision is to strengthen people's confidence in the DCDP being a trusted source for information as it relates to government and the community, while also creating an atmosphere of civic engagement, empowerment, and mobilization.

Reaching out to the party's constituents, broadening the party's base (i.e. younger and infrequent voters), and remaining true to the DCDP values through open communication of what the DCDP stand for and want to accomplish for Dallas County. These are just a few of Hartley's goals to aid in achieving the

DCDP's vision.

Hartley shared her current focus is voter education. She wants to get the word about the new identification requirements set to become effective tentatively at the first of the year. According to Hartley, this new law is still under review by the Department of Justice. The Texas Secretary of State has not issued the final guidelines. Meanwhile, the DCDP are preparing to educate the community to ensure the voting public have the needed information and empowered with the right information when going to the polls in 2012.

"So much of our lives are touched by the hand of government. It only makes sense to pause and take a moment to find out how it affects you. There is a famous saying...decisions are made by those who show up. Show up, be counted and make your voice heard because that is the only thing our elected representatives on any level will respond to," added Hartley.

For those interested in getting involved with the Dallas County Democratic Party, contact the DCDP office at 214-821-8331 or visit www.dallasdemocrats.org. For information regarding upcoming community outreach events, email Renee Hartley at renee@dallasdemocrats.org.

NDG Gossip: Fantasia might get cut from Jackson biopic

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

To the producers of the movie on the greatest gospel singer to walk this Earth, Mahalia Jackson, image is everything. And singer Fantasia Barrino might soon be able to attest that this is indeed true.

According to the *NY Post*, the former American Idol winner's pregnancy to her married boyfriend — Antwaun Cook — has caused a work stoppage on the movie. The *Post* reported while Fantasia is in North Carolina preparing for the birth of her son, producers are on the hunt for her replace. Rapper Missy Elliot's name has surfaced.

Producer Adrian Taylor claimed he is not the only one upset about this. He contends the family of the late singer is not happy about having a woman who is pregnant for her married man who ain't her husband

portraying the Jackson.

"The family thinks if Fantasia plays the role, it's going to sully the name of Mahalia," Taylor told the *Post*. "They think she's got the wrong image, having a child out of wedlock."

However, a representative for Jackson's estate differed with Taylor's opinion. Dino Gankendorff, who represents Mahalia Jackson's estate, told The Young, Black, and Fabulous, "she was not really aware of any objections that the heirs have to the casting of Fantasia. I understand that they were getting ready to film and that she is pregnant, and I don't know who is she pregnant by."



Fantasia

It is outright silly of Taylor to speak on behalf of Jackson's estate. He should have kept his little spat with Fantasia private. If he is upset with Fantasia, fire her! Why try to make it seem that Jackson's people had a problem with her when you do?

Uncle Luke talks about responsibility?

2 Live Crew frontman Luther Campbell issued a warning to the hip hop industry and its lack of concern for the black community.

"I've got a message for Lil Wayne, his Cash Money Brothers, DJ Khaled, Puff Daddy and all the rappers from other parts of the country who now live in Miami," he told *Miami New Times*. "I'm tired of seeing these cats using up our beaches, soaking up our sunshine, taking over the nightclubs, and sleeping with our women without investing anything into the community."

I shouldn't really question the messenger, even though Luke has made a living off degrading women to nothing. I have his comment makes sense. It is a sad state of affairs in the black community that some of our black men



Luther Campbell

think that Lil Wayne is a "good" father because he pays child support for his four kids by four different women. President Barack Obama gave a speech about more black men being fathers to their children two years ago, and

nobody really listened. I bet you a million bucks if Lil Wayne made a public service announcement telling black men to stop hoeing around these boys and young men would listen.

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Insurance Connection USA adds to staff

Insurance Connection USA, a Denton-based insurance agency, recently added Erika Cook as an insurance agent and customer service specialist.

"As Insurance Connection continues to grow and expand in Denton and the other cities the agency serves, it's important to only hire employees who will provide excellent customer service to the agency's clients," said Bob Garrison, Insurance Connection's managing director. "Erika certainly has all the qualities this agency requires for its clients."

Cook, a Cross Roads resident, is a psychologist



Erika Cook

with a master's degree in clinical psychology from Argosy University in Dallas and a master's degree in counseling from the University of Phoenix in Albuquerque. She is a licensed agent.

Insurance Connections' other offices are in Decatur and Grapevine, and Bainbridge Island, Wash.

