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Roslyn M. Brock elected to lead the NAACP



Roslyn M. Brock

(NDG Wire) The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) named Roslyn M. Brock as Chair of the Board of Directors at its Annual Board Meeting on February 20 at the New York Hilton.

Brock, 44, became the youngest ever and fourth

woman to serve as Chair of the NAACP's Board of Directors. A highly qualified candidate, her NAACP résumé boasts more than 25 years of service to the NAACP in many capacities, including as a youth board member, Youth and College State Conference President, board member,

and Vice Chair to the Board of Directors.

Brock also created the annual NAACP Leadership 500 Summit, and has served as Chair of the Board Convention Planning Committee.

"As the NAACP ushers in a new generation, it is a

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SPOTLIGHT

Dallas community leader defied gender and racial barriers



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Paying homage to slave ancestors: Irving group teaches powerful community history lesson

BY DARWIN CAMPBELL
LONE STAR PAGES

One of the greatest ways to remember our African-American ancestors is to respect their burial sites and work to support and help maintain their final resting grounds.

That goal is becoming a

dream realized in Irving as a community prepares to pay homage Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to ancestors in a celebration of Black History and volunteer spirit that together will help build stronger bonds of understanding and unity.

The gathering will fo-

cus on the clean up and Historical Marker Rededication at the Old Bear Creek Slave Cemetery, also known as "Shelton's Bear Creek Cemetery".

The historic site is located on the corner of Hardrock Rd. and Pioneer Dr., just off Esters and

Highway 183.

The celebration is important and signals the intention of the community to work together to keep the cemetery alive, despite years of being forgotten, neglected by city officials and attacked by vandals.

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American Idol opening night is flat

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COMMENTARY

We await the next step forward on jobs

BY REV. AL SHARPTON (NNPA) It was a blistery afternoon as Washington, D.C. was bombarded with a blizzard that dumped anywhere from 1½ to 2 feet of snow. Schools were closed, streets were vacant and most federal offices were even shut down. But amidst the massive winter storm, one location remained vividly functioning as the President of the United States welcomed our arrival. Marc Morial

of the National Urban League, Benjamin Jealous of the NAACP and I could not have been more anxious to trudge through the snow for a more pertinent cause than the cause of rectifying catastrophic unemployment.

Following President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address in January, Morial, Jealous, myself and Dorothy Height of the National Council of

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Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the City of Richardson Partner with U.S. Census Bureau

(NDG Wire) The City of Richardson and the Chamber have formed a partnership with the Census Bureau to assist in getting every resident of Richardson counted. The total number of residents affects funding in the community and helps inform

decision makers how it has changed. Annually, approximately \$300 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities.

Once every ten years, the U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount of every person living in the United States.

This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens. The first census was taken in 1790 and has been carried out every ten years since then. The U.S. Census Bureau must submit state population totals to the President

of the United States by Dec. 31, 2010.

The census data determines congressional seats and federal funding. The data also is used to allocate funds to the following: Title

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Dr. José A. Pagán

Dr. José A. Pagán, Professor and Chair, Department of Health Management and Policy, for the School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center Fort Worth (UNTHSC), has been named to the National Advisory Committee (NAC) of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) Health & Society Scholars. The NAC consists of distinguished representatives from academia, government agencies and public policy to guide program policy, review scholar

applications, participate in annual meetings and assist in monitoring site performance. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars program seeks to improve the nation's health by addressing factors that affect health and inform policy.

In addition to his work at the UNTHSC School of Public Health, Dr. Pagán also serves as adjunct senior fellow of the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. He served as professor of eco-



nomics and director of the Institute for Population Health Policy at the University

of Texas-Pan American from 2005 to 2009. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Mexico and served as a Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania from 2003 to 2005.

He is a member of the NAC for the RWJF's Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative, and is a member of the foundation's Roundtable on Health and Health Care, a new Alumni

Network initiative focusing on implementing health care reform.

Dr. Pagán's research focus centers on the effects of the lack of insurance on health care access and quality in local health care markets.

He recently published co-authored papers on "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Awareness of Genetic Testing for Cancer Risk," *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, December 2009; "Material Resources and Population Health: Disadvantages in Health Care, Housing, and Food Among Adults Over

50 Years of Age," *American Journal of Public Health*, November 2009; and "Context matters: Where would you be the least worse off in the US if you were uninsured?," *Health Policy*, January 2010.

In 2007, he and Dr. Dominick Frosch received an Investigator Award in Health Policy Research from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study the effects of direct-to-consumer advertising for prescription drugs on health behaviors.

He received his PhD in economics from the University of New Mexico in 1995.

Shelia Tarpley Lott

Sheila Tarpley Lott is a wife, mother, writer, moti-



vational speaker, and licensed minister. Reared in Carrollton, Texas, Mrs. Lott attended Carrollton-Farmers Branch public schools and is a graduate of R.L. Turner High School.

From 1989-1991, Mrs. Lott hosted a cable television talk show called, *Sheila*. Each week Mrs. Lott invited guests to discuss pertinent issues currently facing the black community, at large, in front of

a live audience.

In the spring of 1991, Mrs. Lott received her Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. Upon graduation, she began her professional career in Corporate America as a Marketing Coordinator for Michaels Stores, Inc. In that same year, Mrs. Lott began her ministry journey by serving as the youth leader in her church. A year later, she was appointed as the youth leader over all the

churches within the district. This provided the opportunity for Mrs. Lott to begin her evangelistic ministry.

In 1996, Mrs. Lott was appointed as the Sunday Night ministry coordinator at her church, under the direction of the late, Elder Philip White.

In 1998, Mrs. Lott married her husband, Bill, and the Lord blessed them with three beautiful children – a girl and two boys.

In 2004, Mrs. Lott graduated from the Covenant Training Institute School of

Ministry, and received her ministry license in 2006. Also in 2006, God began to give Mrs. Lott and her husband a vision for a ministry geared towards children. They began to fast, pray, and seek the Lord as he prepared them for what was to come. In 2008, they gave birth to God's vision, and founded God Squad International Ministries. A ministry that would mentor and provide opportunities for children and youth to minister the gospel through community outreach events

and missions through drama, dance, singing, and the spoken Word. In 2009, they formally organized the ministry as a non-profit organization.

Also in 2009, Mrs. Lott published her first book, *Without Fear or Favor*. In her book, Mrs. Lott adroitly and rightly divides scripture to expose so many heresies that crouch behind cultural mores to stifle individual Christian growth and universal fulfillment of Christ Jesus' straightforward commission.

Patricia Dean

The African American Heritage Celebration will explore slavery and its related time period of 1863 through its presentation of a stage play, praise dancers, and choirs at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church on February 28, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The church is located at 1944 E. Hebron Pkwy., just east of Josey Lane.

Produced by Patricia Glover-Dean, President and CEO of AVE NuStudio (www.avenustudio.com), this cultural experience's focus is one of duality through its presenting Bethel's member talent and cultural education for both African descendants and non-descendants alike.

Glover-Dean, who is a seasoned playwright and au-

thor, has crafted an original stage play that contains a number of colorful characters that explores the annual "Watch Night," which was long considered a special night to slaves on New Year's Eve that held hope that they would learn they were free.

In addition to the stage play, the Bethel Bible Fellowship Praise Dancers, who were also formed by Glover-Dean, will perform African dances in both native costume and 19th Century dress. Rounding out the entertaining educational experience of the evening will be special topic related musical selections from the Bethel Bible Fellowship Choir.

Alternatively, AVE NuStudio's focus is the creative



arts of music, videography. The company also introduces local, regional, and national Christian and Gospel talent, creates church websites, assists churches in increasing memberships, and works with financially challenged colleges, charities, and non profit organizations through arranging and sponsoring fundraisers and benefits.

Glover-Dean's credentials further reveal that, in addition to holding a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an empha-

sis in Marketing from Southern Methodist University, she also holds a Masters degree in Strategic Planning from

Suffield University. She has also held a number of high profile supervisory posts and managerial positions with Fortune 500 corporations in the Insurance industry.

