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Facing Goliaths though generosity and faith

By Jackie Hardy
NDG Contributing Writer

The statement that one phone call can change your life certainly rang true for Irving resident, Tina Deal.

It was in 2013, Deal picked up the phone to hear the words--"You have cancer." Shortly before learning of her breast cancer diagnosis, Deal also lost her job prompting the onset of life-changing events, which would ultimately turn her life upside down.

Deal went from a life of complete independence and serving those within the vulnerable communities to now needing some of the very services she once helped to coordinate and/or volunteer her time and energy to.

"I had to accept help from other people. Well, I wasn't used to that because I was used to being the one to help," she states.

With Deal facing unemployment and a major health crisis, she had to quickly figure out what to do as she no longer had healthcare insurance or any stream of income coming in to cover her medical and living expenses.

Deal understood the complexities inherent to breast cancer as she lost both her mother and grandmother to the disease in 1993 and 2000.



Irving resident Tina Deal is battling against cancer with a little help from her friends and faith in a higher power.

"My maternal grandmother had breast cancer and she survived for about 15 years. She was in remission all that time and then it came back and metastasis. My Mom had breast cancer as well and she was also around a 15 year survivor," explains Deal.

According to a 2012 Center for Disease Control report, a little more than 120,000 African American women were diagnosed with breast cancer; and from 2008 to 2012, breast cancer incidence rates increased 0.4 percent per year in

African American women based on a report from the American Cancer Society.

According to the American Cancer Society, early detection is critical in the fight against breast cancer and Deal stayed on top of getting her mammograms prior to losing her job.

"I always went every year diligently for my mammograms," she advises.

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You have to understand why "diamond" and "silk" support Trump

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.
NNPA Columnist

I saw it on Facebook. These two Black women at a Trump rally expressing their support for "The Donald." I realized, once again, that there is a certain type of emotional naiveté that I possess when it comes to our people. I assume that in light of the history of White su-

premacy which we have experienced for several hundred years, including indentured servitude, slavery, Jim Crow segregation, and de facto segregation, not to mention the ideological demonization of our people at the hands of an assortment of characters, that we can look a racist in the eyes and

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Gerri Warren

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA News Wire
Contributing Writer



For those who knew Gerri Warren, it wasn't unusual to see her walking around the offices of The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint or at community events with a smile that could light up the room.

It was a smile that those close to her said grabbed attention, and for all the right reasons.

"Ms. Warren wore many hats and she touched so many lives," said Jackie Hampton,

the publisher of The Mississippi Link and the enshrinement chair for the National Newspaper Publishers Association Gallery of Distinguished Black Publishers.

On Thursday, March 10,

Hampton was joined by NNPA Chair and Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes, NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin Chavis and a host of others at Howard University to posthumously enshrine Warren, who rightly was installed next to other Black press icons.

"This is where we have the opportunity to say to others that we must strive to emulate those like Gerri Warren as publishers," said Dorothy Leavell, the publisher of the famed Chicago Crusader newspaper.

"There are people who genuinely understand the importance of what we, as pub-

lishers, are doing. Gerri started as a teen and it wasn't until her 30s that a light bulb went off that said 'what you're doing is important' and she raised hell and demonstrated that we have a fantastic group of publishers in the black press," Leavell said.

Rolark-Barnes called the occasion one of those sad, but happy, times in which the NNPA – a coalition of over 200 black newspaper publishers from around the country – can gather and take advantage of the opportunity to honor the legacy of one of its esteemed publishers.

Addressing Chida Warren-Darby, Warren's daughter

who recently joined her father Dr. John E. Warren as co-publishers of her mother's newspaper, Rolark-Barnes said she was fond of the late publisher and proud of her legacy.

"I knew your mom and dad who was on the City Council here in D.C. and when they decided to move to San Diego we lost two great people," Rolark-Barnes said.

Chavis, the longtime civil rights activist and icon, said he was grateful to have a chance to honor Warren.

"She's one of our leaders and this candle that we lit today for Gerri Warren will always live in our lives and

long live the spirit and legacy of the Black press," Chavis said.

For more than five decades, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint has reported on news from an African-American perspective.

They've carved a special niche covering African-American communities of San Diego County, from small church gatherings to major political campaigns.

As San Diego's largest African-American publication, the paper has featured individuals and events in a comprehensive manner,

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Evelyn Rubio

HOUSTON /PRNewswire/ — Multi-talented singer, musician Evelyn Rubio's dual language release "Hombres" blows the charts away. Coming in at number one Latin Pop Album, number three Top Latin Album, and number six Blues Album, Evelyn Rubio is well on her way.



Grammy member Rubio had this to say, "We are so excited! Our greatest hope was that our efforts toward delivering a quality piece of work in both Spanish and English would gain worldwide attention and now we

are seeing through the many plays by radio stations worldwide that we are witnessing our hope. We couldn't be more happier, this is very exciting."

Currently Rubio is grac-

ing the cover of Mississippi Blues Club as their Featured Artist of 2015. Publisher/Editor Dew Wiuff shared this remark, "Mixing a sizzling fusion of jazz with pop, rock and blues ingredients is not the forte of many artists that create their own style of music, but occasionally an artist comes along that mixes up their music and appeals to a wide range of listeners. Evelyn Rubio is naturally one of these artists that cross the boundaries."

Australian radio show host (Blues on the Hill Radio Show) Barry Maxwell shares this, "Old

school Big Band Blues does not come any better than the latest release from Evelyn Rubio. Led by the fabulous Calvin Owens, his Blues Orchestra swings its way through 11 wonderful tracks, with the stunning voice of Evelyn Rubio this release is a must have for your blues collection."

Radio X Belgium, Paul Heath CEO, comments, "After receiving Evelyn Rubio's CD, that reached us here in Europe just a few months back, it was clear from taking the briefest of listens that she was going to have to be featured in one of our specialist music hour

segments."

From Sicily, Radio Show Host Nicola Conforti, "Latin or English version? It is difficult to know which album is better! In Italy the Latin language is much easier to understand, as well as the English language is very much blues. Evelyn Rubio with her two albums "HOMBRES" has Latinized the Blues, and simultaneously has Americanized the Hispanic musicality. Hearing this sound and the fresh voice of a complete artist as Evelyn, it is a very nice experience. Very refined saxophone solos, full

and round on all the arrangements, both cheerful and sentimental songs accompanied by a great orchestra.

And so, as we say in Italy, HOMBRES is an album "PERFETTO", or rather two!"

Blues Foundation Board Member John W. Deck Jr, "I have had the privilege of hearing Evelyn Rubio several times in and around the Houston area. What a great talent! She will continue to make waves within the blues genre."

Keep up with Rubio at www.evelynrubio.com.

