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## Pre-Law students take aim at wrongful convictions

*UT Dallas forms ties with Innocence Project of Texas Organization*

(NDG Wire) The UT Dallas Pre-Law Society has become affiliated with the Innocence Project of Texas (IPoT), a non-profit organization dedicated to proving the innocence of men and women wrongfully imprisoned for serious crimes in Texas.

Students expressed interest in forming a volunteer chapter of the Innocence Project after Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins gave a presentation on campus last year with two men exonerated from prison for crimes they did not commit. That event was organized by the Pre-Law Society and the Center for Crime and Justice Studies in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS).

"It's an amazing feeling to have the opportunity to listen to the experienced workers of IPoT talk about their work and to see how

passionate they were," said Parisa Korous, a junior majoring in political science. "I hope to be able to help this great cause in whatever capacity I am able to."

IPoT defines actual innocence to mean that either

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## Financial literacy is a national crisis

(NDG Wire) Two of the top members of President Barack Obama's cabinet made it very clear earlier in March that the lack of financial literacy among America's youth is the next major crisis that will plague the economy in the future if we don't act now as a nation.

"We're moving forward with financial reform and

strong protection for consumers, but we must also do a better job of making sure our students graduate from high school with a better understanding of basic economics, basic finance and the benefits and risks associated with debt," said Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. Education Secretary Arne Duncan agreed.

"The reality is that all children don't know the basics of saving and investing. It's a skill they need to be successful in our economy," Duncan said.

The National Youth Financial Educator's Council is an organization dedicated to increasing youth financial education through live events, curriculum, multimedia

training, parent and educator instruction – agrees with the sentiment. However, they believe a more holistic approach is needed to solve the problem.

"Comprehensive solutions that reach our youth multiple times through several different sources can

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Comedian Kevin Hart

## Little Man, BIG Jokes

BY IVY N. CARTER, MBA  
NDG STAFF WRITER

Kevin Hart is undoubtedly one of the funniest comedic actors in Hollywood today. When you see him you think he has the little man complex but once he opens his mouth you realize he is genuine and funny as all get out.

He is humbled by his success yet he is on the grind to further his mission to be one of the greats in comedy history and we had the privilege of interviewing him. Hart decided to become a comedian after the positive feedback he received from his family and friends.

Hart's comedic abilities allowed him the ability to share the big screen with comedy royalty such as Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence as well as Danny Glover among a torrid of other talented actors in the upcoming *Death at a Funeral*.

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COVER STORY

## New policy boosts needy students, HBCUs



Students and faculty from Northern Virginia Community College and lawmakers including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (3rd R) surround US President Barack Obama (C) as he signs the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act into law in Alexandria, Virginia, March 30, 2010.

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## Post-Racial America

BY SARAH VAN GELDER  
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

If anyone thought the inauguration of Barack Obama as president, heralded the end of racism in America, they should look no further than the tea party rallies held this weekend. The racial slogans and the mocking signs show how far we still have to go. Perhaps even more troubling are the economic indicators that show how far the recession is setting back the fragile fortunes of people of color.

On the other hand, extraordinary possibilities open up for us as a nation if we succeed in coming together to embrace the strengths of the country's growing diversity.

First, the bad news. Before the Great Recession hit, the average family of color had a net worth of less than \$30,000; the average white family's net worth was \$170,000. With the economic downturn, things got worse for almost everyone, but especially for people of color.

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## Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres

(NDG Wire) Professor Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, currently serving as interim dean of libraries



and associate provost at University of Texas (UT) at Dallas, has been named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow.

Piñeres will focus on an issue of concern to the University while spending the 2010-2011 academic year working with a college or university president and other senior officers at a host institution. She is one of 46 candidates selected for the pro-

gram.

The ACE program combines retreats, interactive learning opportunities, campus visits and placement at another higher education institution to condense years of on-the-job experience and skills development into a single semester or year.

She will be included in the highest level of decision making while participating in administrative activities and learning about an issue that benefits UT Dallas.

"This is an exciting element of my professional de-

velopment," said Pineres, who is an economics professor in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences where she heads the school's program in Public Policy and Political Economy.

"I've been at UT Dallas since 1996 and have seen this university go through many changes."

"As an ACE Fellow I will have the opportunity to learn how other universities plan, implement and operate," she said.

"This is consistent with my administrative career – take advantage of opportunities to learn. I've been

fortunate that Provost Hobson Wildenthal has afforded me many opportunities to learn."

In January, Wildenthal, executive vice president and provost at UT Dallas, appointed Piñeres to serve as interim dean of libraries while a University committee conducts a national search for a new dean.

"Dr. Pineres has demonstrated time and again her passion for helping students achieve even beyond their dreams, and has selflessly volunteered again and again to help her university solve problems and improve performance," Wildenthal said.

"She thus has demonstrated in full measure the key attitudes and capabilities required of an effective university administrator."

ACE President Molly Corbett Broad announced the selections on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. Of the nearly 1,700 participants in the first 45 years of the program, more than 300 have become chief executive officers and more than 1,100 have become provosts, vice presidents or deans.

Piñeres received her doctorate in economics at Duke University in 1992

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## Dino Herbert

Dino Herbert, a highly successful entrepreneur, has spent 20+ years working in the traditional practice of architecture working on a myriad of building types ranging from schools, hospitals, libraries, retail and residential projects.

Herbert also spent several years at a real estate services firm providing project management and development management

services for Fortune 500 clients, managed 20 project managers and a real estate portfolio of 16 million SF.

He has also spent the last ten years working as a real estate agent and is a candidate for the CCIM (certified commercial investment member) designation.

Today, as owner of his own architecture and real estate investment com-

pany, Herbert is setting an example of what's possible when someone wholly pursues their ultimate potential.

A sought-after keynote speaker, Dino uses his 20+ years of business leadership and entrepreneurial experience to encourage individuals and companies to pursue their very best potential in all areas.

Dino is one of seven children raised by a single mother. After his father died when he was 6 years of age, Dino knew that ed-

ucation was the only way out of the difficult financial times encountered during his upbringing. Following the example of his hard-working mother, he studied hard and graduated from high school with honors and continued directly into the university, receiving his undergraduate degree in architecture.

Believing that life was meant to be lived to the fullest and that he should achieve his highest potential: Herbert became registered as an architect in the

states of Ohio and North Carolina, and he became a



licensed real estate agent and received his Master's of Business Administration.

Herbert has traveled internationally to places such as Italy, Greece, Japan and Mexico and seeks to travel at least one every six months.

He enjoys snowboarding, riding his Harley, skydiving, jet skiing and white water rafting.

## Chef Cary Neff

(NDG Wire) On Wednesday, April 14, Methodist Health System will honor and celebrate nearly 1,700 employees who pledged to live healthier lifestyles as part of the *Live Healthy North Texas* 100-day Wellness Challenge. Chef Neff, who has appeared on the *Today* show as well as The Food Network, is bringing his highly respected culinary focus on great taste and good sense to Dallas when he hosts healthy cooking demonstrations at Methodist Charlton Medical Center, 3500 W. Wheatland Road, at 9 a.m. and Methodist Dallas Medical Center, 1441 N. Beckley Ave., at noon on April 14.

A strong believer in maintaining a balance be-

tween good taste and good sense, Chef Cary Neff is devoted to cuisine that entices the taste buds, maintains the body and satisfies the soul.

Chef Neff revolutionized healthy cooking when he introduced the internationally acclaimed "Conscious Cuisine®," based on the premise that nutritious eating can be rich and flavorful, not bland and boring. By incorporating readily available ingredients into his recipes and using fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables, he provides flavor along with optimal nutrition.

A highly sought-after guest chef, cooking instructor, lecturer and television/radio personality, Chef Neff has appeared on nationally syndicated prog-



rams such as *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, the *Today* show, Food Network, and *Masterchef USA* on PBS and has been profiled in numerous national publications including *The New York Times*, *Bon Appétit*, *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine*, and *Condé Nast Traveler*.