Glover-Dean further has a special interest in History and, particularly, Black History through her development of Black History family stories utilizing videography, and she also serves as the Historian for Bethel Bible Fellowship Church.

Her future plans include her authoring an upcoming historical autobiographical publication as well as her co-writing and publishing and producing a second upcoming stage play titled "Church House Blues."

For more details regarding this special Black History event at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, Glover-

Dean may be contacted via telephone at (972)330-4083 or via email at info@avenustudio.com.

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TRUTH CLINIC: Tiger Wood's unfinished apology

BY JAMES W. BREEDLOVE

Friday, standing at a podium, in a hushed room at the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL before an invitation only audience of 40 close friends, family and selected journalists, a somber Tiger Woods read his statement apologizing for marital indiscretions. Tiger's imprint on golf is so massive that the four major TV networks along with every cable news channel broke into their regular programming to carry a live feed of the press conference.

Tiger apologized to his wife, family, friends, fans and business associates. He said he was sorry for his behavior, took personal responsibility for his inappropriate actions, promised to focus on getting himself together, and would continue to seek professional help for his uncharacteristic behavior.

Numerous critical responses were made to Tiger's statement both in the blogosphere and in mainstream media decrying that Tiger had not given enough details about his transgressions and should not have had a closed press conference.

To encourage naysayers to move on, the advisors

and public relations experts who prepared the statement Woods read should have included a concise closing that clearly identified where Tiger draws the line between his professional and private life.

The following is offered for consideration:

"My family and I are going through a difficult period in our lives. While I am still in the process of evolving and understanding who I am I feel confident that my reaffirmation with my core faith is a move in the right direction.

I appreciate all that you have done over the past 32 years of my life. You embraced me as a two year old prodigy after I appeared with Bob Hope on the *Mike Douglas Show*. You were there during my formative years as my future career began to take shape while participating in Junior World Golf, U.S. Junior Amateur Golf, U.S. Amateur Golf, a two year stint at Stanford University, and finally becoming a professional golfer in 1996.

You were there during the difficult days of 1997 as I struggled with the daunting task of integrating myself into the professional ranks. The pieces began to come together in 1999 and

for over a decade I and golf fans the world over have had an amazing ride as we witnessed raising the bar of professional golf to new heights. I cannot thank you enough for your support.

While I respect your right to have any opinion about my actions as a professional athlete, in the final analysis I alone must define who and what Tiger Woods is. I cannot concede to you a power of attorney to define me via consensus polling or committee analysis. It is impossible to please everybody and even if I tried to do so precedence has shown it is the wrong road to travel.

As a human being I've made mistakes. I cannot

guarantee perfection. I can only promise that I will learn from my mistakes and try to do better as I grow in wisdom, maturity, and understanding of myself and the world I live in.

I have and will continue to dedicate myself to providing you with professional golf played to the highest level of my ability.

It is time to move on. I and my family must deal with the issues of my mistakes because they are our issues. My professional life is open to you but my private life is and always will be mine."

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

Texas Publishers Association Endorsements

(NDG Wire) The Texas Publishers Association announced their political endorsements on Tuesday. They endorsed Farouk Shami for the governor of Texas in the Democratic Primary saying, "We have endorsed Shami for the reason that he has shown a sincere interest in uplifting African Americans and other minorities in the state of Texas. He demonstrated a sincere concern for the education of all Texans, increased jobs for Texans and the overall welfare of this great state."

The Texas Publishers Association also endorses Bill Burton for Texas Land Commissioner because he has shown an interest in developing Texas to its fullest extent.

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Negro Women drafted a request letter to meet with the President to address issues of severe concern.

With Black unemployment now at 16.5 percent nationwide and flailing economies in urban and rural communities, we stressed the urgent need to assist those who were already suffering before this most recent financial crisis.

In short, our push was, and is, for inclusion at the table – a table that has too long catered to those we are in power and not to the people.

Shortly after our letter

to the President, we were pleased to receive an invitation from Obama for an initial meeting.

Although Dorothy Heigh was unable to make it due to the inclement weather, Morial, Jealous, Obama and I began a necessary discussion surrounding the ominous unemployment numbers and their negative impact on disenfranchised communities.

We all agreed to expand this conversation within the administration moving forward.

Many on the right accused us of trying to push a

"Black agenda" and made insulting statements regarding the President's ethnic background.

However, this was not a "race meeting" nor a meeting on "Black issues." It was, and will remain, a focus on the basic human right for all people to be self-sustained and gainfully employed.

In essence, our goal is to ensure that everyone eventually lives in an economic environment that spurs development, not bankruptcy.

Labor and big business have unjustly dominated the discussion and pushed for

their own interests, meanwhile the people have been silenced. In 2010, we cannot continue to ignore the dire needs of the community. We are not asking for Black exclusivity, but for inclusivity.

It's time for an effective jobs bill that can begin to end the economic hardship facing so many families across the nation.

This meeting was a tremendous move in the right direction and we are all anxiously anticipating the next step forward in this path to recovery.

Are you a heart attack waiting to happen?

(NDG Wire) Everyone should know the warning signs for a heart attack—but according to Dr. Isaac Eliaz, effective prevention requires much more than a list of potential symptoms.

“Heart attacks strike quickly and without warning,” said Dr. Eliaz — an author, lecturer, researcher, clinical practitioner and product formulator for natural health supplement manufacturer Econugenics (www.econugenics.com). “So as the national discussion turns to preventing heart attacks during Ameri-

can Heart Month, the real question *isn't* whether people can recognize the warning signs, but rather, whether they can recognize if they are at risk in the first place.”

According to the American Heart Association, an estimated 81 million American adults -- more than one in three -- have one or more types of cardiovascular disease (CVD). Of these, 38 million are estimated to be under 60 years of age.

“And those are just the reported cases,” Dr. Eliaz said. “What about the peo-



ple who have CVD and don't know it or haven't been diagnosed by a doctor because they haven't seen a doctor? Our mission should be to help these people recognize they are in high risk categories and get checked out.”

“There are a number of lifestyle options that may avert the condition,” he added. “The obvious ad-

vice, of course, is to maintain a healthy body weight, moderate consumption of alcohol, exercise, reduce sodium intake, alter intake of calcium, magnesium and potassium, and reduce stress. But there's more than that.”

Dr. Eliaz recommended the following tips for heart healthiness:

Heart Healthy Diet: The first and most obvious step is to shed excess weight through exercise and adopting a heart-healthy diet with heavy consumption of antioxidant-rich

fresh fruits and vegetables as the best way to reach both of these goals -- but be sure to eat organic as often as possible, as pesticides will only introduce aggravating toxins into your body.

Watch Your Fiber: Moderate intake of high-fiber whole grains that are low on the glycemic index scale is also important, along with lean protein like chicken, turkey, and fish (as long as you beware of excess mercury content in the fish).

Antioxidant Snacks: Other heart-healthy snacks

include seeds and nuts, and even small amounts of antioxidant-rich dark chocolate. Drinking green tea and red wine (in moderation) are also excellent ways to protect your heart.

Good Fats and Bad Fats: It's more important that you choose “good” fats as opposed to “bad” fats. The saturated and trans fats in red meat, butter and most fast foods are more likely to clog arteries than unsaturated choices like olive oil and fish oil — the latter of which can actually boost your heart health.

American Stroke Association launches Take 2 to Save 2 stroke campaign

Life is a precious gift and so are loved ones. The American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, has launched a campaign that provides people an array of life-changing health messages to send to those who may be at risk for stroke.

Take 2 To Save 2 — part of the Power To End Stroke cause campaign reaching African Americans — calls for people to take two minutes to text two loved ones “Take 2” to “64244.” The text sends a personalized health mes-

sage to recipients that could help save their lives. Also, participants can get viral messages to send via a phone call, e-mail, Facebook, or other formats.

Mark McEwen, network television news veteran, was enjoying life at the top of his game when he suffered a stroke. In 2005, while traveling, he experienced symptoms that led him to the hospital. Two days later, he was diagnosed as having suffered two strokes.