Pat Glover Love

Patricia (Pat) Glover Love, a Texas native; she lives in a suburb of Dallas. Pat is a Black and United States historian and a political junky. She is the Church Administrator at Bethel Bible Fellowship in Carrollton; with degrees in Journalism and Business Administration. Pat is an author writing a book - Broken (What's the Matter With Black People) in answer to 'What's The Matter With White People by Joan Walsh.



Pat's Book will speak to the dysfunction of Black Family lives and how to start to change the next generations. Look for it in the Fall of 2016 - "Broken."

Pat was at work one day and one of her employees said, "My family is so dysfunctional," and Pat said, "What do you mean by that?" The employee said that most Black families are and I'm pretty sure yours is too. Pat admitted that she never thought about it before.

Later Pat gave that statement a lot of thought and came up with the conclusion that her family would probably rank in the top 10 of dysfunctional families. Her book is about helping other families recognize their dysfunction and how they can work to change it.

By the age of ten, Pat had lived in five homes. She finally moved into her grandmother's home and stayed until she graduated from high school. College wasn't an option in her family, her grandmother said, "Finish High School, get a job and move out." However, she was an honor student and thought differently. She graduated from SMU and worked as a Manager for CNA Insurance, and

later a Regional Operations Manager for one of the company's most profitable departments, which was later sold and the department was eliminated.

Pat enjoys working at Bethel as an Administrator and in Ministry of Christian Arts; she said that they allow her to use her business and creative sense; and it's a personal blessing to work and have opportunities to find and express herself. She mostly works with children, youth and young adults.

Pat has been writing plays and stories since the age of 10 for community endeavors, schools and churches. She has been

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Why is CBC member Rep. Alcee Hastings pushing a bill that helps Predatory Lenders?

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA News Wire Columnist

Sometimes you just have to wonder what Members of Congress are thinking about.

Consider the example of a bill known as H.R. 4018, first filed last November with only five co-sponsors. By mid-December, the co-sponsor list grew to 24 representing districts in seven states. Most notably, 10 Florida representatives signed on as co-sponsors, sponsors that are both Democratic and Republican, Black, Latino and White.

And who would object to a bill with the title, the “Consumer Protection and Choice Act?” What’s not to like?

A lot.

The bill is designed to severely limit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s (CFPB) ability to rein in predatory lending like car-title, payday and high-cost installment loans. For consumers, the only ‘choice’ is to allow unsus-

pecting borrowers to select loans from any number of debt trap products.

If passed, the bill would both sanction triple-digit interest rates and the excessive rollover loans that convert short-term loans into long-term debt traps. It would also undermine stronger state laws that brought consumer victories to a diverse set of states including Arizona, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia and others. Since the late 2015 Capitol Hill introduction, advocates in multiple states already find themselves fighting efforts to weaken enacted state protections.

It is clear the payday industry is pushing hard to undermine key consumer protections. Americans for Financial Reform, a non-profit consumer advocacy organization determined that since 2013, payday lenders have spent \$13 million on campaign donations and lobbying.

The good news is that consumer advocates in

many states are helping to fuel a barrage of media coverage. In California, Missouri, Michigan, Pennsylvania and other locales, news articles, commentary and editorials are singing of chorus of ills against H.R. 4018.

This elevated attention has led to calls for Florida’s Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz to resign her post as chair of the Democratic National Committee. Rep. Alcee Hastings, co-chair of the Florida delegation, an original bill sponsor and member of the Congressional Black Caucus, used a guest blog in the Huffington Post to defend the measure both he and Ms. Wasserman Schultz support.

“I acknowledge that some people have been harmed by small lenders,” wrote Rep. Hastings. “Yet such cases are far more common in areas that lack the tough standards present in Florida.”

It is simply inaccurate to characterize Florida’s laws governing payday loans as

‘tough’. According to the Center for Responsible Lending, the costs of payday loans in Florida reach upwards of 300 percent. Sunshine State data show that on average, Florida payday loan borrowers are suck in eight loans a year, generally one right after another. These consumers are caught in a debt trap that largely resembles other states with weak or ineffective laws.

“If the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, moves forward with implementing the current rules they have proposed, it would put 70 percent of the industry out of business,” continued Rep. Hastings.

That too is untrue. Once CFPB’s rule is finalized, consumers will still have access to small dollar loans – but in a changed marketplace. The worst lenders will face their own choice: change their practices or exit the market. CFPB should be applauded for

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Editor's Note: We received a copy of a letter regarding concerns on why the school rushe to claim the body of a deceased veteran. They are trying to raise funds to cover the cost of his service and burial. If you would like to donate anything, please call Jamie Simon known as "Fuzzy", 972-333-8236, a close friend and power of attorney.

Dear Editor,

We, Fuzzy and I, got the body of Army Veteran Raymond Dean, released from Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas, which is the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office located at 2355 N. Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. to the Golden Gate Funeral Home located at 4155 R. L. Thornton Frwy. in Dal-

las. His burial will be a week from Thursday on March 24, 2016 at the DFW National Cemetery.

It seems like UT Southwestern Medical Center and this Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office are part of the same system. Are they harvesting bodies? Something does not seem right here to me.

I praise God to learn that a pastor was able to minis-

ter to Raymond while he was in hospice care and to learn that Raymond is Heaven because he confessed that Jesus Christ is his Savior before he passed away.

Please help us ASAP so we can bury this Army Veteran, Raymond Dean buried with honors the way he deserves.

- Anthony Bond, Irving

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know their stand.

I found myself staring at these two Black women backing Trump and I realized that I felt the same emotions about the candidacy of Dr. Ben Carson. How is it, I have asked, for a Black person to utter some of the most ridiculous statements known to humanity?

It is only when I have calmed down that I remind myself that not only are we,

as a people, far from monolithic, but that—despite our history—there is a very conservative, if not outright reactionary minority among Black Americans that are actually convinced that we—ourselves—are the problem or that there is some other racial/ethnic/religious group, e.g., Latinos; Muslims, who can take some of the racist heat away from us that we have experienced for so very long.

It is not simply self-hatred that we are facing. In some respects, that would be easy to address. It is that there are people who honestly believe, for whatever reason, that their personal future or our collective future resides in conforming to the worst caricatures that White America has of us. They seem to believe that by joining in on the pile-on against Latinos and Muslims, for instance, that we will somehow become ac-

cepted as “real” Americans.”

It will never happen. Some Black folks tried that after 9/11. It does not work. We are still hated. It is the revelation that the Adolph Caesar character has at both the beginning and end of the classic film “A Soldier’s Story,” i.e., the ‘game’ has been rigged and masses of Whites still hate us, even when we get on our knees and do everything that they ask.

