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University of North Texas Dallas Campus and Education Is Freedom Announce \$2.5 Million Scholarship Program to Benefit Dallas ISD Youth

(NDG Wire) Dallas ISD students involved in the Education Is Freedom (EIF) nonprofit program received a big boost when the University of North Texas (UNT) Dallas Campus announced plans to offer \$2.5 million in scholarship assistance for tuition, fees and other costs at the future UNT Dallas between 2010 and 2015.

The financial aid program comes at a critical

time, as money for college continues to tighten. Any student who successfully completes EIF's rigorous program and meets the admission requirements of the UNT Dallas Campus will be eligible

for the scholarship funds. "This is great news for Dallas ISD students involved with EIF," said David Biegler, EIF's Chairman of the Board.

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Fraternity Founder is Honored in Dallas

BY RANDON KNIGHTON
The City of Addison welcomed the members of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity



Inc. The 5th largest predominantly Black Greek organization celebrated their annual Southern Regional Conference in Addison. Presently there are only two chapters that operate in the North Texas area. The Alpha Mu Omega Graduate Chapter hosted the event this year. "This was a very successful event for us.

Everyone, including city officials, helped a great deal in organizing this event," Bro. Brian Love, President of Alpha Mu Omega chapter stated.

The Southern Region was please to reunite with the Atlantic Coast members from states including

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Keyshia Cole to perform at 17th Annual Trumpet Awards

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COMMENTARY

African-American Females Also Victimized by the U.S. Criminal Justice System

BY DR. ELSIE SCOTT (NNPA) When the subject of the criminal justice system and its impact on the African-American community is discussed, the emphasis is usually placed on males.

This is understandable if we focus exclusively on numbers. Black males are victimized, arrested and incarcerated in much greater numbers than Black females. For example, in

2007, Black males were incarcerated at a rate of 3,138 per 100,000 Black males in the population; Black females were incarcerated at a rate of 150 per 100,000.

The number of females arrested and incarcerated has been steadily increasing, but the criminal justice system has been slow to make the accommodations necessary to

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Public Forum to Discuss Taxpayer-Owned Hotel

(NDG Wire) Voters have the opportunity to learn more about the proposed city-owned convention center hotel on Monday, April 13, 2009, at noon at the Belo Mansion (2101 Ross Avenue in Downtown Dallas). A one-hour public forum will include Hon. Tom Leppert, Dallas City Mayor and Anne Raymond, a real estate executive who is director of Citizens Against the Taxpayer-Owned Hotel. The panelists will present each side of the issue.

On the May 9th ballot, voters can voice their opinion on a proposed amendment to the city charter pro-

hibiting Dallas from owning a convention center hotel.

The public is invited to the April 13th forum. An optional lunch buffet is available for \$12.76. Garage parking is available (enter from Olive Street) and 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 SEvans@dallasbar.org.

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Deborah Johnson

(NDG Wire) For lovers of *The Secret Life of Bees* comes a compulsively



readable novel, filled with colorful, engaging characters, set in a small Mississippi town as it struggles with integration in the 1960s. *In The Air Between Us* (Amistad; Trade PB; April 2009; \$13.99) by Deborah Johnson, readers will be introduced to the diverse, yet segregated residents of Revere with its population of

"20,000 and sinking". Black people live on one side of town and whites on the other. Dr. Reese Jackson, the esteemed African American surgeon, and his wife, Deanie, have an elite life largely unlike that of most of their neighbors. On the other side of town, there's Dr. Cooper Connelly, the well-known and highly regarded son of a prominent politician and the town's leading citizen who is staunchly – and publicly – against integration.

There is very little to bring Dr. Connelly and Dr. Jackson, or this town filled

with mysteriously hidden secrets, together – or so everyone would believe. But when the sheriff calls for an investigation after a white man dies suspiciously on Dr. Connelly's operating table, following an injury which at first appears to be the result of a typical hunting accident, the connections between white and black are revealed to be deeper than anyone expected.

Also intriguing to the core of this story is the practice of "ghost surgery", traditionally defined as a surgeon performing surgery on another

surgeon's patient, as arranged by the patient's surgeon, but without the patient's being aware.

"Ghost surgery is much more than a concept to me. It was part of my family's folklore. I grew up with a father who was a ghost surgeon," says author Deborah Johnson.

"As a gifted African American surgeon in Nebraska who maintained his own very full practice, my father was often called into perform surgical procedures on white patients. The patients go under seeing their doctor and wake up seeing their doctor, but

it was my father who performed the surgery that many times saved their lives.

Although ghost surgery is more of a historical reference at this point, few people are even aware that it ever took place. So, I decided it would be both informative and entertaining to make ghost surgery the centerpiece of my novel."

With endearing, fully realized characters, *The Air Between Us* is a satisfying, suspenseful novel that will keep readers guessing until the very last page.

Kelsey Bone

(NDG Wire) The Morgan Wootten Award winner and also the McDonald's All American(R) Female Player of the Year, Kelsey Bone, is from John Foster Dulles High School in Stafford, Texas. Bone is the eighth female to be added to the impressive list that includes Tina Charles (2006), Abby Waner (2005), Candace Parker (2004) and Ivory Latta (2003).

The Morgan Wootten

Award is given to the McDonald's All American players who exemplify outstanding character, exhibit leadership and embody the values of being a student-athlete in both schoolwork and community service activities.

McDonald's(R) established the Award in Wootten's name to pay tribute to his



unprecedented achievements as a teacher and a coach. The official presentation will take place at the McDonald's All

American Games awards banquet on March 31 in Miami, Fla.

Bone is considered one of the most well-rounded student athletes on the 2009 McDonald's All American Team. In addition to her basketball achievements, which include winning the gold medal in 2008 as a member of the under-18 USA Basketball Team, Bone is also committed to excellence off the court. Her school-related activities include theatre arts and serving as a fifth grade mentor at a near-

by elementary school. Bone is fluent in American Sign Language and also writes a basketball blog for the Houston Chronicle.

"It's an honor to be recognized by Coach Wootten and the McDonald's All American Games for all of my hard work on the court," said Bone. "It means a lot to be named to the McDonald's All American Team and even more to be selected as the McDonald's All American Game Player of the Year."

Bone, announced during

the first half of the eighth annual girls McDonald's All-American game last week that she will be attending South Carolina. The 6-foot-5 center averaged 20 points and nine rebounds during her senior year at Dulles High School in Texas.

"I was really excited about the direction of their program," said Bone, who picked the Gamecocks over Texas A&M, Texas, and Illinois. "I know no one expected me to do this, but that's the way the cookie crumbles."

LaShawna Stanley

(NDG Wire) LaShawna Stanley is a beautiful woman of color, a teenage mom at the age of 15 and now a grandmother of four, has been a fighter her entire life. As a child growing up in a household



of all fair complexion family members, she had to fight the stigma of having dark skin and made it her quest to empower women of color to love themselves.

Being a teenage mom LaShawna refused to become a stereotype. As a no-nonsense self-taught entrepreneur she has been at the vanguard of redefining beauty through the modeling agency she created, Ethnicity Models. LaShawna teaches women to APPRECIATE their skin tones, unique features and varied silhou-

ettes but NOT be exploited by them.