“I'm taking two minutes to reach out to two friends

today and you should, too,” said McEwen, American Stroke Association spokesperson and former CBS Early Show weatherman. “Take two minutes to send two messages and help save lives.”

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of severe, long-term disability in the United States.

“Think about two people you care about who smoke, are overweight, have high blood pressure, diabetes or a family history of heart disease or stroke,”

said Clyde W. Yancy, M.D., American Heart Association president.

“People with these risk factors have a greater chance of being disabled or dying from a stroke. People who have already suffered a stroke or heart attack are at higher risk for another one. This campaign will make more people aware of their risk for stroke and it only takes two minutes.”

Reaching out to loved ones who may be at risk helps raise awareness of stroke, its warning signs and the importance of a

healthier lifestyle, said McEwen.

“I have survived two strokes and know how devastating it can be,” he said. “My goal is to educate others and offer them the hope that they can not only recover from stroke but prevent one.”

“Too many African Americans continue to have unrelenting exposure to known important risk factors for stroke,” Yancy said. “This is a cause for alarm and a trend we need to stop now. The idea that we can give hundreds of thousands

of people a chance to live longer and better lives — that's the greater good.”

In addition to participating in Take 2 To Save 2, people are encouraged to talk to their doctors to determine if they have health risks and to follow the American Heart Association's Life's Simple 7 to prevent a stroke. The seven steps — found at www.heart.org/mylifecheck — are: Get active, eat better, lose weight, stop smoking, control cholesterol, manage blood pressure and reduce blood sugar.

February marks National Pet Dental Health Month

(NDG Wire) February marks, along with Black History Month, National Pet Dental Health Month. National Pet Dental Health month has been designated in February in an effort to increase awareness about dental care for companion animals, an aspect of pet health care that is often overlooked.

During National Pet Dental Health Month, pet owners are encouraged to make a habit of brushing their pet's teeth, monitoring very carefully what goes

into their pet's mouths and taking the right steps to guarantee their pet receives the appropriate professional care for their teeth. National Pet Dental Health emphasizes to the public the importance of a pet's dental health, and the fact that a pet's dental health is just as important to their overall health as a human's dental health is to their overall health.

Periodontal disease is a disease of the gums that dogs and cats struggle with just as humans do. Peri-



odontal disease is one of the health threats that National Pet Dental Health Month aims to address. The disease is a threat to the health of dogs and cats alike and can lead to infection and eventually tooth loss, which can make for a painful and dif-

ficult life for these animals. Dental disease can also lead to heart, liver or kidney diseases.

National Pet Dental Health Month is geared toward the prevention of these diseases to help pets stay healthy and keep away from potentially serious health problems.

For more information on dental health for pets or National Pet Dental Health Month, contact your pet's veterinarian or the Texas Veterinary Medical Association.

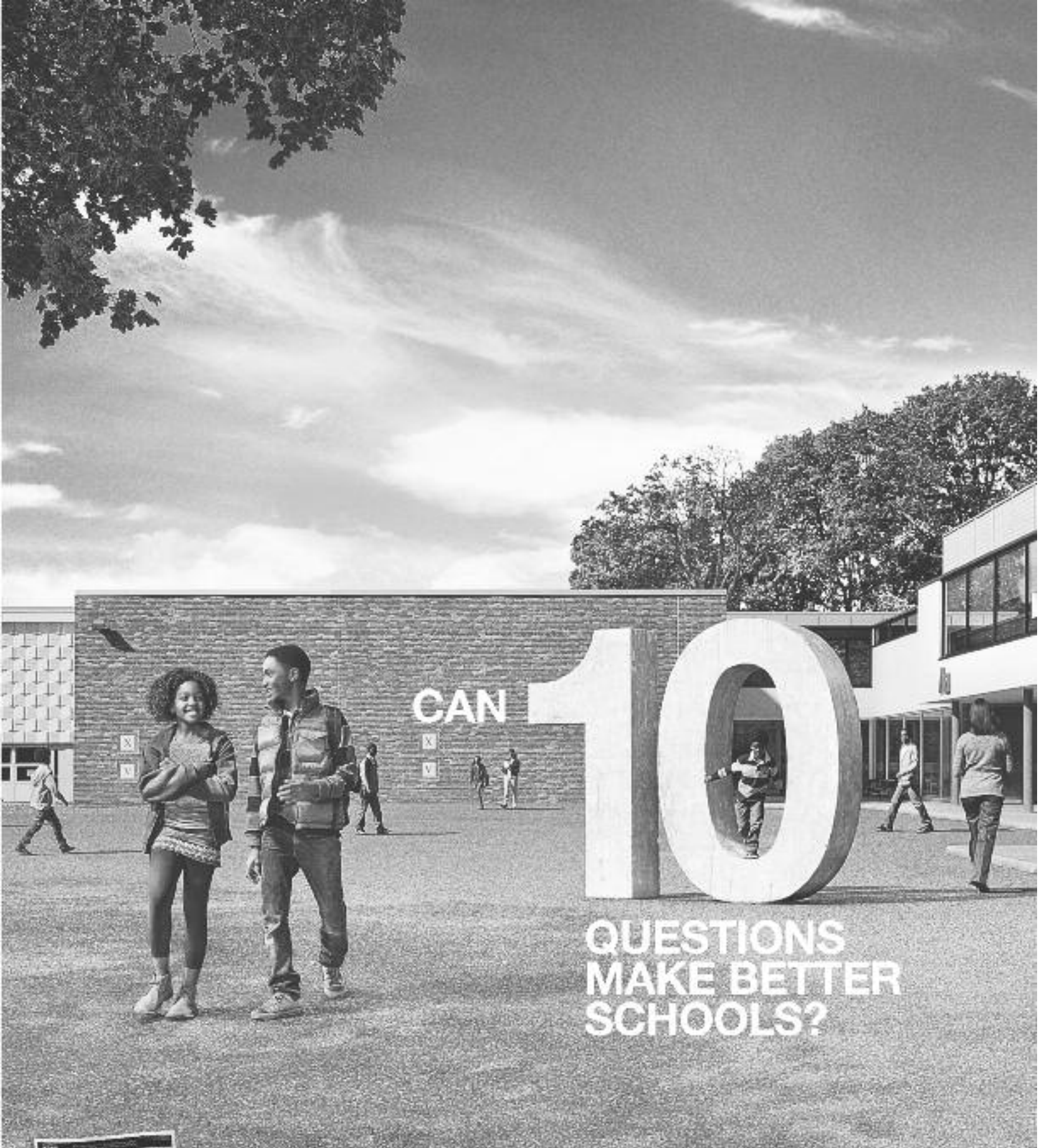
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SLANT 45 kicks off during Super Bowl Week



Former Dallas Cowboy fullback Daryl Johnston and students play the board game Life.

(NDG Wire) SLANT 45, one of the largest youth-based service-learning initiative hosted former Dallas Cowboy Daryl Johnston at Arlington ISD's Berta May Pope Elementary School. Twenty-five students joined parents, faculty, and community volunteers to showcase the progress of their SLANT 45 (Service Learning Adventures in North Texas) projects, which are in various stages of development.

The projects the students showcased included an "April Shower" drive supporting the Arlington Life Shelter, which will encour-

age each grade to participate in bringing personal hygiene and paper products to help those families at the shelter; a mosaic depicting the Pope Panther mascot that will help beautify the school's entrance; and a game night being developed by the school's student council that will help entertain residents of the Arlington Villa retirement center.

SLANT 45 Action Team Chair and former Dallas Cowboys star Daryl Johnston was on hand to offer his support of the program.

To sign-up or for more information on SLANT 45, visit www.slant45.org.

DBA hosting judicial candidates forum

(NDG Wire) Voters have the opportunity to learn about the candidates for Dallas County's Civil and Criminal District Courts, County Criminal and County Courts at Law, Family District Courts, Juvenile Courts, Probate Courts, and Fifth District Court of Appeals on Friday, February 26, at noon at The Belo Mansion (2101 Ross Avenue in Downtown Dallas). Candidates from contested judicial primary races have been invited.