Galaxy Counseling Center KidsFest 2016 'Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies'

Parents and kids are invited to enjoy KidsFest 2016, a free family festival drawing 8,000 children and their parents, on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Firewheel Town Center. Selected as a WFAA Family First event for the 3rd year in a row, KidsFest 2016 transforms Firewheel's central grassy square into a kid's activity park, filled with bounce houses, an egg hunt, face painting, arts and crafts and a video game truck. WFAA News 8 News Anchors, Jason Wheeler and Jenny Doren, will be on hand to sign autographs and Hank FM Radio will broadcast the event live. Mayor of Garland, Douglas Athas,



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will be on hand to kick off the Easter Egg Hunt.

"The WFAA Family First campaign has been providing quality family experiences to our viewers for over 20 years," said Stephanie Wilcox, Director

of Community Marketing for WFAA, Channel 8. "Teaming up with the Galaxy Counseling Center on their annual KidsFest is a wonderful fit and allows us to highlight the incredible and much needed work

Galaxy Counseling Center does in our community each and every day."

This year's KidsFest theme is "Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies." New event participants, such as Game of Cans, along with long time participants, will host tents featuring activities that are both fun and teach children the value of and connection between mental and physical health.

"We are thrilled to welcome the community out in support of such a great cause, said Monica Bermea, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Firewheel Town Center. "We have an excellent line up of family-friendly activities that are sure to make

the tenth annual KidsFest event the best yet."

Galaxy Counseling Center provides affordable mental health services for children, adults and families, 80% of whom live at poverty level or below. With two locations, one in Garland and the other in Plano, Galaxy offers play therapy, psychological testing, individual, couples and group therapy.

Studies have shown that health bodies promote healthy minds and vice versa. According to the American Psychological Association, mental health is an essential part of children's overall health. Research has shown that mental health in children has a

complex interactive relationship with their physical health and their ability to succeed in school, at work and in society. Both physical and mental health affects how we think, feel and act on the inside and outside.

Proceeds from this event will go toward counseling services for families in the Garland community.

Half a million adults and children in Dallas County alone suffer from depression severe enough to disable them, yet cannot afford help. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth 15-19 in Texas.

For more information visit www.galaxycounseling.org.

AskNadia: Is my low carb diet inflating my pre-diabetes test?

Dear Nadia,

When you are losing weight on a low carb diet, does this artificially inflate my pre-diabetes glucose test?

Paula Corin, Linnwood WA

Dear Paula,

Pre-diabetes statistics have been in the news for several years with great concern for our national population. It is great that you are staying on top of your health and paying attention to your diet to be one less number in the growing diabetes population.

The annual increase in pre-diabetes diagnosis is growing at an alarming rate. In 2010, 79 million people were diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Two year later, in 2012, this number grew to 86 million people .

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports within a five year period, 15-30% of the people diagnosed with pre-diabetes will be be diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. This translates into another 12.9 to 25.8 million people who are coming up through ranks with a diabetes diagnosis

from 2012.

Pre-diabetes is when your blood sugar test reads higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed with diabetes.

Does a Low Carb Diet Give You a False Pre-diabetes Diagnosis? If you take a glucose tolerance test and are eating under 300 carbs a day for three days prior to the test; yes you can get a false diabetes or pre-diabetes diagnosis.

Why You Get a False Pre-diabetes Diagnosis? A low carb diet will create a slow uptake of insulin, which shows a false elevated glucose. It metabolizes your fat reserves. Dr. Richard Bernstein, a famous low carb diet advocate and a person with type 1, tells me we can expect to see elevated ketones when our body is metabolizing fat. This of course is different from ketoacidosis, which is a result from dangerously high blood sugar for people with diabetes. In a nutshell, the low carb diet signals a slower GLP 1 secretion, which slows down the insulin secretion causing a rise in blood sugar after taking glucola for the GTT.

The 300 Carb Rule - If

you want a more accurate pre-diabetes diagnosis, eating at least 300 carbs a day for three days before your glucose tolerance test, will give you a more accurate result.

Reversing Pre-diabetes - Everyone that is diagnosed with pre-diabetes has an opportunity to reverse their diagnosis. Unlike Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, there are no cures. Reversing diabetes is not an option. More and more people are going on a low carbohydrate diet to maintain better blood sugars or to loose weight. The grocery stores are reflecting the change in our diets by providing us with more low carb options. Maintaining a normal weight and exercising 150 minutes a week will benefit your health. Get out and walk briskly for 150 minutes a week to maintain a healthy body weight in addition to your low carb diet.

Today, it is estimated that 29.1 million people have diabetes while 8.1 million of these people do not know they have it. If you combine the pre diabetes rate of 12.9-25.8 million (15-30% of people living with pre-diabetes form 2012) plus the

29.1 million living with diabetes today, this means our national health facilities will be treating 42 million people with diabetes on the

low end and 54.9 million people with diabetes on the high end.

Hopefully with all the educational preventative pro-

grams, these numbers will decrease.

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SPRING BLOCK pARTy lets art take center stage on March 18

Dallas Arts District SPRING BLOCK pARTy is set for 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 18, at Pearl and Flora Streets in Dallas. The event, open to the public at no charge, will close the streets and celebrate everything the popular district offers.

Some highlights will include:

- Crow Collection of Asian Art at 2010 Flora St.
- Dallas Museum of Art at 1717 N. Harwood St.



- Nasher Sculpture Center at 2001 Flora St.

Experience all three museums by participating in special activities, live con-

certs, guided tours, local brews, films and much more.

In addition, on-the-street performances will include:

- Shakespeare Dallas get wild in the streets
- An acoustic David Bowie tribute by the Thin White Dukes
- Danielle Georgiou Dance Group – DGDG plots the Ides of March
- Swing dancing with The Rhythm Room to Jackson Pollock's favorite jazz records
- Curbside karaoke with Mr. Rid
- Beats and threads with Dirty Laundry DJ truck

• DMA presents "An American in Paris" (1951) on Ross Avenue Plaza

• The Nasher presents a concert by Kurt Thurmond, followed by a special screening of "Edward Scissorhands" in the Nasher Garden

• Goodnight Gorlinski at the Crow Collection of Asian Art

• DJ Luxury Raps at Klyde Warren Park

• Food and drinks, including local craft beers and li-

bations from Alamo Drafthouse DFW, will be available.

Fifteen gourmet food trucks will keep the party rolling.

• DART Rail service runs until midnight, and enjoy Uber pickup/drop-off points in the district — \$20 ride credit for new users using the code: "DalArts"

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/events/594762490675789/.

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breast cancer and no health insurance, Deal went on the Susan G. Komen website and researched to find medical facilities in her area that the non-profit organization, through the partnering with local cancer treatment facilities, provides patients like her financial assistance.

"I found Baylor Irving, now it is called Baylor Scott and White; and they had the funding to do that. I got the financing from the board {Baylor Irving} and Susan G. Komen."