Trained in classical French cooking at Chicago's venerable Washburne Trade School, Chef

Neff has enjoyed an ever-evolving culinary career as an executive chef in many of the nation's most prominent establishments.

He has served as executive chef of La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif., where he was responsible for a

50-person kitchen and the development of the resort's three dining venues. Prior to that, he was executive chef at Miraval Life in Balance Resort and Spa in Tucson, Ariz., where he immediately established its food and beverage program as the world leader in resort spa dining with his creation of the award-winning *Conscious Cuisine®*. *Condé Nast Traveler* later recog-

nized *Conscious Cuisine®* and Miraval as No. 1 in diet and cuisine for destination spas in North America.

Chef Neff's career has also included positions as

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# A time to break silence

BY RON WALTERS  
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(NNPA) Some will notice that the title of this missive comes from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech, *Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence*, when he challenged the war then being waged in the name of global anti-Communism that conflicted with fighting the evils of racism, militarism and materialism at home.

These evils still rage today. Racism still presides over the attitudes and actions of many who shoot unarmed Blacks before bringing them to justice, or spit on Black congressmen, calling them the N... word.

Militarism is still regarded as the ultimate tool by which we regain our revenge and global standing in Afghanistan, and materialism causes many of us not to care about those less fortunate who are growing by the minute in the wake of an economic disaster.

Dr. King spoke out because having won the Nobel Prize for Peace, he consid-

ered how that should shape his attitude toward achieving peace, not only at home but abroad as well.

His first task was to redefine the work of "civil rights" out of the narrow frame of reference that made his friends and allies in struggle think that "peace" was outside of their parameter and castigated him, and others thought that it excluded him not only from participating in international affairs, but in even understanding the issues involved. King, on the other hand, was fighting for a definition of "civil rights" that encompassed human rights and the enrichment of the human condition around the world. We need to think about that today.

In other words, many people in this country considered civil rights as a problem of Black people, but he was attempting to move it into the moral center of the country. That is important because, as Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. has often said, today many consider the Civil Rights movement that is

fighting oppression to be on the "Left." But the issues it raises about fixing home foreclosures, unemployment, poverty, and fairly distributing national resources places it in the moral center.

What I think we could not anticipate was that the growth of post-war affluence that built the American middle class would also strengthen a self-centered materialism that would resist the expansion of human rights to other people.

Thus, the fight to extend health care to 30 million more people should be a moral calling that should excite rather than annoy us; it raises the contradiction of Tea Partiers and others opposing health care for Americans, moving pass the moral question to the political view that it expands the size of government. Why are moral institutions not challenging this?

Today in Iraq and Afghanistan we are regarded by many as the "strange liberators" that Dr. King saw in Vietnam.

The civilian casualties of firefights and raids – unintended or not – leave behind a carnage that is not the face of benevolent liberators. Lately, perhaps too late, the Obama administration has sought to blunt the casualties of counter-insurgency warfare to employ tools of economic and social development. If we do not, at some point, reach a stage where the task of human reconstruction outweighs the military campaign, we are creating the next generation of combatants against the United States.

Let me add my voice to those who have concluded that the comparison between President Obama and Dr. King is the wrong one, and that Obama is not the fulfillment of Dr. King's dream. I would concede that he is one of the shining elements of that fulfillment, but that Dr. King's dream was focused not on individuals but on the well-being of Black people, the nation and the oppressed

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pecially for people of color. White unemployment rose to 9 percent, but unemployment among blacks is at a whopping 16 percent, and among Latinos it's nearly 13 percent. The economic crisis hits blacks and Latinos in other ways, too. They were far more likely to be saddled with high-rate, subprime loans than their white counterparts with similar qualifications, and they are more likely to be facing the loss of their main asset—their home.

In spite of all this, a real post-racial society is still possible. The U.S. Census Bureau says that by mid-century, people of color will be the majority in the United States, and the political clout of these communities is bound to grow. Stories in the spring issue of YES! Magazine show that the movements that joined hands to elect Obama con-

tinue to unite people across race lines for economic justice and livable communities. Events like the US Social Forum are bringing together thousands of leaders of all races, many of whom rarely are featured in the media.

And the culture is shifting, too. Multiethnic music, art and culture are popular — especially among young people — and people of all ages are getting increasingly comfortable being part of mixed-race families and workplaces.

White people may feel we're giving up long-held privileges if we acknowledge our nation as a multiracial society, one in which all its inhabitants are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But an unequal society is profoundly unhealthy. According to researcher and author Richard Wilkinson,

even those at the top of an unequal society have a lower life expectancy and lower quality of life compared to those living in more egalitarian circumstances. So the privileged as well as the excluded stand to gain from a more just and inclusive society.

No matter what our race, we will all benefit from the historic journey to a fairer society. Our community life can be much richer and more authentic when every member can rely on being respected -- regardless of language, religion, culture or ancestry. If we learn to work together, we may find that the shouting and vitriol of talk shows make way for respect. As the tone of our national dialogue improves, we have a much better chance of coming together behind real answers to our national crises.

The election of Barack

Obama built on centuries of struggle against injustice. It's a milestone in the healing of a nation torn apart by contradictions—the thirst for freedom and the desire for fresh opportunities, but also the massacres of native peoples and the enslavement of African families. The promise of a more perfect union can only be realized if we walk toward a future committed to liberty and justice—this time—for all.

Van Gelder is executive editor of YES! Magazine (www.yesmagazine.org), a national media organization that fuses powerful ideas and practical action for a better world. The spring 2010 issue of YES! Magazine, *America: The Remix*, focuses on possibilities for a multiracial America.

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# Texas Regional Medical Center delivers The Women's Center and its first baby



*Joseph, Tammy and Lila Ann Buchheit with Dr. Kirkland Grant. Lila Ann was the first baby born at Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale.*

(NDG Wire) When Tammy and Joseph Buchheit planned for the birth of their third child, the Quinlan couple knew it would be an important event for the family. But, Lila Ann's March 15 arrival was an even bigger history-making event.

She was the first baby born at The Women's Center at Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale. And many more deliveries are expected now that the center's

eight labor, delivery and recovery rooms are available. The center also boasts a 10-bed nursery, nine postpartum rooms and a specific room for Caesarian sections.

"With rapid population growth happening all over the eastern portion of Dallas County and so many patients coming to us from the surrounding counties, we expect to deliver 815 or more babies in 2010," said Amber Mullins, the center's director and a registered nurse.

Estimates are 283 other gynecological procedures will be performed at the center, too.

"Like so much of Dallas-Fort Worth, the Sunnyvale and Mesquite areas are projected to grow substantially in the next few years," said

Terry J. Fontenot, TRMC-Sunnyvale's CEO. "As more and more families move into our service area, we want to provide them the option of delivering their babies or having other medical procedures performed closer to their homes and in a friendly environment."

Lila Ann was delivered by Dr. Kirkland Grant. Joseph Buchheit of Quinlan said he and his wife, Tammy, picked TRMC-Sunnyvale because it's close to where he works in the city of Mesquite's sanitation department.

"It was nice being able to use all the new equipment and being part of such an important day for the hospital," he said. "The nurses were great, and they kept us up-

beat.

"We have two other daughters, and this was the best experience we've had when having babies."

The Buchheits were given a gift basket full of baby items and champagne to celebrate. Physicians, nurses and staff celebrated March 23 with an open house at the center.

Seven gynecologists and obstetricians have privileges at TRMC-Sunnyvale.

TRMC-Sunnyvale opened last year as an acute care-and-multispecialty hospital and is projected to record more than 4,500 patient visits in 2010. The 70-bed, physician-owned hospital is managed by Richardson-based Rockwall Hospitals, Inc.

## 3 Tips to avoid child obesity for life

(NDG Wire) Warning signs that a child may be in danger of becoming obese can be boiled down to three key questions:

- Is my child involved in sedentary after school activities such as watching television, phone texting, playing electronic games and using computers?