The public is invited. An optional lunch buffet is

available for \$12.76. Garage parking is available (enter from Olive Street). Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 a.m.

The forum is sponsored by the Public Forum Committee of the Dallas Bar Association to educate the community on vital issues that impact the public. The Dallas Bar Association is a non-partisan organization.

RSVPs are encouraged for adequate seating. RSVP to KZack@dallas-bar.org.



Sims named Player of the Year, selected for All-America game



Odyssey Sims

(NDG Wire) Odyssey Sims, senior at MacArthur High School, has been named 2010 State Farm WBCA High School Player of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

The WBCA presents the

award annually to the top player in each of the WBCA collegiate divisions and in high school. According to HoopGurlz.com, Sims is the top-ranked point guard in the country. Scout.com and ESPN.com list her as the first- and second-ranked recruit in the country, respectively.

Sims will be formally honored on April 3 at the WBCA High School All-America Game at the Alamodome in San Antonio. As

one of the top ranked players in the country, Sims will also participate in the all-star game.

In the past, Sims has been named District 7-5A most valuable player and first team all-district. She has also earned Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and Texas Girls Coaches Association all-state recognitions.

Sims has signed a letter of intent to attend Baylor University in the fall and play basketball.

Eldercare Friends volunteer training scheduled for March 17

(NDG Wire) The Visiting Nurse Association's Eldercare Friends program is looking for volunteers in Dallas

County to visit the homebound elderly and provide assistance with shopping, escorted transportation, errands

and other activities.

Volunteer training will be held March 17 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association's headquarters, the Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center, located at 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. There is no cost to attend the class. Volunteer training can also be scheduled by appointment.

Additional information about Eldercare Friends volunteer training can be obtained by contacting Nancy Jellinek, VNA Eldercare Friends manager, at 214-689-2209 or jellinek@vna-texas.org.



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

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

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No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: 4th Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Remarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Fwy., Suite 140, Dallas. \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members, \$5 off for early bird registration. <http://nbwenorg.ning.com>.

North Dallas Texas Democratic Women Regular Meetings 4th Thursday, 6:45 p.m. Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Rd (between Forest & Royal Lanes).

Through March 28

The Arthur Primas Collection: 200 Years of African American Art Free admission. Irving Arts Council Gallery. Significant collection of African American Art including paintings, sculptures, works on paper, graphics and documents covering a period of 200 years.

Thru February 27

End Days by Deborah Zoe Laufer at the Bath House Cultural Center is a rapturously funny play about a slowly healing family hurtling towards Armageddon. Father hasn't changed out of his pajamas since 9/11; Mother abandons Judaism for the warm embrace of Jesus; Daughter finds solace in Stephen Hawking; The Boy-Next-Door just wants to feel welcome in someones house...oh...and dress like Elvis. Tickets: Pay-What-You-Can to \$25, info: www.echotheatre.org.

February 25

To enhance relationships with the Hispanic community, the Irving Police Department will host another educational meeting with the **Hispanic Chamber** to discuss police-related topics and more. 6:30 p.m. at Lorenzo de Zavala Middle School, 707 W. Pioneer Drive.

February 25-28

Sesame Street Live: 1...2...3 Imagine at the Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie. Tickets \$12-\$34. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call 972-854-5111.

February 26

Urban League Luncheon at the Hilton Anatole Hotel 11:45 a.m., tickets are \$50 at 214-915-4631.

February 26 – March 21

Dallas Theater Center is presenting Kathy Burks Theatre of Puppetry Arts **Hansel and Gretel** in the Studio Theater at DCT's Rosewood Center for Family Arts. DCT Box

Office: 214-740-0051 or www.dct.org.

February 27

Tommy Terrific's Black Cowboys of Texas Magic Show at 2:30 p.m. at the Northwest Branch Library, 2928 N. Belt Line Road. The program is free for all ages and no registration is required. Children younger than age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 972-721-2691.

UNCF's 11th Annual Red, Hot & Snazzy Benefit Gala being held at the Sheraton Hotel downtown Dallas. Reception/Silent Auction begins at 6pm. Dinner program begins at 7:30 pm. Individual tickets \$200. For details visit www.uncf.org/dallas

The Alpha Iota Iota graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presents its **7th Annual Scholarship drive**, Caribbean Cruise for two. Travel good for 12 months after drawing. Donation \$10, call 972-424-0930 to purchase tickets.

Entrepreneur 101 - The PLAN Fund provides key resources and valuable entrepreneur training which is vital as you start and grow your small business. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$45 per person. Info: call Tarsha 214-942-6698 or www.planfund.org.

The Bancroft Family Concert will present Orpheus Chamber Singers, Dallas' acclaimed chamber choir, in a FREE program of love songs. The concert will be held in Horchow Auditorium at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood, at 2:30 p.m. for the 3:00 p.m. concert. Info: 214.520.2219 or www.fineartschamberplayers.org

Allen Special Olympics – Special Angels Among Us 12th Annual Dinner, Live and Silent Auction from 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. Admission is

\$40 per person. Info: Lisa Grantham at 972.727.0570 ext. 135 or 972.359.7531; lisa_grantham@allenisd.org or olympics13@tx.rr.com

February 27 – 28

NE 2nd Avenue with Teo Casterllanos at Latino Cultural Center, tickets are \$15. Info: www.teocastellanos.com or 214-670-3320.

February 27 – May 30

American Moderns on Paper: Masterworks from the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art at Amon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

February 28

Mark Nizer's 3-D Juggling Show at the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts in Richardson at 2:30 p.m. Info: www.eisemanncenter.com.

March 1

The Noon Network – The Irving Public Library Job Center's monthly networking opportunity for job seekers continues at noon at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. Attendees are invited to bring their lunches, business cards and to share job hunting tips, leads and interview stories. Info: 972-721-2606 or www.cityofirving.org/library.

March 3 - 7

Dallas Auto Show is the ideal opportunity to compare styling and pricing of every major line make under one roof in just a few hours. See more than 550,000 square feet of new cars, trucks and SUVs at the Dallas Convention Center and an attendance of close to 400,000. More than 40 manufacturers will display more than 700 vehicles. Details at www.dallasautoshow.org.

March 5-7

Annual Dallas Home and Garden Show Featuring Clive Berkman, Home

Décor, energy efficient products, outdoor storage solutions, builders & remodelers, kitchens, bath & more, Info: www.texashomeandgarden.com.

March. 5

Savor Dallas Arts District Wine Stroll featuring wine and food tasting in the Dallas Museum of Art - Seventeen Seventeen Restaurant; Meyerson Symphony Center; Nasher Sculpture Center; Winspear Opera House; and Wyly Theatre (from 5-7 p.m.); Wine, food, music, and art in the new Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Park, featuring the restaurants of One Arts Plaza, Dali Wine Bar, Fedora Restaurant and Lounge, Jorge's, Screen Door, and Tei-An (5-8 p.m.). Details at www.savordallas.com

Live Smart! Health and Safety Fair from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at Collin College's Central Park Campus in McKinney. For more information, call Dr. Linda Adams at 972-881-5777.

March 6

Booker T. Washington Scholarship Gala at 8 p.m. at the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre in the Dallas Arts District. VIP reception from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on the Wyly rooftop terrace. The main event will be held in the Wyly's Potter Rose Performance Hall.

March 7

Plano Family Symphony Sundays Series presents **Gone with the Winds** at 3 p.m. at The Courtyard Theatre, 1501 Avenue H, Plano. Call 972-473-7262, ticket prices range from \$7 - \$11.