The Susan G. Komen foundation covered her medical expenses, but according to Deal they could not continue to provide financial assistance due to lack of funding.

"The funding ran out at Baylor and that was the year Susan G. Komen got hit pretty hard with people not contributing as much as they had at one time, so a lot of programs ran out. They {programs} were not automatically extended, so I had to find some other way," claims Deal.

Although she was approved for some financial assistance through the Parkland program, according to Deal the waiting period to see a doctor can be long.

"When I was accepted into their program, it took me seven months to get an appointment to see someone, so with the pains that I have: severe pain in my back and thighs all the way

to my knees {health issues stemming from nerve damage as a result of her diabetes} and the physical therapy I received offered me no relief," she exclaims.

To help manage her pain, Deal decided to go back to her former doctor that she saw when she had insurance, but she is unable to receive comprehensive care (i.e. x-rays) because she cannot afford the cost to get necessary testing done to treat and manage her pain.

Deal's faith is what she says has kept her through all of the difficult financial and medical challenges she has and is currently facing.

"These challenges has taught me to rely on God because there is not a whole lot I can do, but He can do it. I have learned to stand on God's word through all of this," she exclaims.

According to Deal, she endured three surgeries in a total of 21 days to aggressively treat her breast cancer. She advises the treatments were physically taxing and contributed to other health issues; respectfully her issues with suffering from lymphedema and osteoporosis.

"Ten days I was taken off of the radiation treatment because it was burning me. When I finished the 45 rounds of radiation I get lymphedema. Lymphedema is something that occurs when you have had breast cancer."

Based on the National Lymphedema Network website, secondary lymphedema can occur as a result of damage to the lymphatic system and specific cancer-related surgeries such as breast cancer surgery can put patients at risk with getting this condition along with radiation treatment.

Living with this condition as well as with osteoporosis, has physically limited her and has impacted her overall quality of life.

"I can't give blood from my right arm, I can't have my blood pressure checked from that arm and I can't carry more than 10 pounds and I am a right-handed person, so that means my left side has to do most of the work."

Deal is hoping to get disability assistance and a hearing has been set for the first of February to determine if she will be approved.

In the meantime, there has been a gofundme page set up for her where people can donate to assist her with her medical and living expenses. Her hope is to raise \$25,000, as she currently has raised at little over \$5,000.

According to Deal, she owes a balance of \$15,000 for her rent and she is grateful that the landlord is allowing her to stay as long as she pays the monthly rent.

The two greatest needs for her is to find affordable

housing and get the necessary medical testing she needs to treat her osteoporosis as well as funds to have a colonoscopy as colon cancer runs in her family too.

Deal shared how grateful she has been for the generosity shown by people and when asked what these challenging times have taught her as it relates to people; Deal's response was

direct.

"I have learned friends come into your life for a season, for a reason, or for a lifetime and through this experience I have learned those friends who are genuine and who are my real friends."

Deal wants to continue to serve and be a blessing to others and even feels what she is going through will do just that--bless others.

"Things happen in life and if you find yourself in a catastrophic situation, you got to get on your knees and he {God} will get you through it. God will use your situation to help others and I am being used to be a blessing to someone else," she concludes.

To donate to Deal's gofundme page, please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/qx49p9j8>.

Minnie H. Goodlow Page

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Youngsters test their smarts at African American Male Academic Bowl

Like any team prepping for a bowl game, Scoggins Middle School's Team 7B put in long hours of practice.

But instead of laps or pushups, the Frisco teammates drilled each other on questions from civil rights to science to get in shape for the seventh annual African American Male Academic Bowl at UT Dallas. When it was time to compete in the quiz show-style tournament, there weren't many questions they couldn't answer.

Seventh-graders Caden Bedford-Crandell, Josiah Hartman and Cedron Webb won the middle school division championship after racking up the highest score each round. In the elementary division, the team from Townsell Elementary School in Irving took the top prize.

Each of the winners received a laptop, while second-place teams got tablets.

The academic bowl included teams from schools and organizations across North Texas.

Speakers included Dr. Hobson Wildenthal, UT Dallas president ad interim, and Dr. Joe May, chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, who welcomed participants at the beginning of the event.

The University hosted the event with partners including the Dallas County Community College District, Project Still I Rise Inc., AT&T, McDonald's and Texas Sen. Royce West, D-



From left: Caden Bedford-Crandell, Cedron Webb and Josiah Hartman discuss their answer in the final round of the African American Male Academic Bowl at UT Dallas. The team from Scoggins Middle School in Frisco finished first in the quiz show-style competition, earning laptops as prizes.

Dallas.

West, honorary chair and longtime supporter, spoke to the audience before the final round of the bowl and encouraged the top two middle school teams.

"This event serves as great motivation for these young men to help in molding their futures and in their pursuit of academic success. While we are all familiar with sports and other forms of extracurricular competition, a competition pitting mental prowess helps to build study skills that will lead to long-term success," West said. "The Academic Bowl helps keep them focused on achievement in the classroom and on establishing high academic goals. My own goals for this event would be to see it sustained, continue to grow and eventually expand into a statewide competition."

The academic bowl was established to promote academic achievement among

students in grades 4 through 8. David Robinson Jr., the bowl's founder and assistant director of community engagement in the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement, said the program aims to counter a high risk of dropping out.

"We want to make sure these boys have some form of resource that is showing them that yes, you can succeed in education, that it's OK to learn and it's not OK to drop out," Robinson said.

Participation in the bowl has grown, with 41 three-member teams this year. Seven of them were from Scoggins.

Barbara Warner, the Frisco school's principal, said the teams met with volunteer coach Kevin Porter and counselor Christie Combest for regular study sessions. Warner said the event gives students a chance to build leadership skills, gain a sense of belonging and learn more about African-American

history.

"This is an opportunity for our students to see themselves as scholars. A lot of our kids are very comfortable identifying themselves as athletes or musicians, but sometimes they don't understand that there are academic competitions as well," Warner said. "I like the college atmosphere, too. We want them to be exposed to that as much as possible."

Academic Bowl contestants heard firsthand how much the event made a difference in two former participants' lives. Kevin Mondy Jr. and Charles Jones, who volunteered at this year's bowl and made remarks at the opening session, are now seniors at Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy in Dallas. Both plan to study engineering and have been accepted by multiple top schools.

"Stay true to who you

want to be. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise," Mondy told the younger men in the audience.

Jones offered this advice: Listen.

"It may not sound like the best idea at the moment, but as you get older you realize what (teachers) were trying

to accomplish. I couldn't see that when I was young because I was hardheaded and ignorant," Jones said. "I thought I knew everything and you don't. It's a matter of listening and studying. School's a really big part of where you can go in life."

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"When it comes to predatory lending, maybe it's time to remind some members of whom they represent."