Stanley is a hero to women's empowerment! She has appeared on national networks such as BET's Hip-Hop vs. America, UPN news, defending the rights of women in the music industry. LaShawna has also been featured in major publications such as VIBE, The Source, Hip-Hop Weekly, KING, & XXL. Her company is the "go to" agency for hiring a diverse group of beautiful ethnic women.

Stanley has hosted charitable events for Magic Johnson, Donald Trump, and Alonzo Mourning. As a favorite amongst A-List clientele; Diddy, Jamie Foxx, Beyonce, Jay-Z, Usher, and Kanye West only scratch the surface of her company's infamous

resume

Through it all LaShawna is resolute in her determination to help women of color realize their true potential. This can be seen as she visits schools and youth centers with her models to teach young girls, college students, teenage moms and women in general about self-esteem, believing in themselves, and following their dreams.

LaShawna Stanley is a motivational, inspirational, informational speaker on a number of Hip Hop and women empowerment topics such as "Hip Hop & The Sexploitation of women" dissipate stereotypes and learn the truth about the women in hip hop music videos from an inside perspective. "

"I am obsessed with

empowering women and making them look and

feel beautiful from the inside out!"

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Giving to General Motors is a Good Move

By Gary L. Flowers

(NNPA) For nearly a century, General Motors has been part of the American dream. A middle class was built upon it, entire communities grew around it, and its pioneering products changed the way Americans lived and worked.

In particular, General Motors has helped to build the Black middle class while opening occupational, educational, and economic opportunities for many African Americans.

The Great Migration of African Americans out of the American south landed in northern cities where auto industry jobs were available and in adequate supply. In many cases, fathers fled first, while families followed.

From the 1930's until the 1950's hundreds of thousands of Black people followed their dreams of a better life. Within the auto industry, General Motors

was a beacon light not unlike the North Star by which their ancestors sought freedom from the shackles of economic exploitation. From the Great Depression to the riots of the 1960's, General Motors was there.

Since the early 1970's, well ahead of other companies, General Motors has gone the extra mile to make sure the American dream was achievable for all Americans, regardless of race or gender. In 1972, General Motors became the first auto company to launch minority dealer and minority supplier initiatives.

In 2008, despite a year of heavy cutbacks, General Motors employed more than 14,000 African Americans. It spent \$2.5 billion with people of color and women-owned suppliers in the United States and has a full-time manager focused exclusively on supplier diversity.

As the American taxpay-

ers and government contemplate its investment in General Motors and the auto industry right now, they should consider its impact not just on our past but also on our future.

In its viability plan presented to Congress, General Motors has laid out an aggressive, detailed plan of its global transformation. The plan includes creating a new sector high-tech green jobs that support a healthy and growing middle class; a massive investment in research and development of the technology and innovation that will carry America's economy into the future; and most importantly, a conservative path to profitably that includes a guaranteed return on taxpayers' investment in the company.

Many foreign competitors, including Toyota and others, have asked for and received financial assistance from their governments. The

United States needs to ensure that American auto manufacturers are not at a competitive disadvantage during this economic crisis.

If we fail to do that, we will allow other countries to reap the benefits the United States has had all these years of a thriving auto manufacturing base.

A federal loan to GM offers taxpayers something that Wall Street bailouts did not: transparency, accountability, and repayment in full. A taxpayer investment in GM is securitized up to 300%, and automakers are required to meet and are already meeting stringent milestones in terms of restructuring.

Such a loan would kindly lend itself to the viability of many African-American households who so desperately need income to sustain their families.

Gary L. Flowers is executive director & CEO of the Black Leadership Forum, Inc.

Are Poor, Minority Kids Unqualified for Academic Success?

(NNPA) - According to statewide 2008 standardized test results, minority students in Texas rank dead last in vital education subjects like math, science, reading and writing. Add to that the devastating effects of poverty, and the statistics paint a not-so-pretty picture of the state of many inner-city youth.

Take the Frazier Elementary School in South Dallas, for instance. Located adjacent to the city's worst housing projects, the student body is 98 percent poor and 100 percent minority. With a median annual household income of \$15,000 and 80 percent of the children residing in single-parent households, some assume the area's educational outlook would be bleak.

Not so. The test scores of Frazier students are in the highest percentile in the entire state of Texas, according to the Dallas Morning News. The school

has achieved an "exemplary" rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the past eight years. Just one mile away, Daniel "Chappie" James Learning Center was ranked North Texas' No. 1 school in 2005 by D Magazine. The same year, 12 other low-income schools in South Dallas were top-rated.

Fast-forward to 2009 and all of the schools that comprise the heart of South Dallas' District 9 are rated "exemplary," "recognized" or "academically acceptable." All are also comprised of "disadvantaged" youth-the TEA code for low-income students.

Two miles from Frazier and "Chappie," Lincoln High School boasts a graduation rate of 84 percent,

15 percentage points higher than the overall city. These schools continue to outperform wealthier suburban schools with no students below the poverty level.

"Poor kids can achieve. They've been doing it for years in South Dallas and it's time we shine a spotlight on what's working," said Ron Price, School Board Trustee for District 9.

Price and his colleagues assert that children's social behavior significantly impacts their education and reform begins in two areas: first behavior modification and then academic accountability.

This came to life in several core initiatives:

- Arbitration of gang

truce and pledge of safety

- The signing of a "Contract for Educational Excellence" by all 33 principals in District 9

- Civic and corporate support of employment programs

- Creation of strict codes of conduct, dress and alcohol-free school zones

- Increasing the presence of male teachers/mentors

- Developing peer groups of student leaders

- Rewarding teachers for classroom achievement

"Schools like this are the rule, not the exception," said Price. "Every child counts. You shouldn't have to be middle- or high-income to succeed."

Price is bringing this social and academic blueprint to other districts as a curriculum that can be implemented anywhere and everywhere. Visit www.youtube.com/everychildcounts2009 for all news reports.



TOPS Provides a Grocery List for Women's Nutrition Week

(NDG Wire) A, C, and D are not just letters of the alphabet. In nutritional terms, they're vital nutrients for women. Vitamins found in healthy food choices are just one way that women can meet their special nutritional needs throughout life.

Registered Dietitian Ann Ruelle, R.D., C.D.E., C.L.S.C., a certified diabetes educator, author, and nutrition consultant for TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), offers her list of "must have" grocery items for every woman just in time for National Women's Nutrition Week, April 5 through 11.

The Dietitian's Grocery List

What to eat - Folic Acid: Folic acid creates and maintains new cells, especially during childbearing years.

What to put in a grocery cart: Enriched breads; cereals; pastas; dry beans and peas; spinach, collard greens, and other green, leafy vegetables; and orange juice.

What to eat - Vitamin A: Vitamin A benefits vision and helps fight infections.

What to put in a grocery cart: Carrots, sweet potatoes, and spinach.

What to eat - Vitamin C: Vitamin C repairs bodily damage from daily stress, aches, and pains.

What to put in a grocery cart: Oranges, orange juice, red and green sweet peppers, and grapefruit.

What to eat - Vitamin D: Vitamin D helps create and maintain strong bones.

What to put in a grocery cart: Salmon, shrimp, and milk fortified with vitamin D. Consider a supplement, and discuss this with a physician.

What to eat - Calcium: Calcium builds strong bones and teeth and helps prevent debilitating fractures and osteoporosis in the future. Many females stop consuming dairy products in their early teens.