March 12-13

Sweet Life Cafe is a place where women can slow down and savor time with God and each other. It feels like a cozy day at your favorite coffee shop--a place

where women can find rest, laughter, share their stories, and grow closer to each other. Best Western Park Suites, 640 E Park Blvd, Plano. RSVP: <http://3tm-group.eventbrite.com>

March 13

DFW Interantional Community Alliance presents **CARNAVAL for Haiti** at Hyatt Regency DFW Airport - Terminal C. Tickets & Info: 972-661-2764 or www.dfwinternational.org/Carnaval/

March 17

The Visiting Nurse Association's Eldercare Friends volunteer training is noon to 1 p.m. at 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. There is no cost to attend the class. Info: 214-689-2209 or jellinekn@vnatexas.org.

March 18

House of Blues is hosting **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club** at 7 p.m. at 2200 North Lamar St.White Swan Bldg Dallas; Info 214-978 -2583

March 25

Annual Irving Police Awards Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas, 223 W. Las Colinas Blvd. Info: 972-721-2598 or www.irvingpd.com.

March 19-20

The Binding of Strongmen & Ruler Spirits conference speakers include Elder Cathy Moffitt and Prophetess Vanessa Weatherspoon. The event will be held at 1735 W Belt Line Road, Desoto, Info: 972-663-9400 or dapastorichurch@aol.com.

April 17

Dallas Art Dealers Association's Annual Spring Gallery Walk 2-8 p.m. at 35 of its members' galleries and non-profit art spaces. Panel discussions (topics and location to be announced)

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Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community

Dallas community leader defied gender and racial barriers

Dallas Independent School District unveils plans for Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy

(NDG Wire) On a recent day, longtime community leader and former Dallas ISD school board member Kathlyn Gilliam meticulously reviewed architectural plans for a new school to be named in her honor, punctuating almost every page turn with a small phrase of approval.

"How neat. Mmm-hmmm. This is really going to be something," said the 79-year-old Gilliam as the architect explained the vision for the \$23-million campus and the principal discussed the academic plan.

Pleased as she was, Gilliam was not just looking at the attractive drawings, even the ones detailing innovative education features like dual-use common spaces, an observation deck and a tiered lecture pavilion.

After all, she had reviewed and approved lots of building plans for new schools in her 23-year career as a Dallas ISD board member.

So, she had a few questions about the Kathlyn J.

Gilliam Collegiate Academy.

"What's the timeline for construction? This is a two-story building. Where's the elevator," asked Gilliam, making it easy to picture her with a gavel leading district board meetings. "We have to involve the parents.

experience," she said. "It's a long way from being a student at (Dallas ISD) Lincoln High School to having a school named after you."

When Gilliam began her journey, schools were still segregated by race and women were barred from many careers. Gilliam

but I wouldn't trade it for anything."

During her career, Gilliam insisted on greater ethnic minority representation throughout the district, championed an affirmative action plan to increase the number of ethnic minority teachers, and played a pivotal role in school desegregation. She also assisted in hiring four Dallas ISD superintendents, including the district's first African-American superintendent.

"Kathlyn Gilliam saw where the district needed to go and how it needed to grow long before many people were even thinking of concepts like diversity. And then, she helped us get there," said Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa. "Her efforts to improve education through community inclusion still have a positive impact on our district today."

The Kathlyn J. Gilliam Collegiate Academy, scheduled to open in fall 2011, is one of 14 new schools to be built with funds from a \$1.35 billion 2008 Bond Program approved in May. The groundbreaking is expected this spring.

In collaboration with the nearby University of North Texas, the high school will accommodate 500 students feeding in from seven district middle schools and feature a college-preparatory curriculum.

The Academy also will encourage community members to take college classes after hours and make full use of the recreational spaces, an aspect of community involvement Gilliam strongly supports.

"During these times, we must reconnect the schools with the community and education, the parents as well as the students," she said. "We must develop parental

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**Michael Hinojosa.
Dallas ISD Superintendent**

Do we have plans for that? What's the student capacity?"

Pleased with the answers she got, Gilliam smiled. "It's an humbling

joined and eventually became President of the Dallas Council of the Colored Parents and Teachers, an organization that existed in 19 states and the District of Columbia to accommodate the segregated system.

"It was a time when we were told and believed we could only do certain things," she said.

Faced with barriers others might have viewed as insurmountable, Gilliam saw them as challenges to overcome. The first African-American woman elected to the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees, she later became the first African American to serve as president of the board.

"It was an exciting moment, and I remember it reverberated across the area," said Gilliam. "One day I looked up, and I was mentioned in Jet Magazine. There were a lot of firsts in my life. It was hard work,



Principal Gayle Ferguson Smith and Kathlyn Gilliam.

leadership."

Folding her reading glasses as she completed the review of the building plans, Gilliam had a message for the two Academy students who were witnesses to her first glimpse of building plans for the new school.

"You are going to have struggles," she said, "but remember strength comes from struggle. We are depending on you. There are people you don't even know depending on you. Make us proud," Gilliam said.



Architect Terry Hoyle of SHW Group shows Kathlyn Gilliam plans for the new campus.

**Dallas
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District**



In May 2008, Dallas voters strongly supported a \$1.35 billion bond program, paving the way for the district to build eight elementary schools, four middle schools and two high schools, and construct 177 new classrooms on 12 existing campuses. In addition, the bond program will

provide roughly \$521 million to renovate more than 200 schools, add 19 new science labs at six secondary schools and updates to 16 school kitchens and 22 lunchrooms.

Information on the allocation of bond funds can be found at www.dallasisd.org/bond2008.

American Idol opening night is flat

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

It did not help matters when Ryan Seacrest opened the first live broadcast of *American Idol*'s ninth season discussing with Simon Cowell the possibility this would in fact be the ladies year. It set the standard high for the twelve female finalists. And they failed to meet it by a mile.

There was absolutely no single performance that



Crystal Bowersox

stood out and made you want to run to iTunes for downloads. The judges

continually pointed out poor song choice, off-key sing-ing and "wedding singer" style ~ not *American Idol* style.

Crystal Bowersox is the closest one who came to standing out, but even she clearly needs more work to get to star level. We met Siobhan Magnus for the first time because her audition and Hollywood week performances were not highlighted.

Art Centre Theatre presents world premier of *Evening Star Rising*



By
Rick Elina

The debate over capital punishment has been bandied about since that fateful day in the field when Cain rose up against Abel. In the ensuing aftermath, arguments for both sides have been proselytized, hypothesized, moralized and politicized. Centuries later, the human race is still no closer to resolving the age-old dilemma, do we take an eye for an eye or do we turn the other cheek? The ArtCentre Theatre with its world premiere of *Evening Star Rising*, by Lon Rogers, will intensify this timeworn debate. Like a well-placed kick to the solar plexus, you won't see it coming, but you will feel the impact of this play in

your chest long after the curtain has fallen.

Rogers delivers a superb script that is at heart, a love story wrapped inside of a mystery. Each character deftly weaves a thread of the plot into a tightly told story full of human emotion.

Director Jamey Jamison exquisitely cloaks his actors in the vestiges of that emotion as he expertly guides them through each scene of the play.

The story actually opens before the house lights go down, when a boyish Kevin Landis (Colter O'Ryan Smith) is brought into his death row cell. Before the first word of dialogue is spoken, we are immediately aware that Kevin is in a bad place, and not just in terms of where he is. Laura Enders (Krishna Smitha), a graduate student in psychology is writing her doctorate disser-

tation on the characteristics of the young criminal mind. In an attempt to obtain an extensive psychological profile, Laura interviews Kevin, as well as his family, friends, and even his priest. However the story takes an ominous and unexpected turn when Laura loses all professional objectivity and bonds emotionally with Kevin. The very talented Smitha shoulders the heaviest burden in the play and makes it seem effortless.

An equally capable supporting cast does an exemplary job of setting into motion a couple of meaningful subplots. Darren Moore (Jacques Buckingham), Laura's fiancé, finds his ordered world turned askew when he is challenged for the exclusive right to Laura's heart. Buckingham shows great skill in portraying his charac-

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'Round About in the DFW

Party

SaturDAZE Day Party featuring DJ Steve Nice of K104 and Skip Cheatham & *Da Playground Morning Show* and DJ Phil of 97.9 and *The Rickey Smiley Morning Show*. Feb. 27, 3pm - 8 p.m. at Lost Society 2008 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX. Info: Saturdaze2010@gmail.com or 469-693-2028

club at 5321 E. Mockingbird Ln, Dallas. Featuring John Toe. Free with donations. For info: 214-823-5233.