- Are my child's favorite foods and drinks found in packaged boxes, snack bags and soda cans?

- Is my child getting less than 30 minutes of continuous aerobic exercise each day?

If your answer is "Yes" to any one of these questions, perhaps it's time for a

change. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 16 percent of all children and teens in the United States alone are overweight and at risk for a host of health issues such as heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes and cancer.

Other factors that can lead to childhood obesity include commercial advertising for unhealthy foods targeted at children's television programming. According to an analysis by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, "nearly 80 percent of food ads on the popular children's network Nickelodeon are for foods

of poor nutritional quality."

One expert believes the secret to preventing children from becoming part of that alarming statistic is to offer fresh, unprocessed foods and to play 10-minute fitness and coordination games as early in the child's life as possible.

"Kids who start ahead by being active, stay ahead in school, sports and life," said Karen Ronney, author of *Proud Parents Guide to Raising Athletic, Balanced, and Coordinated Kids* from Thomas Nelson Publishing ([www.karenronney.com](http://www.karenronney.com)). "Fit kids are healthier, happier and more ready to learn."

Ronney suggests the prime times to start game play are during infancy, toddlerhood and preschool years. Then increase physical challenges in the elementary school age and teenage years by adding more technical fundamental sports skills.

The following are three tips for giving your child the right start:

- Stimulate your baby's eyes and hands to teach fine motor skills and visual tracking such as reaching for and grasping objects.

- Promote brain cell growth and body balance in your toddler and preschooler through large

motor movement while hopping, skipping, running and jumping.

- Develop core strength, eye-hand and eye-foot sports skills in school-age kids such as kicking, catching and hitting balls.

"Let your child be your guide," said Ronney, whose program lists over 200 activities using basic household supplies. "Always

allow for success, gradually increase the challenge and have fun. The goal is to raise happy, balanced and coordinated kids who are physically and mentally ready to excel in athletics, academics, music, art and other interests."

The biggest key, Ronney said, is starting early in a child's life.

## Fix that leaky flapper!

(NDG Wire) A leaking toilet in your home is like flushing money down the drain. If your toilet is leaking or running constantly, you could be wasting 200 gallons of water (or more) every day. That is water you are paying for and not using.

In an effort to fix those

leaky flappers, Garland Water gave away almost 500 Fluidmaster® Whisper Fill Valve and Flapper toilet kits during the month of March. The program was so popular, Garland Water and Home Depot will repeat the offer on two Saturdays in April.

City of Garland Water

Utilities will give away FREE Fluidmaster® Whisper Fill Valve and Flapper toilet kit on April 17 and 24, 2010, at the Home Depot at Firewheel. To receive a free kit, Garland residents should bring the program coupon that they received in their March, 2010 City of Garland utility bill, or a

copy of their most recent City of Garland utility bill, to the Home Depot at 3261 N. George Bush Hwy., between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. The kits are limited to one per household.

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## Attorney General Abbott charges Dallas-area travel clubs with unlawfully defrauding members

(NDG Wire) Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott charged a Dallas-area travel firm and three of its principals with violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA).

According to court documents filed by the state, Royal Palms Travel Inc. and All Inclusive Excursions falsely promised steep discounts as part of travel club memberships they offered through a "shell" company, Sealand Travel Club. The memberships actually had little or no value. In response to the state's enforcement ac-

tion, a Dallas County District Court today issued a temporary restraining order against the defendants that prevents them from continuing to violate the law.

Among the defendants charged with legal violations were company principals Adrian D. Miller, William H. Bailey and Christy Spensberger. Other named defendants were Travel Services Inc., Funseekers Vacations Inc. and Royal Palms Travel. According to state investigators, Royal Palms Travel and a related entity, All Inclusive Excursions, unlawfully mis-

led potential customers and relied upon improper high-pressure sales tactics to sell worthless travel club memberships.

The defendants' scheme in this case closely resembles other unlawful travel scams that the Office of the Attorney General has shut down in recent years. The state's court documents show that the defendants lured customers to sales presentations by offering free trips, airline tickets even gasoline. However, seminar attendees were informed that their free trips and tickets were contingent

upon paying a deposit and submitting receipts for vouchers or rebates. Customers also discovered that the "free" trips were subject to restrictions that rendered them effectively worthless.

The defendants urged other prospective customers to join Sealand Travel Club, which claimed to provide significant discounts and the lowest prices for travel. The state's enforcement action reveals those claims were false and thus unlawful, and that Sealand is an unincorporated shell company existing in name only. The defendants

routed Sealand memberships they sold customers to a mail drop at a UPS office in Kansas City, Mo. In turn, Travel Services Inc., a Delaware corporation also known as Funseekers Vacations Inc., received the forwarded Sealand memberships at an office in Litchfield, Ill.

Sealand charged its me-

mbers from \$2,000 to \$8,000, but customers received little or nothing of value, as they were unable to book travel at lower prices than they could find without the Sealand membership. Thus, prices under the Sealand banner were no more discounted than ordinary prices quoted on the Internet.

## RISE: An Art Exhibit opens in Dallas

(NDG Wire) On April 10, 2010 The 4th Wall Art Gallery in Dallas, TX will be the home of a very unique art exhibit called RISE hosted by Sons of the Sun Inc.; a local non-profit organization that focuses on the growth and development of boys that lack the presence of fathers within their homes. Co-Founder and President Marco Smith is looking forward to bringing awareness to this demographic while giving some of these young men an outlet for their art related interests and talent.

Entrants from several local area High schools will be given a distinguished platform to display their art of several forms. They along with others will also be able to engage in a Q & A session with a panel of established

Artists and Art Connoisseurs.

This concept has been well received by this age group and they are excited about the opportunity to have their work displayed for the benefit of such noble cause. "I was very happy to introduce this opportunity to my students, they were elated about having the chance to display their artwork in an art gallery and the cause makes the experience even more rewarding," says Johnathan Fontenot an Art teacher at Irving High school.

Smith is encouraging potential sponsors, supporters and art lovers to come out with the entire family and witness the occasion while having the opportunity to meet and mingle with the featured artists, partake in

live music and refreshments, and enjoy an awe-inspiring live presentation by Graffiti Artist Hatzel Flores.

"We plan to make this a day of family fun that will not only give our target successors an outlet to display their talents but we are also introducing them to the culture of an established Art Gallery as well as professional Artists. Sons of the Sun is committed to building character through the use of exposure. The 4th Wall Art Gallery is helping to make this possible for us," says Smith.

Sons of the Sun Inc. is not only looking forward to the display of the art but they are also hopeful about the turn out of influentials and supporters that will be in attendance. They are prepared to share their mission and vi-

sion in hopes of earning much needed reinforcement from community leaders and activists.

"Hopes and dreams alone cannot carry us forward; therefore we need the help of the community," says Co-Founder Dr. Gerry Brown.

RISE will take place April 10, 2010 from 1p.m. until 5 p.m. in The Carriage House within The 4th Wall Art Gallery located at 2925 Fairmount Street Dallas, TX 75201.

Admission is free and the event is open to the public. For more information about RISE, Sons of the Sun Inc., sponsorship, or other areas of opportunity within the organization please call 214-208-4740 or 972-333-9860 or log onto [www.sonsofthesun.org](http://www.sonsofthesun.org).

## Mayor's Good Neighbor Award is accepting nominations

(NDG Wire) Garland Mayor Ronald Jones' office is accepting nominations for the next Mayor's Good Neighbor Award.

The award is given quarterly to residents or property owners in Garland that have demonstrated significant improvements or

upgrades to their property that will provide a positive physical impact to their neighborhood. The award will be granted based on project innovation, potential for replication, mitigation of unsightly conditions, collaboration or partnership, volunteer contributions, and

increased property value.

Residents and property owners are encouraged to nominate their neighbors for this award. Nomination packets are available on the City's website, [www.GarlandTx.gov](http://www.GarlandTx.gov), or at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street in

Downtown Garland. Call 972-205-2400 for more information.