What to put in a grocery cart: Low-fat yogurt and milk, fortified cereals, and collard greens. Talk to a physician about taking a calcium supplement when menopause approaches; it can be more difficult for your body to absorb

at that stage.

What to eat - Iron: Iron assists with many body functions, but it is a difficult mineral for the body to absorb. Absorption can be increased by adding foods rich in Vitamin C.

What to put in a grocery cart: Lean cuts of beef round steak and bottom rump roast, fortified cooked cereals, lentils, soy, and spinach.

What to eat - Potassium: Potassium builds muscles at all stages of life.

What to put in your grocery cart: Sweet potatoes, white potatoes, halibut, banana, spinach, and oranges.

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the original, nonprofit weight-loss education and support organization, was founded more than 60 years ago to champion weight-loss support and success.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677 for more information.

Acute Health Issues at Home and Abroad

BY LARRY LUCAS

(NNPA) Millions of people around the world are dying from preventable and treatable conditions. Did you know a baby in sub-Saharan Africa is almost 520 times more likely to die from diarrhea than one born in Europe, according to the African Medical and Research Foundation?

Startling statistics like this emphasize just how much those in the developing world need access to better health care. This April leaders from around the globe will observe World Health Day and focus on the most pressing health issues impacting patients everywhere. In few places are health issues more acute than in the developing world.

When I visited Africa earlier this year, I was amazed to meet people who never had—and never will have—something as mundane as ice water because they have no access to the electricity needed to make ice. Access to any form of clean water – regardless of its temperature – is a struggle for too many people living in developing countries.

The World Health Organization reports that globally around 1 billion people lack access to improved water sources and 2.4 billion people have no basic sanitation. Clean water

is basic need for the health of all people.

A lack of proper refrigeration units in many developing countries also impacts health care; in many cases, even if the sick receive proper medications, drugs requiring refrigeration are useless if not stored properly.

That's why a year ago America's pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies joined others in the worldwide pharmaceutical industry to launch Global Health Progress, an initiative to bring research-based biopharmaceutical companies, global health leaders and policymakers together to build on current partnerships to improve health in the developing world.

We are working together to tackle the problem on several fronts. With certain areas having one physician per more than 20,000 residents, developing countries desperately need more doctors. These overwhelmed doctors need better training, and we are collaborating with governmental, intergovernmental and NGO partners to provide training for more than 220,000 health workers – equal to more than a third of Africa's total health workforce.

We are also aggressively researching and developing new lifesaving drugs and vaccines. According to the

Commission on Health Research for Development, less than 10 percent of health research investment is spent on diseases affecting 90 percent of the world. We have dedicated research and development centers worldwide and are currently developing 109 medicines to treat HIV/AIDS and related conditions.

Addressing global health issues is a significant undertaking, and we haven't shied away from our commitment. In just one year, research-based biopharmaceutical companies donated more than \$3 billion in medical products worldwide. And we cover more than 87 percent of all HIV/AIDS patients worldwide with our donated or discounted medicine programs.

Here at home, America's pharmaceutical research companies work with providers, pharmacists and patients to help ensure those struggling financially receive the prescriptions they need. We sponsor the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA), which has connected more than 5.5 million patients to programs providing free or nearly free medicines. For more information, call 1-888-4PPA-NOW or visit www.pparx.org.

Larry Lucas is a vice president for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).



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Senate Proposes 82.2 Billion for State Budget

BY: TESSA HOWINGTON

On Monday, March 30, the Texas House of Representatives passed its first bill of the session to the Senate.

House Bill (HB) 873, authored by various State Representatives, is aimed at bringing more of the entertainment industry business to Texas. The bill would ultimately enhance the Texas Moving Imaging Industry Incentive Program, created by the legislature in 2007, by adding another \$10 million to the program; the program provides cash grants and tax breaks for film projects in the state.

The goal of HB 873 is to strengthen Texas' economy by persuading more productions to film movies and TV programming in Texas – generating revenue, providing jobs, and encouraging tourism.

Health care was also on the House agenda last week. Representative Armando Martinez presented three bills to the Public Health Committee on Tuesday, March 31. Combined his proposed bills would dra-

matically change the public health care system in Texas.

First, HB 1169 would renew Federally Qualified Health Center Incubator Program and amend the program to provide funding for clinics from the State Department of Health until federal funding arrives.

Martinez explained that, "Federal funds are extremely competitive and not always available exactly when a health center needs them, House Bill 1169 is a step in the right direction in correcting this problem."

Secondly, he presented HB 2881, also known as Texas Affordable Health Insurance Benefit Program. The Texas Affordable Health Insurance Benefit Program would expand some Medicaid services and the Texas Children's Health Insurance Plan to almost every Texan.

Representative Martinez presented his last bill, HB 2885, which would change the Board of Nursing's authority to revoke an educational institution's licensing based on students' test scores. Currently, the Board

can withdraw a school's licensing if the pass rate of students taking the exam for the first time is less than 80%. HB 2885 would force the Board to also consider the pass rate of students taking the certification test for the second time.

The objective of HB 2885 is to encourage students by giving them another chance to pass their exams, keep qualified nursing schools open, and decrease the current nursing shortage in Texas.

As of Friday, April 3, all of Martinez's bills are pending in committee and scheduled for no further action.

The House Committee of Licensing and Administration passed HB 1299 on Thursday, April 2. HB 1299, by Representative Chris Turner, creates a Lotto scratch-off game to benefit the Permanent Fund for Veterans Assistance (PFVA).

The PFVA was created by the Legislature last session and is meant to help Texas' veterans with job placement, health care, and other financial services and support.

With the creation of a new scratch-off game, all proceeds from the sales would be deposited into the fund. It is estimated the PFVA would receive \$8 million dollars a year, except for the first year, where it would only receive \$5 million.

Additionally, implementing the scratch-off game created by HB 1299 would not impact the state's budget.

As of Friday, April 3, HB 1299 has not been scheduled to be reviewed by the House, but is expected to soon.

Also in Austin last week, the Senate heard many bills in committee and passed two bills to the House to be reviewed. Both passed bills deal with driving while intoxicated (DWI).

First, Senate Bill (SB) 261 by Senator Bob Deuell, would allow an officer to

demand a driver to take a blood alcohol test if suspected of drunk driving if the driver was involved in an accident with an injury, if a child is in the vehicle, if the driver has a felony conviction for intoxication, or had 2 prior DWI convictions.

Second, on Tuesday, March 31, SB 298 by Dallas Senator John Carona, was approved by the Senate. If adopted by the House, SB 298 would now allow Texas to have sobriety check points in areas with a history of frequent drunk driving arrests or accidents.

As of last Friday, neither bill has been scheduled to be heard by the House.

Also on Wednesday, April 1 the Senate approved its version of the state budget for the next two years.

The Senate proposes a budget of \$82.2 billion, a 7% increase from the current

budget, and includes \$11 billion in federal stimulus money. Two thirds of the budget, or about \$60 billion, would go to Health and Human Services, mostly Medicaid; \$52 billion to Public Education; \$1.5 billion to Higher Education, including an additional \$134 million in financial aid; \$2.25 billion to technology grants, \$1.6 billion to transportation construction, and \$500 million to workforce training.