Family

Monster Jam at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets begin at \$17.70, www.ticketmaster.com

Arts

Bodies...The Exhibition at the West End Historic District through April 30. Info: 214-741-7180.

Comedy

Vulgar Display of Comedy - Do Not come if you are easily offended at the Hyena's Comedy Night-



Theater

Phantom of the Opera at the Fair Park Music Hall in Dallas thru Mar. 17. Info: 214-565-1116

Have You Heard?

Lil' Wayne's one month sentence extension reduced to one week



Read more on the latest *Have You Heard?* topics at www.northdallasgazette.com.

• Just when you thought a platinum girl gets you out of jail free for a month, the New York judge who initially sentenced rapper Lil' Wayne is decreasing his one month jail stay to one week.

Whitney Houston back on the whack crack?

• Throwing temper tantrums and cancelling shows, is Whitney back on crack?



Oops

Last week we ran the wrong photo of Ms. Ni'Cola Mitchell on page 2 in our People in the News section. Additionally, Ms. Mitchell is happily single, not married as our article indicated.

For more information visit her Website www.niclaemitchell.com.



Ni'Cola Mitchell

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Game #1005 Bonus Break the Bank (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.81

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Game #1187 Snow Dough (\$2) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.93

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The Un-Comfort Zone: The reward is in the eye of the beholder

BY ROBERT WILSON
NDG CONTRIBUTOR

In the early 1970s I was a young teenager who was completely caught up in the Zeitgeist. I admired the long-haired rebels and radicals who were engaged in protesting the establishment and developing the counter-culture. I didn't really know what any of that meant, but to me it was all about empowering youth and declaring our independence from the adults. My parents in particular.

As with any normal teenager, I was trying to

grow up as fast as I could. And, because it annoyed my parents, wearing my hair long was its perfect expression. It drove my parents completely crazy. They could not understand why any male would want to wear long hair. We fought about it all the time.

Meanwhile, I was in my first year of high school and the transition to a new school was causing my grades to drop dramatically. My parents saw an advantage, and the law was laid down: keep my grades above a certain minimum or

cut my hair. It worked. I brought home a dismal report card, and it was off to the barber shop. Not surprisingly, my next report card met the minimum.

The formula is simple: if you can find out what is valuable to someone, then you have the key to motivating them. For me, at age 13, the length of my hair became the coin of the realm.

A year later, I accidentally made the Honor Roll. I say it was an accident because I was only trying to meet the minimum grades required by my parents and I

somehow exceeded that. When I received the engraved certificate with the embossed gold seal, I was surprised by the feeling it gave me. I felt important – especially when my teachers praised me. I liked that feeling, and I wanted to experience it again. Suddenly the coin of the realm changed, and it was no longer the length of my hair that was motivating me. It was high grades and the sense of pride they gave me. Oh, my hair continued to grow, but my grades were all about achievement. From that

point forward until I graduated, I never failed to make the Honor Roll.

Find out what is valuable to the person you want to motivate. What hobbies do they have? What are they passionate about? How do they spend their spare time? Then when you learn what rocks their world, find a way to tie your goals to it.

If you're not sure what is valuable to someone, you can always make them feel important with an award or some other public acknowledgment. Everyone likes to hear their name announced

in recognition at company or association meetings. Everyone likes to read their name in print in the organizational newsletter or website. These low-cost to no-cost incentives truly have the power to motivate.

Robert Evans Wilson, Jr. is a motivational speaker and humorist. He works with companies that want to be more competitive and with people who want to think like innovators.

For more information on Robert's programs visit www.jumpstartyourmeeting.com.

Local senior care company reveals record growth amid tough economic times

(NDG Wire) Through the brutal economic climate of 2009, most businesses found it tough to grow and prosper but Senior Helpers, a local provider of in-home care for seniors, is an exception.

2009 was a banner year for Senior Helpers, as the company saw revenue increase more than 225 percent and its number of total franchises increase by over 25 percent, for a total of 280 individual locations in 39 states at year's end. This strong growth and expansion helped Senior Helpers

climb *Entrepreneur Magazine's* Franchise 500 list for the third consecutive year – landing at No. 2 on the magazine's "Top New Franchise List" for 2010, up from No. 7 the year before, and ranking No. 27 on the "Fastest Growing Franchise List," up from No. 33 at the beginning of 2009.

"When we founded Senior Helpers in 2001, we knew there was a growing need to give seniors high quality care in their own homes," says Peter Ross, CEO of Senior Helpers. "The senior care industry is

growing, and that trend is projected to continue for years to come."

Over the past year, senior care has remained a resilient sector of the national economy. Key factors include:

- Senior Helpers was able to pair the industry's momentum with the desire among aging adults to stay in their own homes. One recent survey found seniors fear going to a nursing home more than dying.

- In this shaky economy, in-home care is a much more affordable solu-

tion for senior care than assisted living communities and nursing homes.

- Numbers from The Federal Interagency Forum on Aging Related Statistics show a rapidly aging U.S. population. Predictions indicate one fifth of the total

population will be 65 years of age or older within 20 years.

"So far, our timing and our execution have proven to be successful in establishing Senior Helpers as a recession resistant business with the ability to grow,"

Ross says. "These rankings and recognition from *Entrepreneur Magazine* are a tremendous source of pride for all of us, and they position Senior Helpers as a dynamic national leader in the senior care industry."

Garland's Atrium named wedding favorite

(NDG Wire) WeddingWire, the nation's leading wedding technology company, just announced The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center has been selected to receive the WeddingWire 2010 Bride's Choice Awards™ for wedding and reception venues.

The annual Bride's Choice Awards recognizes and celebrates excellence in quality and service within the wedding industry, as determined by recent reviews and extensive surveys from over 500,000 newlyweds.

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center is among the top five percent of all vendors in the Wedding-

Wire community, which includes over 100,000 wedding professionals across the US and Canada. Awards were given to winners across 19 different service categories, from wedding venues to wedding photographers.

"We are excited to recognize and honor the success of the top wedding professionals within the WeddingWire Community" said Timothy Chi, WeddingWire's Chief Executive Officer.

"I am so thrilled and honored that our brides have rated The Atrium in the top five percent of wedding and reception venues! For almost seven years now, we have exceeded many a bride's dream

for a beautiful and awesome wedding reception," says Mark Wilson, Event Director for the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center.

The Atrium is located in historic Downtown Garland and features more than 14,000 square feet of event space including a beautifully appointed ballroom, spacious lobby and landscaped outdoor courtyard. For more information, visit www.GarlandArts.com and click on the Atrium link or call 972-205-3981.

Visit www.weddingwire.com/biz/the-atrimum-at-the-granville-arts-center-garland/d5ef736fc5f0f52f.html for more information.

Dear Fellow Texans,

When I came to Texas I had little more than the shirt on my back. Through hard work and determination I was able to grow a very successful business. But not for one minute do I believe I did it alone.

I am now running for governor to ensure all Texans have the opportunity to succeed. To start with I will use the Governor's Office to create 100,000 new jobs in the next two years. If families are going to succeed they have to have good paying jobs. I feel so strongly about this that I will resign from office if I'm not able to accomplish this goal.

Next, I'll focus on improving our public schools. If our children are going to succeed they have to be able to read, write and be proficient in math and science. And the quality of their school cannot be determined by the Zip Code in which they live. That is why I will insist that resources are targeted to neighborhoods with the most need.

Texas families also need access to affordable health care. We need to expand the availability of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). We need to join President Obama in his fight to reform health insurance. And we have to do something to control the cost of prescription drugs, especially for our senior citizens.

I want to ensure our state continues to be the place where those with a dream can make it a reality. In the words of Rev. Martin Luther King, I want our children to live in a state where they are not judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. A place where all Texans have the opportunity to succeed.