For more information about Insurance Connection USA, please go to <http://www.insuranceconnection-usa.com> or call 940-382-4700.

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**Sports
Talk with
Spider**

Years ago the North Texas area was separate but not equal as the rural communities stayed apart from the city and its suburbs. Small towns like Forney, Celina, Keller, Prosper, and others begin to grow as "financial flight" extended to the outer loop of interstates and freeways.

As these communities grew they remained satisfied with the excitement of high school sports, with little interest in the professional sports teams. This was due losing records of the major

North Texas is the place to be

sport teams in Dallas, missing the playoffs and negative press from the media. Making the trip to Dallas for the games of these teams with losing records and drama each year became expensive, embarrassing and left a sour taste in your mouth.

Within the last ten years or so the atmosphere has change in the North Texas area due to The NBA All-star game in 2008, Super Bowl XVL in 2011 and a plethora of other sporting events. Thanks to Jerry Jones, Roger Stabauch, Mark Cuban, and other visionaries for making the North Texas the place to be for sporting events. With the Mavericks winning the

NBA 2010 championship and the Texas Rangers going to the World Series and being back in the ACLS series again this year. These accomplishments and the state of the art facilities have taken the North Texas area to the top as we compete with New York/New Jersey, Los Angeles/Anaheim, Miami / Dade and Washington D.C./Virginia Metro area for more events.

The fans are no longer just from Dallas and the surrounding cities, but travel over 100 miles each night to cheer for their Mavericks, Cowboys, Rangers and Stars, while their chamber of com-

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year-old high school student Cheryl Dee Ferguson in Conroe, Texas, despite there being no physical evidence to convict him. Bradley, a janitor, was the only African American on staff at the high school, and it was reported that racial bigotry played a significant role in the case.

- Gary Drinkard, sentenced to death in 1995 for the robbery and murder of an automotive junk dealer in Decatur, Ala. His conviction was overturned when it was ruled that inept legal representation left two key witnesses not being able to testify that Drinkard's recent back injury would have made committing the crime a physical impossibility.

- Shujaa Graham, a native of Lake Providence, La., who was discovered to have been framed in the 1973 murder of a prison guard at the Deul Vocational Institute in Stockton, Calif. Before then he spent three years on San Quentin's death row.

- Jeremy Sheets, arrested for the rape and murder of 17-year-old Kenyatta Bush. He served five years on death row in Nebraska but was released based on unreliable evidence.

"The system is broken," Drinkard says. "I don't think the death penalty is appropriate for anyone. God is the only one who has the right to take a life."

Since 1973, 138 prisoners have been released from death rows around the country after they were shown to be innocent of the crimes for which they had been sentenced to die. This year marks 35 years since the United States reinstated capital punishment in 1976. During that time, 1,271 people have been electrocuted, shot, hanged, gassed or put to death by lethal injection; 475 of those deaths have occurred in Texas, which leads the nation in state-mandated executions. Virginia is second, with 109.

"The death penalty remains the most basic of all human rights violations, and

its process is constantly called into question over issues of fairness, innocence and morality," says Rick Halperin, director of the Embrey Human Rights Program and Amnesty International USA's Texas State Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator.

"All four of these men were subsequently freed and restored to their families in spite of the system and not because of it," he says. "They are living examples of all the tragic reasons why this nation shouldn't have a death penalty. Imprisoning and then killing people who are innocent is the worst mistake of all."

TYPE 2 DIABETES RESEARCH

Local doctors are looking for type 2 diabetes patients who've had a recent heart attack or unstable angina to participate in EXAMINE, a medical research study evaluating an investigational diabetes medication taken with standard diabetes treatment.

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community relations for Walmart, said the return of the layaway program is the retailer's way to help customers ease their budgets.

"Our customers told us that they want a layaway option for Christmas. We also know the holiday season brings additional financial pressure and our layaway program will provide a worry-free way for our customers to fulfill their families' Christmas wish list."

Layaway allows customers to put merchandise

on hold and pay for the merchandise in installments until the full price of the items is paid in full. Once the layaway agree is fulfilled, the shopper is allowed to take the items home. However, there are more than a few requirements. According to Walmart's website, the total merchandise purchase price must be more than \$50 and each item must cost at least \$15. Furthermore, online purchases are not eligible for layaway.

Shoppers must claim

their layaway items by Dec. 16, otherwise the terms of the layaway are cancelled and the shopper will receive the payments made on the items, minus a \$10 cancellation fee and the \$5 service charge.