The Senate's budget will now be sent to the House for review. The House has not finalized their version, but is expected to do so sometime in April, with a final budget, approved by both the House and the Senate, anticipated by the end of May.

This week in Austin, more committee meetings are scheduled for the House and the Senate.

Plano gets DART fare and service change meeting

(NDG Wire) Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has added Plano to its list of community meetings being held on fare and service changes.

The meeting on April 13 will be the twelfth by DART since March 30 and is for customers, residents and interested individuals in the city of Plano.

Public comments will be taken starting at 6:30 p.m., City of Plano Municipal Center - Training Room A, 1520 K. Ave., 75074 (MAPSCO 659S).

Information about the fare change and service change is available at www.DART.org, on buses and trains, and at transit centers. For more information about the hearing or community meetings con-

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Collin College Launches New, Improved Website

(NDG Wire) Collin College debuted a new look for its website today at www.ccccd.edu. The facelift includes changes in navigation, design and branding to create a user-friendly web experience for prospective students, parents and college supporters.

Users of the renovated website will find new sections showcasing an

alumni gallery, feature stories, animated homepage vignettes, videos, podcasts, a catalog archive, and more.

The college introduced CougarWeb, a one-stop portal available 24/7 in which students view and register for classes, pay tuition, check financial aid awards, access their email and communicate with classmates and professors.

The launch of CougarWeb, which addresses the needs of current students, made it possible for the college to redesign its public website for additional audiences.

CougarWeb is also used by college faculty and staff for information on benefits, payroll and important announcements.

Some web pages will relocate to CougarWeb,

particularly links for current students and employees. A handy "Where to Find?" guide is posted on the homepage and directs website visitors to the new location of popular topics.

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Richland College presents Carnival of Steel 2009, April 18

(NDG Wire) Feel "da riddim" with the sixth annual Richland College Carnival of Steel on April 18.

Hear steel bands and steel drum performers from all over the world including renowned guest artists Shelly Irvine and Jose Aponte. The festival includes steel drum and drum set clinics as well as a Caribbean cultural presentation by Chris John.

Sample a variety of Caribbean food and clothing from the many vendors at the Carnival of Steel. Sway to the sounds of steel drum bands, world jazz groups, and drumming ensembles who will play outdoors all day.

The festival culminates with the evening guest artist concert on stage in Fannin Performance Hall featuring the Richland College Steel Band directed by Derrick

Logozzo.

The morning performance (11 a.m. outside Fannin Performance Hall) is free. The clinics are \$5 per person and the evening concert is \$10 per person.

Started in 2003, Carnival of Steel focuses on many genres of music played on the steel drum instruments including calypso, soca, classical, flamenco, jazz, rock, samba and salsa. Steel drum instruments were invented in the early 20th century in Trinidad and crafted from 55-gallon oil drums.

Richland College is located at 12800 Abrams Road in Dallas. For information, call 972-238-6254 or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/carnivalofsteel.

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"For many urban youth, going away to college isn't a viable option because scholarships typically cover tuition and fees only, but not room, board and living expenses. For Dallas ISD students to be able to live at home and still get a terrific education at our city's only public four-year institution will be truly impactful."

Education is Freedom is a nonprofit organization designed to eliminate the barriers to higher education and promote equality of opportunity in college attendance.

The program prepares middle and high school students for college by requiring that they maintain a strong grade point average, participate in Advanced Placement courses, minimize their absences and participate in other preparatory activities. In return, students receive guidance, mentor-

ing and assistance finding scholarships and financial support for their college careers.

Currently, Dallas ISD offers EIF Program services at three high schools - W.H. Adamson, North Dallas and James Madison High Schools - with plans to expand to an additional five Dallas ISD schools in the next several years. Recognizing that the earlier the "college seed" is planted in the minds of students the more likely they are to stay in school, graduate and go on to college, EIF has launched its drop-out prevention college-readiness programs in five middle schools: Billy E. Dade, Thomas A. Edison, Thomas J. Rusk, Alex W. Spence and Hector P. Garcia Middle Schools.

"Education is Freedom and the University of North Texas Dallas Campus share a common goal --

that of educating the young people of the DFW area and the larger North Texas region," said Vice Chancellor John Ellis Price, president designate of the future university.

"Now, as we partner together to help raise scholarship funds toward this effort, we will share a common task. This partnership will help us develop a culture of education in Dallas and a belief in the transformative power of education, and this investment now will pay substantial dividends in the future as we seek to raise the high school graduation and college-going rates in our area."

"This partnership is critically important because it removes many of the barriers that keep kids from attending college," said State Senator Royce West, an EIF Board Member. "It's a beneficial union for both groups --

EIF students will have exposure and access to a four-year college program, and the UNT Dallas Campus will see an enrollment boost from quality young people who've spent years preparing to succeed in college."

UNT Dallas Campus and EIF officials have committed to work together to raise the funding for the scholarship program.

For more information about the program or to make a donation, please contact Marti Howe, executive vice president of Education is Freedom, at 214-432-8355 or email mhowe@educationisfreedom.org. For more information on the UNT Dallas Campus, and the future UNT Dallas, contact Joseph Breshears, J.D., executive director of development, at 972-780-3617 or joe.breshears@unt.edu.

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DART Earns International Recognition

(NDG Wire) Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is being recognized the best transit agency in North, South and Central America at the annual MetroRail conference. The "Best Metro Americas" award was presented March 31.

DART was selected over transit properties in New York City, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Integration with other transit modes, customer service, value for money, safety and high performance standards were a few of the categories in which DART was judged. Event organizers said the awards were created, "to identify and reward those companies who have demonstrated an unparalleled ability to succeed and continually set standards of excellence."

Three Via for Mayor's Seat in Garland

(Garland City Press) Three Garland residents are running to be Mayor of Garland, while four Garland City Council members will be unopposed in the May 9, 2009 Municipal Election.

Incumbent Mayor Ronald E. Jones will run for his second term. Also running are Dino Quintanilla and Christopher Ott. Unopposed are: Preston Edwards, District 3; Barbara Chick, District 6; Rick Williams, District 7; and Darren Lathen, District 8. Eastfield College is hosting a forum for candidates running for Garland Mayor. Don Baynham, Associate Vice President for Outreach and Advancement at Eastfield College, will moderate the forum.

The forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at 7

p.m. in the Council Chamber of Garland City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street. The forum will also be broadcast live on CGTV, the City's government access cable channel. CGTV is available on Time Warner Cable channel 16, on Verizon FIOS TV channel 44 and is streamed live on the City's website at www.ci.garland.tx.us.

Garland citizens are invited to submit questions to be used during the forum. Questions may be submitted by April 10, 2009 online at www.ci.garland.tx.us, by email to scook@dccc.edu, or by fax to 972-860-8324 to the attention of Sharon Cook, Director of Marketing and Communications at Eastfield College. Please include "Garland City Council Forum" in the subject line of email and fax submissions.

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Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. This year's conference focused on Community Service and Fellowship. Throughout the weekend, the membership and guests were encouraged to donate school supplies to benefit Dallas area elementary schools. However, the highlight of the conference was the guest speaker, who also happens to be a member of the fraternity.