Sincerely,

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The event is significant because of the renewed commitment to Black history and the information on cemetery inhabitants the proves rich with valuable African-American history and contributions that are interwoven with the early development of Irving and Dallas and Tarrant counties.

According to Texas Historical Commission, African Americans came to this area as slaves of white

settlers such as William Haley and William Borah before 1845. The land around this site was deeded to early white settler Chilton Smith in 1851. After the Civil War, many former slaves stayed in the area and formed a large African American settlement.

In 1879, Minnie Shelton purchased 80 acres including this site for \$130, and the Shelton family donated

the land for use as a cemetery. The earliest marked burial was that of 23-year-old Smith King in 1895.

Other burials of interest include those of Rose Dilworth, whose family owned property in Dallas about 1900, and Elizabeth Lawson, born in the community of Bright Star (later Sulphur Springs), Hopkins County.

The land remained in the Shelton family until 1933, when it was deeded

to Emily Flippen. By 1943 the entire Chilton Smith homestead belonged to Emily and W. H. Flippen of Highland Park in Dallas.

The property became known as Wild Briar Farm during this time. In 1946 Carr P. Collins and his family purchased the land surrounding the cemetery. Access to the burial ground often has been restricted, and regular maintenance was difficult during the

twentieth century.

A cemetery survey in the 1970s found that twelve legible headstones remained. It is believed that there are more than 200 burials on this site, a chronicle of the African American history of this area.

The event is being supported by District 3 Irving City Councilman Alan Meagher, along with the Irving Parks and Recreation Department, Pastor Dennit

Webb and the Bear Creek Community Church, Big Dogs Youth Organization, Irving School Board member AD Jenkins, Community Activist Anthony Bond, Glory Temple Holiness Church and the West Irving Improvement Association and others who care about the preservation of the site.

For information about how you can help preservation efforts contact Anthony Bond at 214-830-6719.

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great honor to be elected Chairman of the Board of this esteemed Association,” said NAACP Chairman Roslyn M. Brock. “We are blessed with the opportunity to lead the fight for civil and human rights into another century, and I am honored to help the NAACP issue the clarion call while ensuring the future legacy of this great organization.”

“We’re looking at a generational shift in our communities,” continued Brock. “We have a 48 year old President in the White House, an NAACP President who was 35 at the time of his election, and a 44 year old Board Chair. The wisdom of those who stood the test of time got us to this point, and the youth will lead the future success of our movement.”

She officially announced her candidacy last August after her predecessor Julian Bond declared his retirement from the Chairman position.

Bond endorsed Brock’s candidacy, citing her experience in many facets of the Association as well as her youth as assets she will bring to the Chair position.

“The time has come for me to step down as Chairman of the Board and I cannot think of a better person to pass the torch to than Roslyn M. Brock. Ms. Brock understands firsthand how important youth are to the success of the NAACP. She was intro-

duced to the NAACP 25 years ago when she served the NAACP as a youth board member and Youth and College Division State Conference President. She represents the next generation of civil rights leaders,” said NAACP Chairman Emeritus Julian Bond.

“I am proud to be standing with Roslyn M. Brock as the new Chairman of the

NAACP Board, and I thank Julian Bond for his twelve years of service,” stated NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous.

“Today we have elected the youngest Chairman in the history of the NAACP. This historic election, at the beginning of our second century marks a generational shift in the civil and human rights movement.

Ms. Brock is fierce advocate for social justice, who is squarely focused on addressing the crises of today and winning the victories of tomorrow.”

In addition to her service with the NAACP, Brock serves as Vice President at Bon Secours Health Care in

Marriottsville, Maryland.

She is the chief spokesperson for Bon Secours on government relations, advocacy and public policy.

“There will never be another Julian Bond, and there will never be another Myrlie Evers-Williams. Those of that stature in the civil

rights movement have made untold contributions, sacrificed and invested in us, and it is up to us to take it the rest of the way,” concluded Brock.

“We need to lead and leave it better than we found it...that’s the huge challenge.”

NOTICE TO BIDDERS McKinney Housing Authority Facility Exterior Improvement Project

All sealed bids shall be addressed to and received by the McKinney Housing Authority, 1200 North Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas 75069 until 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Bids received after 10:00 A.M. on that date will be returned unopened.

This contract shall consist of removal, and replacement of soffits and fascias, exterior painting, exterior wood and siding wall replacement, soil grading, associated dirt work, turf grasses, roof repair and replacement, removal and replacement of exterior entry doors and hardware, new exterior screen doors, and replacement of exterior windows.

Plans and specifications may be obtained for a cost of \$60.00 a set, including specifications, at Precision Reprographics, 3102 Benton St., Garland, 75042; 972-485-1188; plotting@precisionrepro.net on February 16, 2010.

Said sealed bids will be opened at a public bid opening in the McKinney Housing Authority, 1200 North Tennessee St., McKinney, Texas at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

The contract for said improvements will be awarded by the McKinney Housing Authority at its regular meeting on or before Monday, March 8, 2010.

The contractor will be paid out of HUD funds from the McKinney Housing Authority for the work performed. Payment in full will be made when completed and approved by the architect for acceptance. Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bonds will be required for the project. Federal Davis-Bacon Wages are applicable.

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McKinney Housing Authority, McKinney, Texas; Ms. Beth Bentley

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Prepare yourself for your next career

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Although Texas leads the country in job creation, the market is still very tough for job seekers. Persistence and preparation can pay off. Below are a few tips to help jump start your job search.

Never stop learning: This week a recent college graduate shared that with

the rapid expansion in the marketplace of social media networking tools, she felt behind the game already. This was despite receiving her degree in advertising last spring. That is why she accepted an unpaid internship at a start-up company.

No one can afford to not invest in updating their skills and knowledge and it does not always require

“classroom” time.

For example, if you want to learn more about trends in marketing, web design and e-business, visit Meetup.com. There are hundreds of groups locally, many free to attend, on a wide variety of business and career related topics.

Build your network: In such a tight job market, the old adage “it is not what you know, but who you know”

remains true. Reportedly 50 percent of all jobs are obtained from personal contact networks.

Have you shared with your friends and family that you are looking for a job? Email them a resume with a link to your LinkedIn.com profile.

At the end of 2009, 80 percent of employers indicated they will use social net-

works to find future employees in 2010. LinkedIn.com is THE primary social network recruiters use to find qualified candidates.

Do not include your Facebook or Twitter IDs if the information shared on these networks is not professionally appropriate. However, keep in mind they can and WILL search those networks. All they need is the

email address you use to log-in on any social network. Consider creating an email address just for your job search to diminish their chances of locating your personal accounts.

Be Prepared: As the job market improves, your dream job could show up tomorrow. Use the opportunity of today to ensure you are qualified and ready.

Career Bytes workshop puts criminal justice in spotlight

(NDG Wire) The career potential in the field of criminal justice is abundant, and the Global EDGE Tech Prep consortium at Collin College wants to help you realize all of them.

As part of the Global EDGE's Career Bytes workshop series, criminal justice faculty is hosting a free

workshop from noon-1:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Lunch and refreshments will be served. The workshop is open to the public.

The faculty will discuss the field of criminal justice

and the many career opportunities – from law to law enforcement – within that arena. The faculty also will spotlight the programs in criminal justice at Collin College.

Career Bytes is an educational program that is tailored towards current Collin College students and focuses on

educating these students about different associate of applied science majors and how they can translate those majors into real-world careers.

The final Career Bytes workshop will feature 3D animation in April.

Collin College Co-op will also be present to help

the students understand the link between co-op jobs, their courses at Collin College and the business world.

Contact the Global EDGE at 972-548-6723 for more information.

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1 grants to educational agencies, Head Start Programs, public transportation, road construction and repairs, programs for the elderly and emergency food and shelters.

The answers to the short 10 question survey are strictly confidential and protected by law. It is illegal for the Census Bureau or its employees to share personal information with any other governmental agency, law enforcement, IRS, FBI, Immigration, etc. No one, not even the President can access your individual responses.