The deadline for 1st Quarter 2010 nominations is April 30, 2010. The winner will be announced at the May 18, 2010 regular meeting of the Garland City Council.



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## DISD announces UNCF Scholarship Program



**Diane Stephenson – UNCF Area Director, Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa, Mya Dyson – UNCF Regional Director Workplace. Grace Photography**

(NDG Wire) The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and employees of the Dallas Independent School District have announced a scholarship program that is open to Spring 2010 Dallas ISD graduating seniors who will attend a UNCF member college/university or any other 4-year fully accredited college or university. Scholarships valued up to \$2,500 will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need and academic potential.

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, be a 2009-10 graduating senior from a Dallas ISD high school and be enrolled full-time at a UNCF member institution or other 4-year fully accredited college or university.

UNCF's Area Development Director Diane Stephenson said, "We are pleased to partner once again with

the Dallas ISD as they help deserving young people pursue their dream of a college education. Their continued support has helped UNCF play a critical role in the future of our North Texas and national communities by preparing students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in today's competitive workforce."

Eligible students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, be enrolled full-time at a UNCF or other accredited 4 year college or university, have a financial need and submit an essay. The application deadline is May 17, 2010.

To apply visit: [www.uncf.org/forstudents/online-scholarships.asp](http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/online-scholarships.asp). For information call 800-331-2244. To support UNCF scholarships or make a donation, please call UNCF at 972-234-1007.

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no crime has occurred, or a crime has occurred, but the individual claiming innocence was in no way involved in that crime.

The Innocence Project of Texas is a statewide organization founded in November 2006 by a group of attorneys led by Jeff Blackburn, who currently serves as the project's chief counsel. Student volunteers and professional legal advocates donate their time to investigate claims of actual innocence made by prison in-

mates. To date, 40 people in Texas have been exonerated by the Innocence Project through DNA evidence that was not available at the time of their original investigations.

"This is another offering in our already strong pre-law program," said pre-law adviser Anne Dutia. "We hope the affiliation will give our students some helpful case review experience, but also the personal fulfillment of exonerating a wrongfully imprisoned person."

## Irving Science Collaborative honors teachers

(NDG Wire) Athena Bivens, special education teacher at Schulze Elementary School, were honored February 18 by the Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Science Teaching (RCEST).

Hosted at University of North Texas, the mission of the organization is "to provide the North Texas area with a cadre of teachers who can make science activities a meaningful learning experience for students through a hands-on, minds-on approach." Maxey, Martinez and Bivens were honored for their years of participation in the collaborative, and for the volume of professional development

hours accrued through the program. Maxey has participated for four years, accruing 600 hours; Martinez has participated for two years and has accrued 180 hours; and Bivens has participated for five years and has accrued approximately 600 hours.

As participants in the program, Maxey, Martinez and Bivens attend professional development classes on Saturdays and three weeks during the summer. These classes include hands-on curriculum knowledge and working with peers to improve instructional strategies in the classroom. Teachers also present workshops at the Confer-

ence for the Advancement of Science Teachers and at the Regional Collaborative in Austin. Through RCEST participation, teachers become campus mentors and

work with Ready-Set-Teach high school students who visit elementary schools to work with younger children.



**Athena Bivens, special education teacher at Schulze Elementary School, is congratulated by Schulze Principal Steven Wurtz for her participation in the Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Science Teaching.**

## White powder letters received by two schools in GISD

(NDG Wire) FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Robert E. Casey is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the person or persons responsible for sending two letters containing a white powder substance to the Ethridge School in Garland, Texas, and John Armstrong school in Sachse, Texas.

Earlier this morning, two schools within the Garland Independent School District received letters, through the U.S. Mail, containing white powder. The Garland Police and Fire Department, along with the Sachse Police Department, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the FBI responded to the scene. Initial field testing indicated the substance within the envelopes was not toxic and there was no threat to anyone's health or safety.

Further laboratory testing is being done in an effort to identify the substance within the envelopes. One school district employee at Ethridge School, who had been exposed to the white powder, was taken to a local hospital as precautionary measure.

The sending of threatening or hoax letters containing a white powder substance is a violation of Title 18, Section 844 (e) and is

punishable for up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each letter sent.

Threatening letters, whether they contain white powder or not, even if their

threat is a hoax, will be thoroughly investigated by the FBI, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and other law enforcement agencies.

Anyone having informa-

tion about who may be responsible for sending these white powder hoax letters should call the Dallas FBI office at 972-559-5000 or their local police agency.



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# Bluebonnet Trails Festival to be held in Ennis April 17-18

(NDG Wire) Ennis, Texas is showcasing its beautiful bluebonnets throughout April with a weekend festival full of family fun and events April 17-18, 2010. Named the Official Bluebonnet Trail of Texas by the 1997 State Legisla-

ture, Ennis has staked its claim as the "Official Bluebonnet City".

The bluebonnets begin blooming the last week in March in Ennis and typically reach their peak around the third week of April in the Ennis area. To

highlight this breathtaking event, the Ennis Garden Club has planned "The Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival," on April 17-18, 2010 which includes art and craft exhibitions showcasing original art work and crafts, children's activities, great food, live entertainment, bluebonnet souvenirs, and more.

Admission is free to all exhibits at Pierce Park, which is located at West Ennis Avenue, Northwest Main Street and Southwest Main Street in downtown Ennis. The festival's hours for 2010 are 9 am-6 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Individuals can drive the mapped bluebonnet trails along winding country roads at no charge. Maps can be picked up at the Ennis Convention and Visi-

tors Bureau during April, but during the festival weekend, the maps will only be available at Pierce Park at the Ennis Garden Club headquarters.

The Ennis Convention and Visitors Bureau is spon-

soring its 12th annual "Bloomin' Bluebonnet" Photo Contest. Snapshots need to be submitted by May 31, 2010 and will be reviewed by professional photographers to judge in the following three cate-

gories: Bluebonnets and Children/Families, Bluebonnets and Animals, Bluebonnets and Scenic Nature/Views.

Winning photography will be published at [www.visitennis.org](http://www.visitennis.org).



## House select committee appoints subcommittee chair

*Rep. Carol Kent chosen to chair Education Subcommittee*

(NDG Wire) As part of the work of the House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding, Chairman Jim Dunnam (Chilton) recently announced the appointment of an Education Subcommittee to be chaired by Representative Carol Kent (Dallas) and include among its members Representative Garnet Coleman (Houston) and Representative Vicki Truitt (Keller). The subcommittee will study all matters related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds allocated for education projects.

As of March 10, more than \$5.5 billion have been awarded to Texas for education through the ARRA. Programs address four key areas of reform including progress toward rigorous college and career ready standards, equitable distribution of well-qualified teachers for all students, improvement of data systems and improvement in Texas' underperforming schools.

The Subcommittee will monitor the use and effec-



*Rep Carol Kent*

tiveness of all ARRA funds related to education, adherence to state and federal reporting requirements and any possible increases in funding through the ARRA. Included within the subcommittee's jurisdiction are issues related to state fiscal stabilization funds, education technology grants, low-income school support and ongoing applications for programs such as "Race to the Top."

"I am pleased to be provided the opportunity to chair this subcommittee so we can ensure taxpayer money is spent transparently and in an


accountable manner. We need to know that these funds are being used in a way that best serves Texas students," said Rep. Kent.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. ARRA was a direct response to the federal economic crisis. Gov. Rick Perry applied for the majority of those funds in the spring of 2009, and overall Texas is expected to receive over \$16 billion in Stimulus dollars through 2011.

The House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding was created by House Speaker Joe Straus immediately after the President signed ARRA into law to provide transparency and accountability for the funds flowing into Texas under the Act.

Representative Kent has served on the Committee since that time and previously led a study for the Committee on other state's efforts to address Stimulus funding.