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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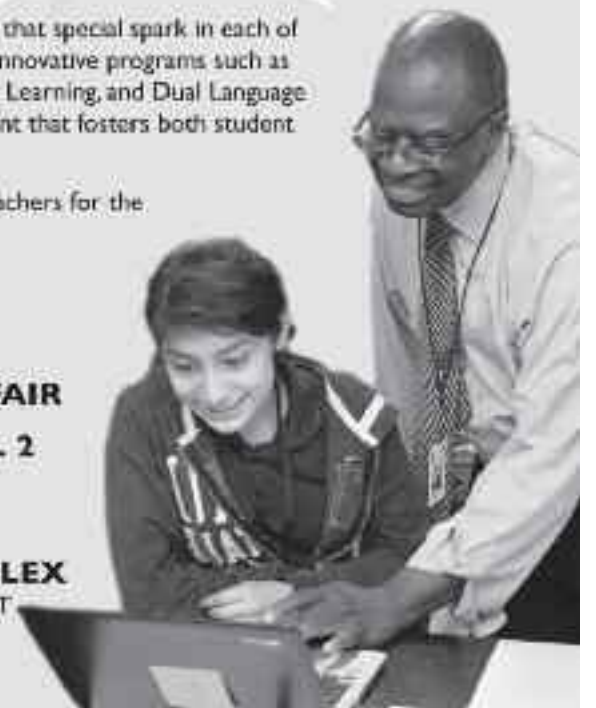
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Olympic gold medalist Patterson kicks off Collin College Alumni Fun Run

Collin College alumna, Olympic gold medalist Carly Patterson will serve as honorary chair of the alumni association's first official fundraising event — the CougarRun 5K and Fun Run.



Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics Carly Patterson will officially kick off the Collin College Fun Run.

Wrapping up Founders Week, the run is presented by Title Sponsor State Farm and The Pride, Collin College's association for alumni and friends, which was initiated in 2015 to commemorate the college's 30th anniversary. Open to the public and slated as a family

event, both the 5K and Fun Run begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 9 at the

Collin College Preston Ridge Campus, 9700 Wade Boulevard in Frisco.

Patterson will kick off the event, and various fun activities for children will be available including a special appearance of Collin Cougar. Certified by the Frisco Running Company, the running course will start at Lawler Hall, and free parking will be available on the college's campus. Participants and observers can seek out unique items at numerous vendor booths, learn more about the college and

visit the Collin Bookstore table to purchase Collin College spirit wear and pile on college bling.

Event proceeds will exclusively benefit students through the Collin Alumni Scholarship Fund. According to Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin, this inaugural, family event will be filled with excitement and laughter emanating from children and adults, but most importantly it sustains a great cause.

"The Collin Alumni Scholarship Fund's goal is

to ensure that no student will be denied a college education because of financial barriers. Collin College holds a national, award-winning record of academic achievements, and I believe that each individual who wishes to change the course of his or her life via education should have that opportunity," Dr. Matkin said.

Early bird registration featuring a \$25 fee, a \$5 price reduction, is available through March 15. Medals will be awarded to the overall male and female finisher

and winners in five-year age divisions. For more information and to register visit <http://ow.ly/Y0jIb> and the Facebook page at [facebook.com/collinalumni](https://www.facebook.com/collinalumni). Packet Pickup will be at Frisco Running Co., 9359 Legacy Dr. in Frisco.

Collin College serves nearly 52,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degrees and certificates. The only public college in the county, Collin

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An 'Eggs-cellent' family adventure in Irving

The City of Irving offers two free egg hunts for the children of Irving! Each event features egg hunts for children 10 and under, with thousands of toy-filled and candy-filled eggs. Additional free attractions include bounce houses, a petting zoo and other fun activities. Bring a camera to take part in a photo opportunity with the

Easter Bunny. Kona Ice will be on-site with shaved ice and ice cream treats available for purchase.

It is recommended to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the listed egg hunt time for your child's age group, as all hunts will start on-time. Adults are not permitted to assist children in the egg hunts, and are encouraged to

watch and enjoy from the viewing areas alongside the egg hunt fields.

The age group for 3-4 year-olds begins at 10 a.m., with 5-6 years at 10:20 a.m., 7-8 years at 10:40 a.m. and 9-10 years at 11 a.m.

Children ages 1-2 years who are able to walk independently may take part in the Egg Stroll. This is a

special area dedicated to our youngest participants, which allows them to hunt for eggs at their own pace. The Egg Stroll will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Each child may be accompanied by up to 2 adults; children ages 3 and older may not enter the Egg Stroll area.



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FORT WORTH Wine and Food Festival slated for the end of March

The Fort Worth Wine + Food Festival is an annual eating-and-sipping extravaganza spread over four days and nights March 31 - April 3. They plan to share assorted appetizing venues around over the city with a swelling roster of talented

chefs, food artisans and farmers from our thriving culinary community. Craft brewers discovering new and exciting ways tempt you with innovative, satisfying suds. FWFWF.com

COPPELL - GRAPEVINE

Free event features motorcycle competition

Since 2009, the Coppell-

Grapevine Motorcycle Rodeo has given local officers an opportunity to honor department traditions and fallen officers.

This year, Grapevine Mills is hosting the Motorcycle Rodeo on Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19 from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. The event will benefit MetroplexCOPS, Remember the Fallen Heroes, Grapevine Shield and North

Texas Shield.

The free event will kick off with the motorcycle competition to test officers' motorcycle proficiency, mental clarity and calmness under pressure.

Along with the exhilarating events, spectators will also have the opportunity to take part in a silent auction, bid on raffle items and visit vendor booths.

GARLAND Rainy days lead to rescheduling

Firewheel Mall's Food Trucks in the Park was rescheduled due to the rainy weather. They will host the Food Truck event on March 18, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Park.

For more info, keep your eyes on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/firewheeltown-center or call the mall office at 972-675-1041.

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MURPHY Keep Murphy Beautiful

Three activities set for Saturday, April 9 include recycling, hazardous trash removal and document shredding. For more info visit www.murphytx.org.

Gassaway Twins host shoe drive for orphans

A simple pair of children's shoes may not look powerful, but they can make a big difference in the lives of vulnerable children and orphans around the world.

The Gassaway Twins teamed up with Buckner International to ask [Dallas] residents to collect new shoes for children in need.

The annual nationwide Shoes for Orphan Souls shoe drive is seeking to collect more than 250,000 pairs of new shoes and socks in 2016. Since 1999,

Buckner has sent more than 3 million pairs of new shoes to vulnerable children in more than 80 countries around the globe, including the United States.

The Gassaway Twins said, "We were born and raised in Dallas, Texas and quite familiar with Buckner Orphanage in Mesquite.

To contribute to a great cause and do our part in giving back to the community by hosting this New Shoe Drive for Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls was an enjoyable task to encounter

with the help of family and friends.