Official census survey forms will be mailed to every recorded household in the nation in March, 2010. You are required by law to participate in the census by answering all 10 questions and then returning the completed form to the US Census Bureau by postal mail. April 1 is National Census Day. Between April and July, census enumerators will visit in person those household that did not return their form by mail by April 1. Census enumerators will carry official government badges marked with the worker's name and they may carry a U. S. Census Bureau

canvas bag. If you are uncertain as to their legitimacy, you can contact the Dallas Regional Center at 214-253-4400 to verify the worker's credentials. Census workers will not ask for any financial information such as bank accounts or credit card numbers or Social Security numbers.

Richardson residents are invited to do their part by completing the U. S. Census and return it by postal mail

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8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Come to our Men's Basketball Tournament at the Plano Recreation Center.

**February 28
9:30 a.m. to 11 am**
You are invited to our "Celebrating Cultural History Day" in the Fellowship

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Census 2010 & Political Candidates Forum

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith is hosting a Census 2010 and Political Candidates Forum Saturday February 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Special guests at this event will include Bill White, Houston Mayor currently running for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Tony B of 94.5 KSoul will serve as the emcee.

Early voting began on



Tuesday, February 16 and will end Friday, February 26. The Primary election will be held on March 2. Voters are selecting local judges, clerks, U.S. senate and state representatives.

Each household will receive a simple 10 questionnaire from the census during the month of March. All families are asked to complete and return by April 1. Accurate information is critical for federal funding and representation in Congress and state legislatures across the country.

The forum begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning at 14120 Noel Road, Dallas.

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Sister Tarpley

Beginning in 1940 with a ten-cent stamp honoring **Booker T. Washington**, the United States Post Office Department began issuing stamps to commemorate the contributions of African Americans. Some of the Black Heritage Series with their denomination and their dates of issue follows. Also included are the 2010 honorees.

The **Booker T. Washington** stamp is the first U.S. postage stamp to honor an African American, a 10¢ stamp issued on April 7, 1940.

Dr. George Washington Carver stamp, a 3¢ on January 5, 1948. The Centennial of **Booker T. Washington** stamp, a 3¢ on April 5, 1956. The **Emancipation Proclamation** stamp, a 5¢ on August 16, 1963. The **Frederick Douglass** stamp, a 25¢ on February 4, 1967. The **W. C. Handy** stamp, a 6¢ on May 17, 1969. The **Henry Ossawa Tanner** stamp, an 8¢ on September 10, 1973. The **Paul Laurence Dunbar** stamp, a 10¢ on May 1, 1975. The **Salem Poor** stamp, a 10¢ on March 25, 1975.

The **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** stamp, a 15¢ on January 13, 1979. The

Black Heritage U.S. Postal Stamps

Benjamin Banneker stamp, a 15¢ on February 15, 1980. The **Whitney Moore Young, Jr.** stamp, a 15¢ on January 30, 1981. The **Charles R. Drew, MD** stamp, a 35¢ on June 3, 1981. The **Ralph Bunche** stamp, a 20¢ on January 12, 1982. The **Jackie Robinson** stamp, a 20¢ on August 2, 1982. The **Scott Joplin** stamp, a 20¢ on June 9, 1983. The **Dr. Carter G. Woodson** stamp, a 20¢ on February 1, 1984. The **Duke Ellington** stamp, a 22¢ on April 29, 1986. The **Arctic Explorer Matthew Henson** stamp, a 22¢ on May 28, 1986. The **Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable** stamp, a 22¢ on February 20, 1987. The **James Weldon Johnson** stamp, a 22¢ on February 2, 1988. The **A. Philip Randolph** stamp, a 25¢ on February 3, 1989. The **Olympian Jesse Owens** stamp, a 25¢ on July 6, 1990. The **Jan E. Matzeliger** stamp, a 29¢ on September 15, 1991.

The **W.E.B. DuBois** stamp, a 29¢ on January 31, 1992. The **Percy Lavon Julian** stamp, a 29¢ on January 29, 1993. The **Clyde McPhatter** stamp, a 29¢ on June 16, 1993. The **Otis Redding** stamp, a 29¢ on June 16, 1993. The **Joe Louis** stamp, a 29¢ on June 22, 1993. The **Broadway**

Musical Porgy & Bess stamp, a 29¢ on July 14, 1993. The **Dr. Allison Davis** stamp, a 29¢ on February 1, 1994.

The **Buffalo Soldiers** stamp, a 29¢ on April 22, 1994. The **Nat 'King' Cole** stamp, a 29¢ September 1, 1994. The **Robert Johnson** stamp, a 29¢ on September 17, 1994. The **Jimmy Rushing** stamp, a 29¢ on September 17, 1994. The **Muddy Waters** stamp, a 29¢ on September 17, 1994. The **Howlin' Wolf** stamp, a 29¢ on September 17, 1994. The **Jim Beckwourth** stamp, a 29¢ on October 18, 1994. The **Bill Pickett** stamp, a 29¢ on October 18, 1994. The **Fredrick Douglass** stamp, a 32¢ on June 29, 1995. The **Louis Armstrong** stamp, a 32¢ on September 16, 1995.

The 2010 Honorees: The 33rd stamp in the Black Heritage series, to be issued June 22nd, honors pioneering filmmaker Oscar Micheaux, who wrote, directed, produced and distributed more than 40 movies during the first half of the 20th century. An ambitious, larger-than-life figure, Micheaux thrived at a time when African-American filmmakers were rare, venues for their work were scarce, and support from the industry did not exist.

Micheaux's entrepreneurial spirit and independent vision continue to inspire new generations of filmmakers and artists.

The stamp features a stylized portrait of Oscar Micheaux by Gary Kelley. The artwork is based on one of the few surviving photographs of Micheaux, a portrait that appeared in his 1913 novel *The Conquest*.

The **Negro Leagues Baseball Stamps**, to be issued in June, pay tribute to the all-black professional baseball leagues that operated from 1920 to about 1960. Drawing some of the most remarkable athletes ever to play the sport, including Andrew "Rube" Foster (1879-1930)—who in 1920 established the Negro National League, the



Evangelist Linda Ragland and Sister Carol Jackson with one of the plaques at the Freedman's Memorial Cemetery Museum on Central Expressway (Hwy 75) at Lemmon Avenue, celebrating Black History.

first successful league of African-American teams. Nicknamed "Rube" after defeating major-league pitcher George Edward

"Rube" Waddell in 1902, Foster is considered the "father" of Negro leagues baseball.

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ter with equal parts confidence and vulnerability. At one pivotal point in the play he convincingly transforms Darren from a man full of bravado to a man full of bruises. Richard Daniels (Clint Lander) is Kevin's best friend, and it's through his misguided statement and deed that he creates a mystery within the mystery. Lander cleverly infuses his

character with the jittery sort of nervousness that's reminiscent of an overly-caffeinated Jack Russell Terrier. His character flips and flops whenever questioned by Laura, and with that we wonder if his answers are entirely truthful.

However, the beauty of this play lies not in the answers, but in the masterful way the questions are

asked.

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Rick A. Elina is a playwright based in Plano, Texas and is the Theatre Critic for the North Dallas Gazette.



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18th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. oratory competition



Tamia Gaines, a fifth-grader at John Neely Bryan Elementary School, was the winner of the 18th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition sponsored by Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

(NDG Wire) Tamia Gaines, a fifth-grader at John Neely Bryan Elementary School, was the winner of the 18th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition sponsored by Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP. The competition asked students to present original essays addressing the topic. "What will I be able to achieve in my life because of what Dr. King achieved in his?"

Gaines captured the first place title with an engaging speech crediting the civil rights

leader for giving her the confidence to know she can be anything as long as she has good character. The aspiring attorney challenged others not to "hate" but "appreciate." As the first-place winner, Gaines received a \$1,000 savings bond and was flown to New York to appear on the The CBS Early Show.

Courtne Ivey, Robert L. Thornton Elementary, won second place, and Alexis Van Zandt, Clara Oliver Elementary School, placed third.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

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