The Most Honorable Founder, Lonnie Spruill Jr., was honored during a public dinner was given in his honor. Founder Spruill is one of the 12 men that founded Iota Phi Theta Fraternity in 1963 at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD. Founder Spruill offered a few words to the crowd of both old and young individuals. "You all are my dream come true," Founder Spruill said referring to the sporadic growth of the fraternity. He also showed his gratitude for the achievements of those in the fraternity that share in the inspiring legacy of the organization.

After a barrage of photographers, autographs, and handshakes, Founder Spruill invited the younger members to his hotel suite to lecture them on being leaders and not resting on traditions. "He had a blast. Spruill is a firm believer in innovative ideas and positive change," stated Love.

Founder Spruill talked about the criticism that he and the other founders received from other Black organizations, "As far as we think we have come, we still haven't come to love our brother. We haven't learned to appreciate our individual or collective differences."

Due to the animosity other Black Greek organizations, Iota Phi Theta was denied admission into National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) after their incorporation in 1965. Instead, the organization was accepted by the predominately white Greek council, The North-

American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), during the early years of the fraternity. It wasn't until 1995 that Iota Phi Theta was inducted into the NPHC, signifying a great accomplishment for the Black Greek system.

The NPHC National President Jennifer M. Jones was in attendance at the

Founder's Appreciation Dinner. She presented Founder Spruill with a plaque in appreciation for his unrelenting service to the Black Greek Community. Jones said, "It took too long for this great fraternity of great men to be accepted into the Pan. It should have been done sooner."

Founder Spruill is one of three founders that are still fervently active in the organization. He continues to oversee Iota Phi Theta's national initiatives and also holds a position on the Advisory Committee that works with the Executive Board of the national fraternity.

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African American Republican Club of Collin County meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm (Doors will open at 6:30 pm) Collin County Republican Party Headquarters 8416 Stacy Road, McKinney Call Fred Moses at 972 618 7027 or fred@tes.com for more information.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm. At Reel Thing Catfish Cafe, 600 East Main Street - Suite A, Allen, TX 75002. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

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

Marriage Prep Class 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: Monthly workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and

grow their business. 4th Saturdays, 11AM-1PM, ReMarkable Affairs Cafe, 2727 LBJ Freeway, Suite 140, Dallas, \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members; \$5 off for early bird registration. Visit <http://nbwenorg.ning.com> for more information. **THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT** so register early!

Wit Women Conference Call join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7 pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

March 18 - April 18 Through Her Lens: Emerging Female Exhibit at Bath House Cultural Center, 521 East Lawther Drive, Dallas (214) 670-8749

March 18 - April 18 Plano Children's Theatre presents Disney's High School Musical 2 each weekend (no performances Easter weekend). Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door. Reservations strongly recommended. Theatre is located at 1301 Custer Road, Suite 706 in Plano. For tickets call (972) 422-2575.

March 27 - April 18 Closer performances are Thursday - Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors at www.EnterStageLeft.org. All performances will take place at Teatro Dallas, 1331 Record Crossing Rd. Dallas, TX 75235.

March 28 - October 25 The George Washington Carver: An Extraordinary Man With A Mighty Vision at The African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue, Historic Fair Park, Dallas, TX, 214 565-9026, \$5-Adults/\$2-Children www.aamdallas.org

April 10 The International Museum of Cultures, 7500 W. Camp Wisdom, Dallas, will host a Good Friday Observance at the Museum on Friday, April 10th at 2 p.m. A special music presentation will be followed by the presentation of the "Crucifixion" monologue by David Bates. The event is open and free to the public, call 972 708 7537.

April 11 The Bancroft Family Concerts present D'Drum at the Dallas Museum of Art in Horchow Auditorium at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas. Free. Fine Arts Chamber Players 214-520-2219 or www.fineartschamberplayers.org

April 12 The Dallas Symphony Orchestra: Easter Concert at Lee Park (3333 Lee Parkway in Dallas, TX) 3-4 pm 214-871-4000

April 14 Newsmakers Breakfast 7:30 - 9 a.m. Personal Finance Hosted by UT Dallas School of Management, visit www.insidetxbiz.com

April 16 Stars of Texas ... Racing Against the Odds 5:00 p.m., Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie. Call 1-888-DIABETES or email Roxann Pishnick at rpishnick@diabetes.org. Fundraiser for American Diabetes Association.

Community Services Department hosting open house event, "Get Connected McKinney!" 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Neighborhood, nonprofit, housing, business, and other community partners are invited at 314 S. Chestnut Street. Contact Micki Jobson at 972-547-2678 or Christine Lawton at 972-547-2663 for info.

April 16-May 9 Garland Civic Theater

season finale "Sweeney Todd" at the Granville Arts Center. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 23, 30 & May 7 at 8:00 p.m. on April 17, 18, 24, 25, May 1, 2, 8, and 9. Matinees run April 19, 26, May 3 and May 9 beginning at 2:30 p.m. www.garlandcivictheatre.org

April 17 Health Yes! Preventive Screening for Stroke & Heart Disease 9AM-4PM Easy, affordable, non-invasive screenings for Stroke, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Artery Disease, Osteoporosis and Heart Disease. All screening results are reviewed by Austin-area, Board-Certified Radiologists and returned to patients within 4 business days. Screening Packages start at \$139.95. Pre-registration is required as appointments are limited. Reserve your spot by calling 1-886-718-0412 or by visiting online at www.HealthYes.com.

April 17 & May 15 Auctions for Police Impounded Vehicles are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the Garland City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce Street. All items will be sold for cash to the highest bidder without warranty or guarantees and are offered as is/where is. Call 972-205-2415 or the auctioneer's website at www.JoePippinAuctioneers.com.

April 18-19 African Cultural Festival 6 pm on Sat, 4 pm on Sun - \$10 UNT College of Music Concert Hall, 415 Avenue C in Denton 12th annual music festival featuring UNT ensembles and guest performers from Ghana.

April 18 EarthKind Plant Sale from 8AM - 3PM at 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX, contact Gregory Church Phone 972-548-4232, gtchurch@ag.tamu.edu or ccmgatx.org.

YMCA's Healthy Kids Day 9 a.m. to Noon at Plano Family YMCA - Legacy Park Visit www.planoyymca.org

3rd Annual Fiesta Latinoamericana! at the Amphitheater at Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway (across from Collin County Community College). \$1 per person. Food available for purchase, and coolers, lawn chairs and picnics are welcome. 972-661-2764 or <http://www.dfwinternational.org/FiestaLatinoamericana>

Live Green Expo 9AM-5PM Enjoy a free, family event encouraging environmentally friendly lifestyles. Drop off electronics, books and plastic bags for recycling! "Food Alley" with cooking demonstrations, local producers, organics and more. Call 972-816-9489 or visit www.livegreenexpo.net

City of Garland Home Buyer Workshop and a sustaining homeownership class from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at the City of Garland Unified Learning Center (COG-ULC), 232 Carver Drive. Call the Garland Fair Housing Office at 972-205-3300.

4th Emerging Women's Business Camp hosted By Joy Wallace, CEO, Joy Foods, Inc, in Dallas at 10 am at Dallas Executive Airport, www.bac5.org, 214/376-6530.

April 25 African Film Festival is part of the African Unity Festiva at SMU's Meadows School of the Arts, from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. Four films will be shown that represent multiple African nations and social issues, and will be presented in their original language, with English subtitles. Admission is FREE.