It's an awesome experience to change the lives of vulnerable children. We hope that our New Shoe Drive will help Buckner International reach future goals."

We have seen the joy and hope that children experience when they receive a pair of shoes," said Shawn Spurrier, Media Partnerships Coordinator at Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls. "Because of [the Gassaway Twins] partnership with this

program, we can continue to increase the number of children who will benefit from a pair of new shoes and socks."

Donated items should be for children and teens, and due to customs regulations, shoes and socks need to be brand new.

The greatest need is for new athletic shoes, sizes Youth 4-Adult 9. Cash donations are also accepted and will help provide new shoes as well as cover distribution costs.



Underwood's memorial set for March 18

The Memorial Service celebrating the life of Sandra Underwood is scheduled for Friday, March 18 at Concord Church in Dallas. Underwood, passed away on March 3 leaving behind a host of family and friends. The service is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Legacy Building in the Chapel at

6808 Pastor Bailey Drive, led by Rev. Dr Bryan L. Carter Senior Pastor.

Underwood's funeral service is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Beacon Light International Baptist Cathedral in New Orleans on Saturday, March 12.

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NDG readers can win tickets to God's Trombones return to Jubilee

This timeless Jubilee classic with book by Jubilee Theatre founder Rudy Eastman and composer Douglas Balentine, has been among the most popular productions in the legacy of Jubilee Theatre's rich history. A NDG reader can win tickets to see this show by visiting our Facebook page for more details.

God's Trombones is a musical celebration that is guaranteed to lift your spirits and rock your soul. The revival of this show is the perfect complement to Jubilee's 35th Anniversary Season.

Rudy Eastman was the founder of Jubilee Theatre in 1981 and from that year until his untimely death in 2005, he wrote, produced and presented works for the Jubilee stage that represented the African-Ameri-



Cast members (Left to Right) Nikka Morton, Gina Monday and Steven Griffen are set to entertain audiences in a production which always proves popular. (Photo: Cecil Fuqua)

can experience. God's Trombones is a perfect example of the works that were a part of his vision, which are now legendary.

The mantel is now being picked up by Fort Worth native and Jubilee Theatre veteran Gloria Abbs. She has worked with Jubilee for over 25 years and on over

100 staged productions. Abbs served as Director for past Jubilee productions including Medea and the Doll, Killingsworth, Travelin' Shoes, Auntee Explains Xmas, Rudy and God's Trombones - which won the Mendie Award for best musical in the 2010-2011 Season.

Bargain Priced Preview Performances begin on Friday, March 25 and opening night is Friday, April 1. Performances continue through Sunday, April 24. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Matinee performances are at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The prices range from \$18 - \$28 depending on date and time.

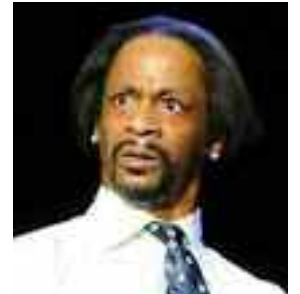
Tickets may be purchased online at jubileetheatre.org, in person at the theater Box Office, located at 506 Main Street or by calling 817-338-4411. Box Office hours of operation are Tuesday - Friday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and one hour before each performance.

No Katt it is not because you are Black, it is because you do stupid stuff

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Katt Williams has declared he is being picked on because he is famous and Black. I am a big fan of Katt's and I feel like he was the heir apparent to the Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy legacy - but he has blown it by doing stupid stuff.

Being Black does not have anything to do with you showing up at the airport with guns. It does not have anything to do with having a female beat up on your bodyguard who is refusing to commit an illegal act (the latest allegations).



Katt, man up and admit that you are contributing to your troubles.

Unfortunately as his star was rising, so did his idiot acts.

So Katt, put away the race card. Get help if you need it, but man up and own up to the decisions you are making and fix things. To read more visit EURWeb.

Win tickets to Jaheim's Dallas performance

Ladies get ready for the smooth sounds of Jaheim when he performs at the Music Hall at Fair Park in Dallas on March 31.

The only thing that can make the event better is if in you enter and win tickets

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Special Guest Vivian Green, whose hits include "Get Right Back To My Baby" is also slated to appear.

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See Mahalia Jackson tribute on NDG

TBAAL audiences love Frenchie Davis and she is back this season in the title role about the life, music and times of one of the world's greatest gospel singers, Mahalia Jackson. Gospel music lovers have a chance to win tickets from the NDG by visiting our Facebook page for more details.

The humble and deeply

religious Jackson, whose expressive, full-throated voice, carried her from a three room shanty in New Orleans to appearances before presidents and royalty.

The musical voice of the civil rights movement, Jackson's friend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "A voice like this one comes not once in a century, but once in a millennium." The

show is in remembrance of Dr. King's April 4, 1968 assassination.

The show is scheduled for Friday, April 1 at 8:15 p.m. and Saturday April 2 at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. at TBAAL's Clarence Muse Café Theatre. Tickets are \$18.50 and can be purchased at TBAAL's box office or online.

Remember Black Dallas honors living legends

Remembering Black Dallas (RBD) shines a spotlight on those who have made a difference in the history of Dallas, now they are taking time to honor the living legends and help future trailblazers with their education. On April 2 from 1 - 4 p.m. the organization is hosting its 1st Annual Scholarship and Honors Awards Banquet which will be held at the

Thorntree Country Club, 825 W. Wintergreen Rd., in Desoto.

Honorees who have promoted and preserved Dallas' African American History, heritage and culture are: Dr. Harry Robinson, Mr. Donald Payton, Dr. Alan B. Govenar, Mrs. Kaleta Doolin, Mr. Jesse James Arnold, Mrs. Frances James, Dr. Mamie McKnight, Mr. Bob Rigdon,

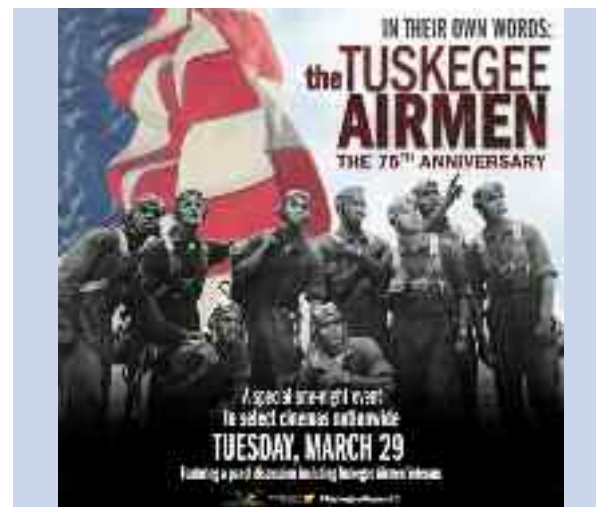
Mrs. Sadye Gee (posthumously), Mrs. Julia Jordan

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Win tickets to see The Tuskegee Airmen's 75th Anniversary with a historic movie on event on March 29

DENVER – Fathom Events is partnering with Bryton Entertainment to present "In Their Own Words: The Tuskegee Airmen – The 75th Anniversary" in select U.S. cinemas for the first time ever on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. local time. This one-night cinema event features emotional interviews, rare photographs, archival footage and computer-generated recreations.