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**Ongoing**

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

**Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce**, CCBCC General Meetings, 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Call 469-424-1020 or email: [info@CCBlackChamber.org](mailto: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](http://meeetup.com/378).

**Group Business Seminars** at 4907 Spring Avenue, Dallas, (214) 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those interested in starting your own business, it is a Brown Bag Lunch with Free Parking

**No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch** 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at [www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com](http://www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com)

LimitNetwork.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).

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

**Through April 11**

**Dallas Blooms** - The showcase of this Dallas Arboretum event is over 450,000 spring-blooming bulbs; including tulips, as well as daffodils, Dutch Iris and Hyacinth, flowering alongside over 100,000 pansies, violas and poppies and thousands of other spring-blooming annuals and perennials. Info at [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org)

**Through April 10**

**Dr Pepper Dallas Cup XXXI** The Dallas Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament will celebrate its 31st Anniversary during the week of March 28 – April 10, 2010. In past years, teams and referees have traveled to Dallas from ninety-eight countries and six continents. Details at [www.dallascup.com](http://www.dallascup.com)

**April 8**

**Garland Neighborhood Management Academy** at the Central Library, 625 Austin Street, April 8, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. Register electronically at [www.GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org](http://www.GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org) or [tallmend@ci.garland.tx.us](mailto:tallmend@ci.garland.tx.us).

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**April 9**

**“To Tango or to Waltz: A Foxtrot through Brazil, Argentina and Chile,”** will be held from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano. Dr. Kimberly Harris, professor of music, will be the faculty presenter.

**April 10**

Junior League of Plano's 21st Annual **Trinkets to Treasures** Collin County's largest Rummage Sale! Choose from gently used furniture, computer hardware, clothing, appliances, collectibles, home electronics, sports equipment, children's toys, books and more. Admission is \$5, Children 10 and under are free \$4. Seniors 65 and older are also free. 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. For info: [www.jlplano.org](http://www.jlplano.org)

Charles Brown, the grandson of one of Irving's founding fathers, Otis Brown, will share memories of growing up in Irving as part of the **Washington Irving celebration** series at 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. Irving Archives will present a downtown Irving “Then and Now” slide show. For more information, call (972) 721-2606.

**April 11**

Fair Park will “un-leash” the Cotton Bowl for the free fourth-annual **Dog Bowl** from 1 to 5 p.m. Pups and pooches of all sizes will get to run, play, scamper and splash as Dallas' most historic football field transforms into Texas' largest dog park.

**Holocaust Remembrance Day Yom Hashoah Ceremony** at Congregation Shearith Israel, 9401 Douglas Avenue, Dallas. The traditional morning Minyan will begin at 10:30 a.m., with

a brunch to follow. The evening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. Please R.S.V.P. for the brunch at 214-741-7500, ext. 100.

**April 12 – May 15**

THE ARTS gallery is hosting the 125 **Plano Art Association Juried Showed**. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Info: [www.planoartassociation.com](http://www.planoartassociation.com), [www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery](http://www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery) or 972-881-5873.

**April 14**

**Dance and Body Movement Workshop** 8-10 p.m. The Teatro Flor Candela presents a dance and body movement workshop for women to encourage the use of the body as a means of expression, refuge and joy. Space is limited, and the cost per hour is \$17 per person. Info: 214-334-5990.

**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)

The March of Dimes will hold its annual **March for Babies fundraising walk** at 8:45 a.m. at the Norbuck Park at White Rock Lake. Register online at [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org) or call 972-669-3463.

**DallasKIDSRead!** at NorthPark Center, 8687 North Central Expressway, Dallas. Event is free and open to the public. Info: 214-871-3028, [DallasKidsRead.org](http://DallasKidsRead.org).

In its fourth year, the **Live Green Expo** offers a new perspective on going green. From green jobs to organically grown food, from renewable energy to dynamic children's activities with extended hours and convenient off-site parking. FREE! For

info, call 972-816-9489 or visit [livegreenexpo.net](http://livegreenexpo.net).

**Second Annual Basement Reunion** will be held at the Historic Lakewood Theater. Tickets are \$20 in advance (\$25 day of show) and are on sale through The Lakewood Theater box office at 214-821-SHOW (7469) or through all Ticketmaster.

**Free Bancroft Family Concert Series** at the Dallas Museum of Art at 3:00 p.m. The museum is located at 1717 North Harwood, Dallas, TX 75201. Auditorium doors open at 2:30pm for the 3:00pm concert. For information, call 214-520-2219 or visit [www.fineartschamberplayers.org](http://www.fineartschamberplayers.org).

**Business Basics training for entrepreneurs.** The PLAN Fund provides the key resources and valuable entrepreneur training which is vital as you start and grow your small business. Free for low income individuals who qualify. Discounts for unemployed. Info: 214-942-6698 or [www.planfund.org](http://www.planfund.org).

**April 18**

**World Balloon Convention** will feature more than 550 of the world's top balloon artists will come to learn, network, and compete from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

**April 19**

SMU presents the **George and Mary Foster Distinguished Lecture in Cultural Anthropology** featuring guest lecturer Larissa Adler Lomnitz. Presentation elements will focus on Lomnitz most recent book *Symbolism and Ritual in Mexican Politics*. 5 p.m. in McCord Auditorium in Dallas Hall, 3225 University Blvd. The lecture is free and open to the public.

**April 21**

**Eldercare Friends volunteer training** 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. Volunteer training can also be scheduled by appointment.

**April 23**

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce's **13th Annual Excellence in Education Scholarship Luncheon** Noon at the Dallas Convention Center. [www.dbcc.org](http://www.dbcc.org)

**April 24**

Friends of the SMU Libraries will host its annual fundraiser **Tables of Content**, in the Collins Executive Education Center, 3150 Binkley Ave. A cocktail reception will be held at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation of the Literati Award, dinner and live auction at 7:15 p.m. General admission is \$150 per person and \$100 per person for young literati. For info: 214-768-3225 or log on to [www.smu.edu/libraries/friends](http://www.smu.edu/libraries/friends).

**May 1 – September 5**

**Modern Twist, Bamboo Works from the Clark Center and the Art of Motoko Maio** at the Crow Collection of Asian Art in Dallas

**May 1**

**1st Annual Douglass Senior Citizens Prom** for all seniors citizens 55 years of age and up at the Southfork Hotel-Plano, TX starting @ 7-11p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person, formal prom attire is required. Info: 972-941-7174

**April 24**

**Farmers Insurance's 2nd Annual Charity Poker Tournament** to benefit March of Dimes. “Farmers Agents for Babies” is an event with all of the proceeds going directly to March of Dimes at 5:00 p.m. at Rock Creek Ranch. Info: [www.farmersagentsforbabies.com](http://www.farmersagentsforbabies.com)

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# New policy boosts needy students, HBCUs

## Special to the NNPA from the Afro American Newspapers

(NNPA) With the signing of yet another historical piece of legislation, President Obama made good on his promise to make higher education more affordable and accessible for all Americans.

The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, enacted on March 30, strengthens the Pell Grant program, invests in community colleges, extends support for historically Black colleges and other minority-serving institutions, and helps student borrowers manage their student loan debt by capping repayments at 10 percent of their discretionary income. These efforts will be fully paid for by ending the government subsidies currently given to banks and other financial institutions that make guaranteed federal student loans.

"By removing the bank's middle men and eliminating millions of dollars in

annual subsidies we are able to ensure that students have a more competitive and robust program for entering colleges and leaving them and going on to jobs not burdened so heavily by additional loans," said Melody Barnes, director of the White House Domestic Policy Council.

In addition to increasing affordability, this legislation comes at a crucial time for HBCUs and predominantly Black institutions (PBIs), which will receive \$850 and \$150 million, respectively. The institutions typically bear the brunt of economic despair more than other colleges and universities.

Doing more with less, HBCUs and PBIs are enrolling higher proportions of low- and middle-income students.

These much-needed dollars can be used to renew, reform, and expand programming to ensure that students at these institutions

are given every chance to live up to their full potential.