April 25 & May 16 The City of Garland's Environmental Waste Services Department is hosting a free Compost Gardening Class on Saturdays April 25 and May 16, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at 1434 Commerce Street. Limited to 50 participants, drawings will be held for eight compost bins. To register, call 972-205-3500.

April 27 - May 24 Sarah, Plain and Tall at the Kalita Humphreys Theater, located at 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd., at Blackburn St. Performance times are Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; and select Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Single ticket prices begin at \$16 and are available by calling the box office at 214.522.8499 www.dallastheatercenter.org

April 29 Collin County Christian Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM - 8:15 AM Keynote speaker will be Dr. Frank Lazarus, Pres., University of Dallas. Admission \$20 per person or \$200 for a table of 10. Price includes buffet breakfast. Call 214 757-7259, www.collinchristianprayerbreakfast.com

May 2 Africa Day 12 Noon to 6 pm - FREE at J. Erik Jonnson Central Library, 1515 Young Street in Dallas Interactive workshops for children, African arts and crafts, cultural booths.

May 4 Comerica Bank Collin 60 at the Marriott Legacy Town Center with VIP reception at 11 a.m. followed by luncheon: Noon-1:30 p.m. Visit www.ComericaCollin60.com

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FAMILY FEATURES

Raising Kids Who Give Back



10 young people who give their time have parents and siblings who also volunteer.

Major corporations are also lending a hand to encourage and support volunteerism by young people. One example is Build-A-Bear Workshop and its Huggable Heroes program, which recognizes young people between the ages of 7 and 18 who are giving back in their communities and

ing opportunities and leadership training.

"Kids today are very aware of what's going on in the world and want to make a difference and we wanted to create a program that recognized their worthy efforts — large and small," said Maxine Clark, founder and chief executive bear at Build-A-Bear Workshop. "We've found that the first step is often as simple as identifying a problem and taking action to resolve it." And it doesn't always have to be about raising money.

Whether it's deciding to collect suitcases to give to foster children after seeing them carrying their belongings in a trash bag, or working to assemble packs filled with goodies and school supplies to send to children whose lives have been torn apart by a natural disaster, kids are finding creative ways to solve problems.

These are just a few real world examples of young people making a tremendous difference in the lives of others. Here are some easy ways to help your children put their feelings into action and develop a

lifestyle of caring.

Let them choose a cause.

Children are more likely to stay with something they are really interested in. Whether it's working with animals, bettering the

a certain amount to support a specific cause.

Keep a big jar on the kitchen counter so that everyone can drop in their spare change and parts of monthly allowances to help

cy initiatives, or children's health and wellness programs.

There are thousands of young people taking action and making a difference every day. Some of them

There's a saying that charity begins at home. And when it comes to raising children to be generous, giving people, that expression is quite literally true.

Schools, clubs, religious organizations, nonprofit organizations and civic groups often involve students in fundraising efforts or donation drives, but the best way to raise caring kids is to be a caring role model at home. When it comes to volunteering or donating money, for example, children are more likely to follow their parents' lead. The Corporation for National and Community Service says that nearly nine out of

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young people
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also volunteer.*

beyond, and rewards them with scholarships, charitable contributions, network-



environment, reading, the arts or sports, help them find volunteer areas that they'll enjoy. Does your teenage son love soccer? Perhaps he can coach a team of underprivileged kids. Does your daughter love animals? Maybe she can start a drive to raise funds and supplies for a local rescue shelter.

Make it a family affair.

Doing something together can bring the whole family closer together.

—Volunteer as a family to rake the neighbor's yard, help sort food at a food bank, or set up a lemonade stand or a bake sale to raise money for a cause your family is passionate about.

—Sponsor a child through an international organization that provides clothing, food and education for children. Your family will get pictures and updates about that child, and you can take turns writing him or her letters.

—Set a family fundraising goal for the year. Decide as a family to raise

meet that goal. At the end of the year, count it all up and turn it in together.

Get others involved.

—A growing number of children are engaging their friends in charity work by turning birthday parties into opportunities to serve. Instead of everyone bringing presents, they bring a toy to donate to children in need or new clothing for a homeless shelter. Everyone still has a great time with games and cake, and they feel great knowing they've helped someone else.

—Another fun way to let kids help other kids is to host a charity bear-making party. Schedule a birthday party at a Build-A-Bear Workshop store with the goal of having the children make special animals that they will donate to a children's hospital.

To make the giving even more special, they can make one of several stuffed animals that give back — sales support animal shelters nationwide, the World Wildlife Fund, First Book and other children's litera-

receive recognition but the best reward they get is seeing how they're making their world a better place.

Actions speak louder than words. Help your kids make a difference by taking action today.

To find out more about the Huggable Heroes program visit www.buildabear.com/huggableheroes.

Think Locally

There are opportunities to help in your own community. As a family, do some online research and make some phone calls to find out what local groups need and how your family can help.

—Hospitals: toys and art supplies for children

—Senior centers: cards and artwork to brighten up rooms, hugs to brighten up someone's day

—Food banks: Call and find out what items they need the most.

—Schools and libraries: Some inner city children don't have access to many books. Find out if a book drive will help in your area.



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Dallas Black Dance Theatre II Spring Fiesta Performance Series

(NDG Wire) Dallas Black Dance Theatre II (DBDT), the second performance company of the DBDT takes over the Latino Cultural Center April 23-25, 2009 with Spring Fiesta sponsored by Macy's Foundation. This self-produced series spotlights Dallas Black Dance

Theatre's second performance company in a showcase of sleek professionalism.

THE ENGAGING DANCERS of DBDT II continue their trademark versatility and style, performing repertory works of nationally renowned choreographers. "Our second

company will surely bring you to your feet. You will not be disappointed with their raw and passionate exuberance," says Ann Williams, Founder/Artistic Director of DBDT.

The Spring Fiesta will feature, *The Sisterhood*, an excerpt from a full body of work entitled, *Women Hold*

Up Half the Sky, honoring spiritual kinship amongst all women choreographed by Jacqueline Lockhart. Sliver, a performance choreographed by DBDT II Director, Allyne D. Gartell, consist of parts of a whole, but when placed together creates a new portrait every time. "Each year these

thriving professionals captivate audiences during the Spring Fiesta," says Ann Williams, Founder/Artistic Director.

As a noted host and venue for various expressions of the visual, musical, and performing arts, The Latino Cultural Center provides DBDT II an excellent

stage to express themselves. Audiences at the Latino Cultural Center will feel the power of the DBDT II as they bring to life six breathtaking performances.

Located at 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, the Latino Cultural Center will showcase the DBDT II at 7:30 p.m. April 24 and 25.

Feature Documentary *Black Mold Exposure* World Premiere

(NDG Wire) *Black Mold Exposure* follows Michael Roland Williams, filmmaker, and his girlfriend Karen Noseff, founder of Fortune Denim, in their struggle to regain their livelihood and well-being after unknowing exposure to high levels of various molds that infested Karen's apartment in Dallas. The documentary delves into the lives of many as it explores the controversial mold issue.

Black Mold Exposure will premiere at Landmark's Magnolia theatre in Dallas, April 14, which they are calling a "Black Carpet" event instead of the proverbial red carpet. The documentary is a first-ever look into the lives of individuals claiming to be ill from toxic mold and the controversial and volatile climate surrounding it.