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producer Bryan Williams and director Denton Adkinson.

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you want to see the movie.

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The Black 411 seeks to make finding Black businesses easier

(BlackNews.com) — The Black 411, is a new resource that gives consumers instant access to thousands of black-owned businesses and services across the country. How does it work? Just call or text The Black 411 and you will instantly receive the name, number, and even the website for the type of business or service you are looking for. The goal is to eliminate hours spent looking online to find what you need, only to receive outdated or inaccurate information. The Black 411 will provide listings of black-owned businesses instantly they promise.

The Black 411 is a two-fold targeted information service catering to the desires of the black consumer, while promoting and increasing the visibility of black-owned businesses. The Black 411 allows con-

THE BLACK 411™

sumers to register free of charge to find black-owned businesses nationwide, while black entrepreneurs and business owners can register their business for as little as \$150 a year. Businesses currently listed include but are not limited to: Black doctors, black lawyers and law firms, accounting agencies, pilots, grocery stores, barber shops, plumbers, handymen, restaurants, and even unique businesses like winemakers, marketing and PR firms, specialty dessert shops, and so much more.

The Black 411 is appropriately nicknamed the “Google for black businesses.” The Black 411

seeks to become the catalyst for keeping black dollars in the hands of the black community.

Larry Spear, CEO of The Black 411 states, “It is time we have a fast, simple, and easy way to find and locate black owned businesses in this country. Many have asked ‘why in 2016 do you still feel there is a need for The Black 411?’ The answer is simple, as I look at the disproportionate figures for key indicators in this country like unemployment, poverty and poor schools; I see a direct correlation with a failure to support black-owned businesses. If we find a way to keep dollars in those struggling communi-

ties we will not only help blacks businesses in this country to grow, we will also be helping to promote the American Dream for all people. This is just ‘Buy American’ but on a more micro level.”

The African American community is 44 million strong and 13 percent of the population. Blacks are considered to have one of strongest buying powers in the country with a buying power of over \$1.2 trillion, yet it is estimated that less than five percent of black wealth goes to black-owned businesses. African American consumers looking to “buy black” may be surrounded by black-owned businesses and not know it. The Black 411 was created to fill that void by making it easier to find and locate black-owned businesses and to positively impact the

state of the black economy. There are over 1.9 million black-owned businesses in the U.S., and black entrepreneurs in almost every field. The Black 411 provides a simple and fast way to find them when

you need them, while using your buying power to benefit your community. Available 24 hours a day, and seven days a week, you get the numbers and locations you want, when you need them.

Shaq scheduled to speak at Refresh Leadership Live

The seventh annual Refresh Leadership Live event will be hosted in the Dallas/Fort Worth area on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. This year’s trio of leadership and development experts will be live on stage at the Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie and they’re ready to share their expertise on reaching the next level, inspiring your people, and becoming a more effective leader.

The 2016 Refresh Leadership Live speakers in-

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iCodeHack Coming to Dallas, first Hackathon for all students

iCode4Kids, an organization that facilitates student achievement by raising awareness of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) from an early age in a fun, enriching and collaborative environment, announces its first hackathon, iCodeHack, on Saturday, April 16. iCode4Kids is teaming up with leading educators, businesses and tech companies including AT&T, Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT), Fujitsu and Zimperium to host the first ever hackathon designed for elementary, middle and high school students at AT&T headquarters in downtown Dallas.

iCodeHack registration is now open online at icode4kids.org and aims to bring together 400 students from across the DFW Metroplex. Students will participate in a day of problem solving using computer

science and engineering to tackle STEM and social issues, complete with notable judges who are influencers in the tech industry.

iCode4Kids is the organization connected to iCode, the afterschool and weekend program that offers STEM education to students in 1st through 12th grade.

"We have been dreaming up this hackathon for the past year and are thrilled to finally see it come to fruition," said iCode founder and CEO Abid Abedi. "We are thankful for our partners who have helped us make it a reality, and we can't wait to get students involved and excited about the opportunities that STEM provides."

iCodeHack is open to elementary, middle school and high school students who will have the opportunity to choose a technical or social challenge to tackle based on

their age and skillset. The students will then have six to 10 hours to solve or complete the challenge. Each entry is then reviewed by a panel of judges. Winners will receive prizes including scholarships and other gifts. Throughout the day, iCodeHack will also feature keynote sessions from iCode's Abedi, AT&T's senior vice president of distribution and channel marketing and iCode board member, Abhi Ingle and several more leaders in the

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Collin College hosting Annual Job Fair on March 30

Collin College will host its annual job fair from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 at the Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Cen-

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The job fair offers a wide range of occupation types, including positions

in finance, technology, insurance, sales, office administration and more. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and speak with recruiters and

should bring their resumes and dress professionally.

For more information, contact Elaine Stewart at estewart@collin.edu or call 972-548-6769.

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community.

"AT&T is honored to host this event. We are passionate about giving students access and exposure at an early age to the skills they need to become future tech leaders," said Ingle. "It will be a great day and I can't wait to see the exciting solutions the participants come up with."

Area companies and corporations are partnering with iCode4Kids to support the hackathon through in-kind donations, publicity and funding. AT&T's sup-

port of this initiative is part of the company's signature philanthropic initiative, AT&T Aspire, which drives innovation in education to ensure that all students have the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond. AT&T is offering its facility, volunteers (courtesy of OASIS employee resource group) and parking accommodations. TAGT, The University of Texas at Dallas, Fujitsu and Zimperium are also sponsoring the event. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available in

three levels ranging from bronze to gold that go toward the event and student scholarships.

"The creativity, problem solving and critical thinking utilized in computer programming is a great fit for the students we work to serve," said TAGT Executive Director, JJ Colburn. "iCodeHack is a natural collaboration that synchronizes nicely with our goal to ensure high achieving students reach their unique and limitless potential."

iCode4Kids inspires students to change the world

and have a prominent future by providing opportunities for computing and STEM education. Through events like iCodeHack, students are introduced and immersed in STEM and have the opportunity to earn scholarships toward iCode classes that will greatly impact their education and future careers in STEM.

The cost to participate in iCodeHack is \$20 and students can sign up online. Learn more about registration, sponsorships and additional volunteer opportunities online at iCode4kids.org.