Several provisions in the bill, which Black lawmakers fought to include, will:

- Invest \$35 billion over 10 years to increase the maximum annual Pell Grant to \$5,550 in 2010 and to \$5,975 by 2017.

- Invest \$2.55 billion in HBCUs and minority-serving Institutions to provide students with the support they need to stay in school and graduate.

- Invest \$2 billion in a competitive grant program for community colleges to develop and improve educational or career training programs.

- Save taxpayers \$61 billion over 10 years by allowing students to borrow directly from the government through the Direct Loan program, thus avoiding excessive bank fees.

These benefits build on

other provisions of the law that put the Pell Grant program on sounder footing by covering past and expected shortfalls and that invest new dollars in community colleges.

"The success of these institutions is not only vital to the success of African Americans, but it is also vital to the success of all Americans," said John S. Wilson, executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, in a teleconference this week.

Strengthening HBCUs and PBIs, said Wilson, pushes the U.S. Department of Education closer to their goal set by President Obama last February, that "by 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college gradu-



*Students and faculty from Northern Virginia Community College surround U.S. President Barack Obama as he signs the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act into law in Alexandria, Virginia.*

ates in the world."

He adds, "That is the goal that guides structure and context for all we're doing."

Starting July 1, all new federal student loans will be direct loans delivered and collected by private companies under performance-

based contracts with the Department of Education. According to the Congressional Budget Office, ending these wasteful subsidies frees up nearly \$68 billion which this new law reinvests back into students and into deficit reduction over the next 11 years.

## Making college more affordable

*The White House released a statement outlining specific elements of the overall plan:*

**Larger Pell Grants:** The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act invests more than \$40 billion in Pell Grants to ensure that all eligible students receive an award and that these awards are increased in future years to help keep pace with the rising cost of college. These investments, coupled with the funding provided in the Recovery Act and the President's first two budgets, will more than double the total amount of funding available for Pell Grants since President Obama took office. The bill increases the Federal Pell Grant maximum award by the Consumer Price Index from 2013 through 2017, which is estimated to raise the award from \$5,550 to \$5,975, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. By the 2020-

2021 academic school year, more than 820,000 additional Pell Grant awards are expected to be made as a result of to this new law.

**More Stable Funding for Pell Grants:** The budgeting process for Pell Grants often leads to funding shortfalls. The current shortfall is particularly severe because of the large number of students and workers qualifying for the award that have recently gone back to school.

**Investments in Community Colleges:** As the largest part of the nation's higher education system, community colleges enroll more than 6 million students and are growing rapidly. Community colleges are particularly important for students who are older, working, or need remedial classes. Community colleges work with businesses, industry and government to tailor training programs to meet economic needs like nursing, health information technology, advanced manufacturing, and green jobs. The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act includes \$2 billion over four years for community colleges. These resources will help community colleges and other institutions develop, improve, and provide education and career training programs suitable for workers who are eligible for trade adjustment assistance.

**Increased Support for Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs):** While many of today's colleges and universities are facing a host of

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*U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D) applauds after U.S. President Barack Obama signed the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 during a signing ceremony at Northern Virginia Community College March 30, 2010 in Alexandria, Virginia. The legislation modifies the health care reform signed by President Obama at the White House last week, and adds additional language significantly changing the process of student loans, following passage by the House of Representatives and Senate.*



# Take a magical journey to *Brigadoon*

BY IVY N. CARTER, MBA  
NDG STAFF WRITER

Set in Scotland the story of *Brigadoon* is about a town which only appears every 100 years because of a special covenant made in the 1700s. Written by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe this musical originally debuted in 1947 and has received much success and multiple awards.

This timeless classic was brought back to life in the Artisan Theatre Center in Hurst, Texas under the ownership of DeeAnn Blair, a 20-year veteran in the acting community who is also the producer of the all plays.

Her rendition of the play holds true to the original



jolts of wittiness, enduring love, and desires for something more. The cast of more than 20 people ranging from small children to the elderly entertained the crowd in a theatre the Dallas Fort Worth areas have not seen before.

The Artisan Center Theatre is roughly the size of a small movie theatre with stadium style seating of no more than four rows which surrounded the cast of *Brig-*

*adoon*. The audience was brought into every captivating moment as the walls and floors depicted each scene in this wonderful.

The cast offered jolts of laughter from the opening scene to the last wave goodbye. The audience felt the love between Tommy Albright (Timm Zitz) the New Yorker who haphazardly wonders into *Brigadoon* and Fiona Maclaren (Colleen Hall) a young lady in the town of *Brigadoon* who falls in love with Tommy. Each word, though seemingly stumbled over, left the audience desiring more.

Blair produced and seasoned Broadway actor, John Wilkerson directed this musical sensation. At times the cast sang out of pitch and

the choreography seemed unrehearsed but the heart and soul displayed by every cast member was enough to make anyone forget the stumbles.

The cast of *Brigadoon* enchanted the audience, who could literally reach out to touch any particular cast member, as they sang to, talked to and danced in front of the audience.

There were several unforgettable moments in *Brigadoon* which included the opening scene of the

second act called *The Chase*.

In this scene Harry, a troubled and angry teen, played by Zach Wooster, is being chased by the men from *Brigadoon* because of his attempt to leave the enchanted town. As the music played in upbeats and at a fast pace the men wonderfully dashed around the staged areas, running in and out, round and round until the end of the scene which leaves the audience breathless.

Another unforgettable scene is in scene four of act one where Meg Brockie (Amy Wells), the town's hot natured single woman and bar owner. She shamelessly attempted to seduce Charlie Dalrymple (Robert Molina), the rude and arrogant New Yorker and best friend to Tommy Albright through the musical *The Love of My Life*. A song which depicts her series of romps with various men throughout her

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## Have You Heard?



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**4/8 - Kirk Whalum** at the  
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Arts Festival at 9 p.m.  
Free. Info: [www.main-streetartsfest.org](http://www.main-streetartsfest.org)

For more entertainment events this week, visit [www.northdallasgazette.com](http://www.northdallasgazette.com).



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### Concert

**4/10 - Ladies Choice** featuring  
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**4/11 - Little Mermaid** at  
Eisemann Center Theatre  
at 2:30 p.m. Info:  
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help our children pick up 'real world' financial literacy skills," said Vince Shorb, current president of the organization. "We see positive results when we start financial literacy campaigns off with high energy kickoff events that motivate our participants to start taking positive action. This is typically followed by financial literacy curriculum, multimedia learning center education, day camps and parent and educator training."

Their signature kickoff event, Money XLive, is an MTV award style event that brings out celebrities, sports stars, live bands, entertainers and financial education experts all in a full concert style environment. "While Money XLive is the preferred event for large scale financial literacy initiatives, the self-hosted financial education events are becoming increasingly popular."

"Since our team of certi-

fied financial educators can only reach a limited number of people, we have put a lot of our focus into helping nonprofits, financial planners, students, schools and community leaders to empower tomorrow's generation with financial skills. Financial literacy is a grassroots movement, and we provide complete financial education resources so the movement will spread faster," states Shorb who developed the Money XLive Multimedia workshop so people can host their own financial education events.

The National Youth Financial Educators Council believes that communities need to deliver a practical financial education to our youth, or people will continue to struggle for many generations to come. To that end, and in order to help empower all of the children in our nation, Money XLive Financial Literacy Workshops have been created to help fa-

cilitators host their own financial literacy events in their community.

Sarano Kelley of the Stand Up for Financial Literacy campaign states, "Empowering citizens that are concerned with the financial well-being of our youth is an important step in ending this national financial illiteracy epidemic. We are calling on all financial professionals and concerned citizens to go into classrooms across the country and share financial wisdom."

Reports show that financial literacy is still not taught in most high schools and colleges, and the few schools that do, teach more theory-based financial literacy. Non-profit organizations like the Joyner-Walker Foundation and the Brockman Educational Institute are taking it upon themselves to provide financial literacy training for students.