"We have learned that layaway enables customers to make payments when they want and for how much they want so they can focus on what's important during the Christmas season instead of stressing over mandated payments and how to tuck money

away for gifts," Morales said.

Walmart, which did away with layaway in 2006, is not the only retailer to dig up the program. Sears Holdings, also owners of Kmart, brought layaways back to its stores in 2008 for back-to-school and holiday shopping seasons. Toys R Us also has a holiday layaway program for shoppers. DailyFinance reports Best Buy, Target, TJ Maxx, and Marshall's also have the program.

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can have anything they desire in life. It's an easy to read book that anyone, at any level, can understand. This book is especially geared towards those who are tired of having a dependency on money and are ready to take some practical steps in order to correct it.

Ash comments, "This is our generation's 'Think and Grow Rich'. Starting with the power of self confidence the book discusses in detail how

having a positive mental attitude, paying yourself first, budgeting and planning for the future are all ways to immediately change your financial situation."

Mind Right, Money Right demonstrates how a person's mindset plays a tremendous role in creating financial abundance. By using examples of successful people such as Sean Combs, Tyler Perry, Oprah Winfrey, Shawn Carter, Curtis Jack-

son, Chris Lighty and many others, the reader is given a real life account of how these laws have worked for others and how it can work for you. It's important to point out that the title is "Mind Right, Money Right" and not the other way around.

"Once we are able to control the way we look at money, the way we feel about money and the way we think about money, then it will become easier for us to

keep and grow our money... To sum it up simply: This book will change your life," he says.

Mind Right, Money Right: 10 Laws Of Financial Freedom (Revised Edition) is now available on Kindle for \$0.99 or in paperback on Amazon for \$9.99. Pick up your copy today!

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Parkland secures \$8.3 million for 'Meaningful Use' certification

Parkland Health & Hospital System has secured more than \$8.3 million in combined Medicaid and Medicare hospital incentive funds for meeting the federal government requirements for using electronic health records (EHR) in a meaningful way.

The incentive program provides payments to eligible entities for adopting, implementing, upgrading or demonstrating meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

In receiving the incentive payment, Parkland joins a select group of early adopters who meet the qualifications for this program.

"Implementing electronic health records has been a top priority for Parkland because it helps us further improve the quality, safety and efficiency of care we provide to our patients," said Brett Moran, MD, Parkland's chief medical information officer. "By meeting the meaningful use standards set forth by the government, we are able to receive reimbursement funds that will allow us to continue to innovate and excel in the treatment we can provide our patients."

The government incen-

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ing an RV for Mapp's use. Mapp's next trip will take place later this winter in the Southern California desert.

Since she founded OutdoorAfro.com two years ago, Mapp has gained significant attention – both in government and in the business community.

Last year, the White House invited Mapp to participate in the White House

Conference on America's Great Outdoors. She was subsequently invited to participate in a White House brainstorming session for Michelle Obama's Let's Move campaign, offering her ideas and insights on ways to engage Americans to become more involved in outdoor recreation activities.

tive payments are part of a four-year program for hospitals and a five-year program for physicians under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Parkland can qualify for additional incentive dollars in calendar year 2012 based on meeting year two, stage one criteria for eligible hospitals and Medicare and Medicaid providers.

"Our EHR implementations, together with our 'meaningful use' tools for measuring and monitoring performance, will have a positive, long-lasting impact on our ability to deliver quality patient care," said Nancy Folz-Murphy, Parkland's senior vice president and chief information officer.

Funds received from the "meaningful use" certification will allow Parkland to continue leveraging technology to the advantage of the patient and the health care organization such as

the recent implementation of the electronic health record system. Parkland first introduced its electronic health record system in April 2009 and gradually started converting all med-

ical records for patients to an electronic format. The meaningful use filing is the next step in the program, which will become mandatory for all health care entities in 2014.



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State Office

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You're invited to our Couples Ministry at 8 a.m.; our Morning Worship at 8 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. and our 11 a.m. service.

October 19, 7:30 p.m.
Join us for Bible Study as we study the Word of God; and give Him honor and praise.