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an advent reader and dreamed of being a playwright, inspired by the story of Lorraine Hansberry; in particular A Raisin in the Sun. There are so many messages in the story. She has used a portion of it in Bethel's Black History productions.

"Some people say we should let Black History go, it's in the past, get over it," however, our young people need this knowledge to move forward with their lives. If you don't know where you came from it's hard to know where you're going and what lies ahead, Pat said.

Americans have much work ahead of us. We must elect people that know our story and care about it, not somebody who caught the phrase, "Black Lives Matter" which is in the media, but doesn't have a clue of its meaning.

Pat strongly believes in the rights and attitudes that affect all of us, which involves:

Civil Rights • Voting Rights • Women's Pay Equality • Fair Justice (sen-

tencing) • Job Equality • Access to Training and Retraining as technology replaces current jobs • Respect and Value of Life • Injustice of corporal punishment corrected • Respect of religion • Fair Diversity in the Job Place (there is a practice of excluding Blacks since Affirmation Action was dropped by President Bush.)

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March 23, 12 p.m.
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March 21, 7 p.m.
Join us in Monday School as we learn what God has to say to us.

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Cathay Williams, because of an error in correctly understanding her name, became William Cathay (a male soldier.) According to an Army doctor; William Cathay enlisted in the United States Regular Army as a Buffalo Soldier in 1866.

The Army surgeon examined William Cathay, the recruit, but failed to realize that William Cathay was a female and not a male; the surgeon determined the recruit fit for duty and assigned William Cathay to the 38th U.S. Infantry; it was established in August 1866.

In March 1869, after William Cathay's disability discharge in 1868, the 38th and 41st Infantries were consolidated into the historically familiar African-American 24th and 25th Infantries.

Cathay Williams carved a small, but symbolically important place in the history of American women, in the history of Black women and in the history of the United States Army.

To date, she is the only documented woman who served in the U.S. Army prior to the official introduction of women.

Nannie Helen Burroughs was one of the best known and well-respected women of the early twentieth century. She was called 'The Black Goddess of Liberty.' She was an educator, institution and organization-builder and a major figure in the Black church and secular feminist movement.

Burroughs became a much sought after participant, particularly by the Republican Party. When Herbert Hoover was elected President in 1928, he chose Burroughs to head a fact-finding commission on housing. In 1909, she founded the National Training School for Women and Girls, which was renamed the Nannie Helen Burroughs School in 1964.

Annie Onieta Plummer was dubbed "The Dictionary African-American 24th and 25th Infantries.

noticed that many school children in Savannah, Georgia were not carrying 30 pocket dictionaries and proceeded to hand them out on the street corner.



Dr. Patricia Bath, Pioneer in Medicine, Inventor, Doctor and Educator

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age of 42. In each dictionary she handed out, she inscribed the motto of the United Negro College Fund, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste," supplemented by her personal message, and "I challenge you not to waste yours."

Black women scientists, engineers and inventors have made important contributions to the science of chemistry.

Patricia Bath in 1988 invented the Cataract Laser Probe, a device that painlessly removes cataracts. Prior to this invention,

cataracts were surgically removed. Patricia Bath founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness.

Marie Daly in 1947 became the first Black woman to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry. In addition to her research, she developed programs to attract and aid minority students in medical and graduate school.

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NDG Book Review: *Sweet as Sin* is a tasty treat of a read

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The last meal you had was very satisfying.

Everything was made the way you like it, served efficiently, and pleasing to your palate. What you ate was delicious and it almost filled you up, leaving just enough room for one more bite - and in “Sweet as Sin” by Susan Benjamin, you’ll read about that which you might’ve chosen.

Susan Benjamin’s mother hated candy - which was unfortunate, since Benjamin’s father loved the stuff. As a child, Benjamin sided with her father and now it’s her livelihood: she’s a candy saleswoman



and historian who says that while sweet treats have been around for millennia - paleontologists once found 9,000-year-old ABC gum - the history of candy is “a convergence of many cultures and experiences...” Native Americans, for in-

stance, knew all about sweets long before Europeans arrived. They found that corn and maple syrup, properly processed, made dandy candy and that fruit, as Benjamin’s brother says, “is pretty much the same as candy.” Europeans expounded on those ideas and learned to make root beer.

As humans cultivated sharper cravings, the world leaped to satisfy them: from a French slave, we got cheaper vanilla; from Mesoamericans, we got chocolate, and both were once considered aphrodisiacs. Asia gave the world marshmallow. The peanut, it’s believed, came from Africa. Sugar cane, says

Benjamin, began in India and was at least partly the reason slaves were brought to U.S. shores.

Though cacao was “most likely” used by Southwestern Native Americans, chocolate wasn’t popular with Colonists until the late 1600s - and even then, it was a drink, not a food. It took a surprisingly long time for it to become a treat but once it did, businesses sprung up to make it, soldiers demanded it, and candy stores sold it. The first commercial candy seller, by the way, was quite involved with the Underground Railroad.

And your favorites? Many of them are here in

this book, with stories that’ll tickle your sweet tooth: find out what the Sugar Daddy was originally named.

See why Life Savers were created, why they’re called Milk Duds, which candy was the first in space, and what made Milton Hershey cry...

Oh, my, reading “Sweet as Sin” is like taking a trip back to your childhood, with history along for the ride. It’s nostalgic, but informative. Bite-sized, in both memory and fact, and as easy to dip into as your grandma’s candy dish.

With the lightest of tones and a sprinkle of the personal, author Susan Ben-

jamin shows how candy has become a part of our culture, and how it’s stayed there despite a recently-bad reputation that’s somewhat changing.

In doing so, she serves up a Baby Boomer’s treasure trove of old favorites and treats you may have forgotten you enjoyed (candy cigarette, anyone?), wrapped inside pictures and little-known stories.

Oh, and did I mention recipes?

Yep, you’ll find some of those, too, and plenty to chew on, making a great read for foodies and former kids alike. So look for “Sweet as Sin.” It’s pretty tasty.

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while commentators have argued from different points of view in its lively op-ed pages.

The Voice & Viewpoint has grown over the last

decade to over 350 newsstands and outlets in convenience stores and the paper can be found in all 89 zip codes of San Diego and has reader-

ship of more than 60,000.

Warren-Darby, who became one of the youngest newspaper publishers in the country, has carried her mother’s torch in an award-winning manner.

She said she was honored to be present as the NNPA enshrined Warren, who died in 2009.

“She was a people person,” Warren-Darby said. “She made time for people

and she was never too busy to talk to anyone. She made sure that everyone knew they were important.”

Chida Warren-Darby said it is her mother’s smile and her laugh that she often

thinks of.

“It was her secret weapon,” Warren-Darby said. “That infectious laugh and smile opened many a door and, yes, I’ve adopted that too.”



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