Since most schools do

not provide financial literacy programs, the majority of youth report their parents as the primary source of learning about money. To help parents open up the lines of communication with their children about money, the NYFEC also conducts live and virtual parent training events called Money Smart Parent.

Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner states, "Before our

children are old enough to drive or vote, they're offered credit cards. And yet by the time they have graduated high school or they may have learned something about the history of the gold standard, while they may understand how to solve quadratic equations, few have learned enough about the basics of debt, about compound interest, about the risks associated with investing and borrow-

ing."

"I wish I was given a practical financial education when I was younger – is what I am told by almost everyone, when I share with them what I am doing," Shorb added. "Would you throw your kids on a freeway without driver training? Then why do we send our kids into the real world without financial literacy training?"

## Congresswoman encourages participation in free webinars on personal financial planning

(NDG Wire) Building on the theme and momentum for April's National Financial Literacy Month, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson today announced 65 free webinars being offered by Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of Greater Dallas - a nonprofit provider of free housing and

credit counseling and education.

The webinars will focus on a number of personal finance topics including information on recession-proofing your finances, protecting investments during a recession, understanding the credit card act, credit scores, basic money management,



*Congresswoman  
Eddie Bernice Johnson*

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not fully understanding how miracles are created. *Brigadoon* is a classic and the cast of the Artisan Center Theatre is sure to pull families in with every choreographed movement, well sang chorus and emotional scenes.

*Brigadoon* ends April 10 and with nightly per-

formances except on Wednesdays. For more information on tickets and other performances visit [www.artisanct.com](http://www.artisanct.com) or call the box office at 817-284-1200.

Tickets start at \$7.00 for children 12 years and younger and \$12.00 for adults.

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budgeting and savings goals, foreclosure prevention, identity theft, as well as several other subjects.

CCCS of Greater Dallas is also offering free tax preparation through its partnership with the United Way until April 15, 2010.

"A basic understanding of personal finance is crucial to navigating today's econ-

omy," Congresswoman Johnson said.

"When money is tight, as it is for many during a recession, it is particularly important to understand how to make a budget, manage credit, save for retirement and avoid predatory loans. I believe that a financially-literate public is a key component to a strong and robust

economy. A national culture of financial responsibility can help support American families in this struggling economy."

For more information, contact Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas at 214-638-2227 or visit [www.cccs.net/webinars](http://www.cccs.net/webinars).

## Big Brother comes to Dallas

BY IVY N. CARTER, MBA

*Big Brother* is a reality show where 12-14 complete strangers are selected to live in a lavish Los Angeles home where they are completely cut off from the world for three months in hopes of winning \$500,000.

Each week someone is voted out of the house and the production crew creates obstacles for the house members.

The *Big Brother* casting crew is coming to the Dallas area April 10 at the Fort Worth Main Street Arts Festival from 2-6 p.m. at the CBS 11 News booth.

First go to [www.cbs.com](http://www.cbs.com) to download the application, fill it out and be sure to arrive early on April 10 for your chance to impress the casting crew in 2-3 minutes.

"We are looking for big personalities, southern charm, no silliness or fake people," says *Big Brother* casting director Robyn Cass,

If the casting members are impressed with your big Texas-sized personality, then you may be invited to a

second interview in Dallas. From there if you are selected, you and at least 59 other *Big Brother* hopefuls, will be flown out to L.A. for a chance to meet Cass but remember only 14 will be chosen to go into the house for three months.

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and specializes in Latin American development and trade. She has written or co-authored numerous scholarly journal articles in developmental economics. In 2008 she wrote *Guns, Drugs, and Development in Colombia* with Kevin M. Curtin and EPPS professor Jennifer Holmes. She is currently associ-

ate provost. From 2006 to 2008 she served as associate provost for enrollment services. From 2002-2005 she was associate dean for undergraduate education. She is on the board of the North Texas Chapter of the Fulbright Association, and a member of the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations.

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executive chef at the 8700 Restaurant in Scottsdale, Ariz.; general manager and executive chef of the historic Wrigley Mansion Club in Phoenix, Ariz.; and first chef for the Fairmont Scottsdale Resort where he played an instrumental role in obtaining the coveted AAA Five Diamond and Mobil Four-Star Award.

In addition, he has held prestigious positions at such respected Chicago establishments as The Ritz-Carlton (a Four Sea-

sons Hotel) and the Park Hyatt Hotel.

Active in the industry, Chef Neff is a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, Chef's Collaborative, the American Culinary Federation's apprentice program, as well as a member of Chartwells Child Nutrition Advisory Council.

A regular contributing writer to *Experience Life* magazine, Chef Neff lives with his wife and two children in Pennsylvania.

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neral opening April 16. He plays a funeral home owner who haphazardly loses the body of Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence's father and from there total hilarity ensues.

"I hope everyone goes out to see this movie and make it a hit and don't bootleg it," Hart adds. "It was an honor to work with the people I grew up on, Chris, Martin and Tracy Morgan, not saying they're old or nothing just saying I admired them and they inspired me to do comedy as a

career. They are some cool dudes and told me to stay smart and remain focused because I am headed in the right direction and I appreciate the chance to be around positive people."

Hart is hard at work on the continuously sold-out *Live Nation* tour, busting sides open with his witty and to the point jokes but he also has other irons in the fire which keeps him going strong. He is the new face of E-Bay; Ben Stiller's understudy nurse in the *Little Fockers* (the third install-

ment of the Focker series also starring Robert DeNiro); co-produced, *Seriously Funny*, with Shaquille O'Neal; among other projects.

"When I am on stage I try to make everything funny even pain. If it can make you cry it can make you laugh. I just use personal stuff to draw on to make people laugh," Hart confesses, "because at the end of the day I want people to remember me as a funny guy who related to people and understood that despite

being small, I was okay with it. I am in touch with who I am and deal in that reality. I'm not fake, I'm genuine. And I love my family."

The Dallas area can expect to be hurting for months once Kevin Hart touches down on April 9th at the House of Blues at 7:30 p.m. He simply says his show will be sexy because he is a chocolate drop.

Be sure to keep in touch with Kevin Hart on Facebook.com/kevinhart, KHartonline.com and @kevinhart4real on Twitter.

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around the world.

President Obama himself acknowledged, in his Nobel Prize speech, that he and Dr. King had different roles in history and therefore, different responsibilities. He went on to say that there were times when the use of violence for a righteous (such as 9/11) cause was justifiable and an action that furthered the human condition. I believe that too. But I also believe that the

use of American military power in pursuit of a war in Afghanistan when the force that wounded the US on September 11, 2001 is global is something of a fallacious exercise in the extended use of resources that could go to human needs and must be questioned.

If America is 35th in health care and in the lower fifth of education globally and failing economically, we are also failing to get on

what Dr. King called "the right side of the world revolution." So, the fierce urgency of now is to adopt his view of "the radical revolution of values" to make it happen.

Dr. Ron Walters is a Political Analysts and Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest book is: *The Price of Racial Reconciliation* (University of Michigan Press).

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# How can I climb the corporate ladder?

(NDG Wire) It's not easy to get ahead at the office, and what's worse is that so many people proceed from the wrong assumptions in how to get this done.

That's what Fenorris Pearson -- CEO of his own company, former top executive at Dell and Motorola and author of *How to Play the Game at the Top: The 9 Rules for Consummate Corporate Effectiveness* (www.corporateclimb.net) -- believes after having lived through a meteoric rise to the top of the corporate world.

"It really isn't about brown-nosing or working the office politics," he said. "The people who play that game are playing the wrong game, and while they may get ahead, they will never go the distance. The real key is to be true to yourself. Most employees try to play the popularity game and satisfy the majority of people in their company. It is more important to be true to yourself and find people to align yourself with who will support your goals and share your values as they advance their own careers."