October 21, 7 p.m.
You're invited to our "Evening to Elevate" at the North Dallas Hyatt Hotel in Richardson, Texas. Call the church for tickets and details.
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Dr. W. L. Stafford, Sr., Ed.D.
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Pastor Robert Townsend
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Dallas, TX 75229
972-241-6151
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October 29, 7 p.m.
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2765 Trinity Mills Road
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Jeremiah 31:31-33a (NIV)
"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

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The "Church" is called by God to impact the world. **"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."** Acts 1:8 (KJV). **"And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword."** Leviticus 26:8 (KJV).

What most people need to realize is that the biblical definition "Church" is not an institution or building, but rather it is made up of individuals, more specific, Christians, individuals that believe in the virgin birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus also said that wherever two or more get together for His name sake He would be in the midst of them.

In the Greek language the biblical word (Church) translated has the meaning of "the people of God." However, in the New Testament this word is used in two different ways. At times it refers to people of God gathered together in congregations, which is our traditional idea of the local

church. It also means believers in general, wherever they might find themselves.

God calls the "Church" to be transformers of society through their collective influence. Jesus prayed that His "Church" would be unified in order for the world to respond to Him. **"I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me; and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."** John 17:23. (KJV)

The enemy of the Church is secularism, a religion that says there is no God. When local congregations fail to come together as a collective voice and operate instead as an individual working alone in their community, society is given over to the evils created as a result of an unbelieving society. Conversely, when the Body of Christ - the "Church" puts its collective resources together to solve societal issues, our enemies; crime, poverty, sexual perversion, etc. will fall by the sword of a unified church.

God is giving birth to city coalitions of His "Church" among congregations in the city in order to fulfill John 17:23. Christians should pray to be a catalyst in their communities for God to help take back His "Church" in all cities

around the world.

One main way to be an effective "Church" is to study the scriptures to give the true meaning of Christianity rather than studying the scriptures to know them just for yourself. **"And ye have not His word abiding in you: for whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And you will not come to me, that you might have life."** John 5:38-40 (KJV)

At times some Christians will think that the trinity is Father, Son and "Holy Scriptures" instead of the Holy Spirit. There can be a tendency in Christianity to give so much focus upon the Holy Scriptures that some Christians fail to walk in them and acknowledge the role of the Holy Spirit in their daily life; remember Saints, He is the comforter that was sent by Jesus to dwell in Christians to help them live victoriously for Him.

There is also a second danger. Christians must be careful in studying the scriptures for the sake of giving to others instead of desiring more of God for themselves. This is particularly dangerous for the professional Christian worker who is under continued



This trio of ladies (L to R) Missionary McAfee, Mother Powell and Missionary Johnson is prepared to serve Communion to church members on the 1st Sunday of each month at Word of Life COGIC in Carrollton, Dr. Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor.

pressure to feed and teach His people. If Christians are not careful, this process becomes a religious exercise of production, instead of a time of seeking, learning and experiencing God's presence.

Jesus said, **"These things have I spoken unto**

you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:25 & 26 (KJV)

However, Christians must remember that they must study the Scriptures to give the true meaning of Christianity rather than studying the scriptures to know them just for themselves", because Christians are the "Church" called by God.

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Dr. Elba Garcia, County Commissioner and Irving Mayor, Beth

Van Duyne joined with community and business leaders for the ribbon cutting ceremony for Campion Trail Extension of Sam Houston Trails Park on October 5.

The trail represents the fifth completed County-funded trail in Irving. With the completion of the trail, it is now possible for someone living in Valley Ranch to either walk, run, bike, or skate to work in Las Colinas. In addition to Dr. Garcia and Mayor Van Duyne, the event speakers included Irving City

Manager Tommy Gonzalez and Irving Park and Recreation Board Chair Marcy Brown-Marsden.

Attendees heard a performance by Ranchview High School band and were able to take golf tours of the

trail.

The availability of a widely used trail system will reduce automobile traffic, improve local air quality, enhance property values, and attract new tourist, new residents, and new business.

NAACP Freedom Fund Luncheon

The Irving-Carrollton Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Luncheon is Saturday, October 29 at 11:30 a.m. The event will be held at The Dallas Marriott Las Colinas in Irving. The Keynote Speaker is Dallas Police Chief, David Brown.

The monies raised are used for youth participation in the NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Tech-

nological and Scientific Olympics, a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students.

Tickets are \$50.00 each or \$400.00 per table. For more information, call 214-763-9802

Hospital Celebrates Anniversary



Felisa Evans of Dallas (left) and Diann Brown of Mesquite, both employees at Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale, were among many celebrating the hospital's second anniversary recently.

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10:45 a.m.

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