Karen was forced to drop out of her second year of

law school at Southern Methodist University's Dedman school of Law in Dallas, because she was unable to attend due to her health. Unable to work or attend school at the time, she developed Fortune Denim, a premium denim line adorned by many Hollywood celebrities (www.fortunedenim.com).

A growing number of people from all ages and walks of life claim mold made them ill while physicians, law-makers and medical associations dispute the validity of these claims. Most of the symptoms of those claiming illness from mold can be caused by, and diagnosed as, any number of other illnesses. There are no standardized methods to measure what molds, at what exposure levels, over what period of time, might cause any given per-

son to become ill. *Black Mold Exposure* explores the bizarre illnesses associated with exposure to toxic mold and the film participants' impossible task of regaining their health and lives in an atmosphere of political and social intolerance and disbelief.

"There's a lot of controversy surrounding mold and whether it can cause illness. There's a lot of people, including experts and people in the general public, that think mold can't cause illness," Michael said. "It made me and Karen allergic to the entire world, even indoors."

Screenings of *Black Mold Exposure* are scheduled for April 21, 22 in Dallas, TX. For more information on the upcoming release of *Black Mold Exposure* visit www.blackmoldexposuremovie.com.

TV One To Premiere Trumpet Awards Honoring African American Achievement Easter Sunday, April 12

17th annual awards show honors Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Raven Symoné, Chris Tucker, Tuskegee Airmen, TV One CEO Johnathan Rodgers, Pastor Paula White, Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington and Dr. Alvin Crawford,--

(NDG Wire) One will premiere the 17th Annual Trumpet Awards, hosted by The View's Sherri Shepherd and comedian, actor Anthony Anderson on Sunday, April 12 from 7-9 PM, repeating from 11PM-1AM. The 17th Annual Trumpet Awards from Atlanta will also re-air on Friday, April 17 at 9 PM.

The Trumpet Awards were created in 1993 to honor African-American achievement in diverse fields such as law, religion, politics, public service, sports and entertainment. The annual Trumpet Awards acknowledge the accomplishments of men and women who have significantly contributed to enhancing the quality of life for all...individuals and/or groups who augment the richness of society by promoting the cause of justice and equality of all.

The 17th annual Trumpet Awards were presented during a gala event in Atlanta earli-

er this year. Honorees for the 2009 Trumpet Awards included: Dr. Alvin Crawford, Medicine; Raven-Symoné, the Pinnacle Award; Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the Living Legend Award; Pastor Paula White, the Humanitarian Award; Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington, Law; entrepreneur and Roberts Companies Chief Executive Officer Michael Roberts, Business; TV One President and Chef Executive Officer Johnathan Rodgers, Corporate; Chris Tucker, Entertainment; and Tuskegee Airmen, Heroes.

Presenters for the Trumpet Awards include Tom Joyner, Roland Martin, Holly Robinson Peete, Louis Gossett, Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, Judge Karen Bass, Gloria Allred, Lisa Leslie, Teresa Hairston, Dr. Ian Smith, and Fredricka Whitfield.

Performers during the evening include En Vogue, Keyshia Cole, Regina Belle and Teena Marie.



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Collin County Real Estate Market Improves in February

(NDG Wire) February saw an improvement in the real estate market of Collin County and surrounding areas, reports the Collin County Association of Realtors (CCAR). Closed sales increased by more than 34 percent over

January, and the median sales price was seven percent higher in February (\$167,250), than in January (\$156,200).

The CCAR Pulse, which delves into the real estate markets of 36 local communities, reports that the aver-

age time a house was on the market in February was 111 days, down from 113 days a year ago.

"The good news isn't just for sellers; local buyers have a great opportunity right now. Because interest rates are at historic lows and

the median family income is 158 percent of what is needed to qualify for the median priced house, the average buyer will be able to find a nice home at an affordable price," notes Steve Haid, CCAR member services director.

The overall inventory of available homes on the local market remains balanced at 5.9 months. However, there is an undersupply of houses priced below \$200,000 and an oversupply of homes priced above \$500,000.

"The North Texas real estate market is much healthier than in most other parts of the country. It is encouraging to see that real estate activity improved in February and we anticipate continued improvement in March," says Haid.

Comptroller Reminds Businesses of April 15 Deadline for Filing Property Tax Renditions

(NDG Wire) Texas Comptroller Susan Combs wants to remind Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2009. Appraisal districts may use the information to set property values.

"Rendition helps county appraisal districts appraise business property fairly and accurately," Combs said. "If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, it places a greater tax burden on other business owners and homeowners."

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's

equipment used for farming.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the May 15 deadline if necessary.

Combs also reminded owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year that they may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2009.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from the appraisal district or the Comptroller's

office. The rendition forms ask for the property owner's name and address, general description of property by type or category and the property's location. For property with an aggregate total of more than \$20,000, the property owner also must provide a general estimate of quantity of inventory and the owner's good faith estimate of the property's market value. The owner may provide the historical cost when new and the year the property was acquired rather than the good faith estimate.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, e-mail the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at ptad.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us or call the property tax hotline at (800) 252-9121. The Comptroller's forms are available on the Web at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html.

Is It Possible to Get More Work Done In Less Time?

Business Expert Reveals 4 Tips That Will Make Order Out of Chaos

(NDG Wire) There's one guy like this in every office.

His desk is always clean, he can always find what he's looking for, his computer desktop has folders for all of his files and he always knows what's on his schedule. And, except for his boss, everyone else in the office would like to Fed Ex him to Siberia.

The reason we all hate that guy is because we all secretly wish we could be him, according to Sam Carpenter, author of *Work the System: The Simple Mechanics of Making More and Working Less* from Greenleaf Book Group Press (www.workthesystem.com).

"He drives us crazy, only because we don't know how he does it," Carpenter said. "The thing is, we can be like him – even better – if we simply adjust some of our primary assumptions about how we work. If we can look at our business lives from a slightly different perspective, it will not only get us organized, but enable us to

get more done in less time."

- Stop "doing the work" – The reason a successful business owner or department manager can work a few hours a week, or take an extended vacation without stress, is because he or she has created systems, implemented written procedures, and has learned to delegate. Successful people don't work harder; they work smarter, so focus on what needs to be done to make your business grow. Automate or delegate the rest.

- Use your "prime" time wisely – Understand this: "Biological prime time" is when your brainpower is at peak capacity. People function at maximum effectiveness only about six hours out of a twenty four-hour day. It is important to determine precisely when your personal prime time occurs, and then use that time period wisely. Six hours each day is not much, so, presuming you wish to reach your goals sooner rather than later, it is

best you perform the tasks that contribute most to your success during your prime time hours, and that you protect those hours from interruption.

- Create written documentation – More than 50 percent of small businesses fail in the first year, and 80 percent fail within the first 5 years, according to the U.S. Small Business Association. Boring but true, the single, major difference between a small, floundering company and a large, successful company is this: The large, successful business employs documentation. It's a simple equation: Documented procedures equal freedom and profit. If you already own a small business, and you don't have documentation, carve out time today, sit down, and develop a Strategic Objective for your business. It's like a mission statement, but punchier and more specific.

Next, move on to your General Operating Principles, a 2-4 page collection of

"guidelines for decision-making." Third, you need written Working Procedures – instructions describing how the individual systems of the company or the job are to operate.