Pearson began as a fresh-faced college graduate, and rose to the ranks of upper management by his late 20s, passing by some of the people who originally were positioned above him on the corporate ladder. His tips for getting ahead include:

• **The All-Inclusive Resume** -- "Employers are looking for information that will reveal what's really driving you and how committed you are to learning quickly and delivering results," Pearson said. "You have to create a resume that communicates that between the lines and your demeanor and professionalism must match what you have in your resume. If you have a degree in communication, for instance, you can't mumble and be inarticulate during your interview. If your background is public relations, don't drop off your resume in a Hawaiian shirt and flip-flops. Make sure your resume focuses on relevant experience, and don't

feel compelled to include that pizza delivery gig unless it demonstrates how you put yourself through college on the tips you made.

• **Find a Mentor** -- "In every office, there is a mentor, a teacher who has the ability to not only show you the ropes, but also make certain that your gifts are made clear to those in charge," he added. "Find that person and show a willingness to learn and be open to new ideas. For instance, my mentor starting out was a gentleman named Walter Olsson. Walter was a family man and a business-

man who was extremely wealthy. His actions concerning how he incorporated his spirituality into his life, took care of his family, and then focused on his job all helped plant some critical seeds in me at a very early age pertaining to balance in life. Those lessons made me a better executive and a better person, and those qualities became readily apparent to anyone paying attention."

Pearson believes that the secret to corporate advancement is to forget about yourself, but rather, to make your company's goals and objec-

tives your own.

"The people who are out for themselves wear their motivations like a clown suit," he said. "While they may deliver results, their mo-

tives taint their work. Employees who understand the company, its mission and its customers will always be the ones to advance, because they deliver the total pack-

age. After all, if the company prospers because of their efforts, so will they. Top executives will always notice the people who find a way to bring money into the company."



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**April 11, 6 p.m.**

Join us at The Agape Ministry Annual Fine Arts Recital in the Chapel.

**April 17, 4 p.m.**

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**April 16, 7 p.m. &  
April 17, 7 a.m.**

We will walk in American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life", Call Olivia Sewell @ 214-375-2916 for registration and details.

**April 17, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
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**April 23rd & 24th,  
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**Health & Wellness Fair**



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*Note: In 2001 I printed the following and have had many requests over the years for a reprint; I finally founded a copy of the article. With this being springtime, considered a new beginning by many people, prayfully consider planting your Christian Garden today.*

First, plant three rows of peas (P's): **Patience** with those you meet each day; **Promptness** at church and at all of your meetings. **Prayer**, the Lord said that we should always "watch and pray."

Next, plant three rows of squash: **Squash Gossip**, the tongue has the power to hurt and hurt deeply. **Squash Indifference**, show someone that you care, everyone you meet is going through something. **Squash Criticism**, it's okay to give constructive comments, they don't hurt forever.

Then, plant four rows of lettuce: **Let us obey the Lord**; the Lord said that "obedience is better than sacrifice." **Let us be Loyal** by being faithful and trusting God. **Let us be true to our obligations to God**, our church, family, friends and our workplace. **Let us**

**be unselfish** in everything we do, it's so Christ-like.

Now finish with four rows of turnips: **Turn up when needed**, it could make a big difference to someone. **Turn up with a smile**, it takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown and it will calm you on the inside. **Turn up with a vision**, it is said that without a vision (plan of action) a man or woman is sure to fail. **Turn up with determination**, it has been said that success is 90% perspiration and 10% inspiration.

Plant your garden, wait for God to give the increase and you will reap abundantly.

**Something to Consider:** It has been said that a man was sleeping one night when God appeared and told him to push with all his might against a large rock that He had placed in front of his house. The man did what was asked, day after day.

For many years the man toiled from sun up until sun down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold in winter and hot in summer, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might as God instructed him to do.

Each night the man went inside his house sore and worn out; he felt that

his whole day had been spent in vain.

Since the man was becoming discouraged, Satan entered the picture by placing thoughts in the man's weary mind,

"You've been pushing against that rock for a long time and it hasn't moved, so why kill yourself over this?" Just put in your time, giving your minimum effort; that will be good enough. Satan gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. The adversary told some truth, the task was impossible for the man to do by himself, but with God all things are possible.

The weary man decided to make it a matter of prayer and take his troubled thoughts to the Lord. "Lord, I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. But, after all this time, I haven't budged that rock. Why am I failing?"

The Lord said, "Your task was to push against the rock, not move it. You have not failed. Also, by pushing the rock with all your might, your arms and your back are strong and your legs have become massive and hard."

"Through opposition

you have grown much and your abilities now surpass that which you use to have.

True, you haven't moved the rock, but you were called to be obedient and to push; to exercise your faith; and to trust in My wisdom."

This you have done, now I will move the rock.

At times when Christians get a word from God, they tend to use their own intellect to make sense of what He wants them to do, when really what God wants is just a simple obedience and faith in Him.



**he Lott's: Front (L to R) David, Tyanna, and Philip. Top, Author (get her book "Without Fear or Favor" @ www.Lulu.com) and Motivational Speaker Minister Sheila and Bill.**

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challenges America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving-Institutions (MSIs) are particularly hard hit. They account for nearly one-third of all degree-granting institutions and enroll nearly sixty percent of the 4.7 million minority undergraduates in our nation today. They do more with less and enroll higher proportions of low- and middle-income students. That's why the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act provides \$2.55 billion in mandatory funding for these institutions – dollars that can be used to renew, reform, and expand

programming to ensure that students at these colleges and universities are given every chance to rise to their full potential.

**Expanded Income Based Repayment (IBR):** About two-thirds of graduates take out loans with an average student debt of over \$23,000. This debt is particularly burdensome for graduates who choose to enter lower-paying public service careers, suffer setbacks such as unemployment or serious illness, or fail to complete their degree. To ensure that Americans can afford their student loan payments, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act expands

the existing income-based student loan repayment program. New borrowers who assume loans after July 1, 2014, will be able to cap their student loan repayments at 10 percent of their discretionary income and, if they keep up with their payments over time, will have the balance forgiven after 20 years. Public service workers – such as teachers, nurses, and those in military service – will see any remaining debt forgiven after just 10 years. More than 1.2 million new borrowers are projected to qualify and take part in the expanded IBR program.



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# Pet Supplies "Plus" To Hold Free Healthy Pet Expo

*Expo highlights fundraiser for Operation Kindness and free pictures with your pet*

(NDG Wire) Pet Supplies "Plus" (PSP) has announced that it will host its first annual Healthy Pet Expo on Saturday, April 24 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. The expo is free and will be held at the Pet Supplies "Plus" store located at 4100 Legacy in Plano, Texas. The expo will feature free nutrition assessments for pets, workshops and seminars with leading experts on natural and organic pet foods and on-site pet adoptions. The event will also serve as a fundraiser for Operation Kindness, the



largest no-kill shelter in North Texas.

As part of the expo, PSP will also be introducing its Certified Pet Nutrition Advisors (CPNA). Each CPNA has gone through an exten-

sive and ongoing pet nutrition training program designed by a nationally recognized, small animal clinical nutritionist at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

CPNAs had to pass a series of tests in order to earn the certification. CPNAs will be on-hand throughout the day to conduct pet nutrition assessments, which includes asking pet owners a series of questions about the health of their pet, evaluating and assigning a body condition

score to the pet and offering customized dietary recommendations based on the assessment.

The pet industry's leading manufacturer of organic pet foods will host seminars and be on-site to answer questions on the benefits of all natural products and how they affect the health and well-being of pets. Dr. Doug Knueven, author of "The Holistic Health Guide," will lead a discussion on holistic pet care and sign copies of his book.

Operation Kindness will host on-site dog adoptions, and each new owner will receive a free New Dog Kit from PSP. Expo visitors will be able to make a donation to Operation Kindness by rounding-up their purchases

to the nearest dollar.

A professional photographer will also be on-site to take photos of owners and their pets free of charge.

For more information on the CPNAs, you can visit [www.askpsp.com](http://www.askpsp.com).

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