- Eliminate Mole-whacking – If you own a business, your mission is to work hard but not long, to reduce the workweek by 95 percent, and to make more money than you require. If you have a job, the goal is to quickly ascend the management ranks until you can call your own shots. But no matter what your situation, if you are going to work, then work! Turn the radio off, get your feet off the desk, stop the pointless babbling with a coworker, and put your head down. Get in, do the work, and get out. Suggest polite ways for keeping a conversation moving along, especially if a long-winded coworker comes into your office for a "quick question," then starts recapping last night's episode of *American Idol* from start to finish.

And, what about staff meetings? Are they a waste of time? Yes, if you don't have an agenda.

"Focus and concentration are enhanced, work gets

done faster and productivity soars when we can adjust what we do and how we do it to a new perspective that cuts the fat out of our work day," Carpenter added.

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Southern Bible Institute Celebrates Legacy of 82 years

(NDG Wire) Southern Bible Institute celebrates 82 years of building foundations for hundreds of churches and ministries May 1 and 3, 2009 in Dallas, Texas. The celebration is two-fold. On Friday May 1st there will be a Gala Banquet starting at 7:00 PM at the Hilton Anatole Hotel 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas. On Sunday May 3rd a student graduation ceremony will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 3:00 PM at 301 W. Sanford Street in Arlington, Texas.

The Gala Banquet on

May 1st will feature guest speaker Reverend C.B.T. Smith. Rev. Smith is the Pastor Emeritus to Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, where he was pastor for more than 44 years. He held offices in district, state and national religious organizations. Rev. Smith will speak on the theme "The Power of One."

Southern Bible Institute (SBI) will also honor some 30 pastors at the gala. "These pastors have supported the legacy of Southern Bible over the years while working 24/7

for their church and community," said Dr. Martin Hawkins, President of Southern Bible Institute. "They have seen the value of not only supporting SBI financially but also sending hundreds of men and women who have been called into ministry to study the bible at SBI."

Beverly Crawford is the guest psalmist for the evening. She is the First Lady of the Gainesville Family Worship Center in Gainesville, Florida.

Dr. Haddon Robinson is the guest speaker for the graduation ceremony on

May 3rd. Dr. Robinson is the Senior Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. A Baylor University poll named him one of the "12 Most Effective Preachers in the English Speaking World."

Southern Bible Institute is not only a legacy in the religious community it has become a tradition in some religious families. Five members the Reverend George W. Pryor family are graduates of Southern Bible Institute. Rev. Pryor was attending SBI in 1964 when

he started New Birth Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. "I have sent 120 sons in the ministry to Southern Bible over the years," said Rev. Pryor. "It has a legacy for raising up preachers and ministry leaders by providing excellent biblical truth and interpretation of the bible." Rev. Pryor's two sons graduated from SBI; Rev. Darrell W. Pryor, pastor of the New Covenant Baptist Church in DeSoto and Rev. Michael D. Pryor, pastor of the Third Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas; as well as George's wife, Alma Jewell

Pryor who built the children's ministry at New Birth and his daughter Pamela Pryor Myers who is the musician for the JI and Angels choirs at New Birth. "Southern Bible Institute gave me the biblical training I needed to counsel, teach and shepherd the flock in my church so our church could continue to grow numerically, financially and spiritually," said Rev. Michael Pryor.

For more information on the SBI 82nd anniversary celebration call 972-224-5481 ext. 223 or visit www.southernbible.org.

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address their needs. The physical facilities and institutional policies are often designed to address a male population.

When I worked for the New York Police Dept., I headed a group that looked at the integration of female police officers into the department. We found that the precincts were built with no female showers, locker spaces and bathrooms; there was no pregnancy policy; and no accommodations were made for officers with children.

Similarly, the female prison facilities tend to be designed by males for a smaller female population. Maximum security inmates are housed with nonviolent offenders; and in the older jails female detainees are confined to spaces that were not designed to accommodate the special needs of females.

The unique social needs of female inmates often are not addressed in prison policies and programs. The cost of incarcerating a female tends to be higher because convicted females are more likely to have dependent children, and female

inmates are more likely to need mental health services.

It has been estimated that over sixty percent of incarcerated Black females have dependent children. Many of these children have to receive governmental assistance after their mother is imprisoned.

Many Black female inmates were victims of abuse as a child and/or as an adult. The history of abuse contributes to the need for mental health services, which may not be available at the facility where they are incarcerated.

President Obama's agenda calls for support for ex-offenders, eliminating sentencing disparities between crack and powder-based cocaine, and expanding the use of drug courts. If implemented, these programs will help improve the plight of males and females who are caught up in the criminal justice system.

In addition, the agenda also calls for measures to reduce domestic violence and strengthen domestic violence legislation. A number of highly

publicized cases of Black female domestic abuse draw attention to the need for these measures.

There is, however, a need for additional policies and programs to target specific conditions and circumstances that directly affect females, especially Black females.

The President's agenda calls for job training, substance abuse and mental health counseling for ex-offenders. Similar programs are needed as crime prevention tools and for females in prison.

Job training at female prisons tends to prepare women for "female" jobs such as cosmetology and culinary arts, which is needed. But there is also a need for training that will prepare them for the new technology-driven jobs. Mental health counseling can help them prepare psychologically for what they will face in the job market after they are released.

One of the biggest needs relates to keeping mothers connected to their children. Studies have shown that the disconnection to a mother can lead to psychological scars to a child. The


female prison in many states is located in rural areas, creating challenges for family visits, especially for poor families and young children.

Most Black female inmates are from urban areas, and most are poor

or in the lower income category. Creating more community-based corrections programs can help incarcerated mothers remain connected to their children and can create more job opportunities for those inmates who

qualify for work outside the prison facility.

Elsie Scott, Ph.D., is the president and CEO of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and a contributor to Black Women's Roundtable, the sponsor of this series.



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April 15 Spring Career Fair at Mountain View College

(NDG Wire) Mountain View College will host a Spring Career Fair on April 15 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The event will be held on West campus located at 4849 West Illinois Ave. Dallas, TX 75211.

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The second tree looked at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to travel mighty waters and carry powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world."

The third tree looked at the valley below where busy men and women worked in town. "I don't want to leave the mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people look at me, they'll raise their eyes to Heaven and think of God. I'll be the tallest tree in the world."

Years passed; the rain came, the sun shone and the trees grew. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain. The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful, it's perfect for me." With a swing of his ax, the first tree fell.

"Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest, I shall hold a wonderful treasure!"

The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong, it's perfect for me." With the swing of his ax, the second tree fell. "Now I shall sail mighty waters," thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings."

The third tree's heart sink when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to Heaven. But the woodcutter never looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me," he muttered. With a swing of his ax, the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feed trough for animals. The tree was not covered with gold nor filled with treasures. She was coated with sawdust and filled with hay for farm animals. The second tree smiled when she was taken to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead the once strong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and weak to sail an ocean, or even a river; instead she was taken to a

lake. The third tree was confused when the last woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard.

Many days and nights passed; then one night, starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feeding trough. Suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the boat quietly sailed on the lake. Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The tree shuddered; she knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through the storm; the tired man was awakened. He stood up and said, "Peace, be still!" The storm stopped as quickly as



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it had begun.

And the second tree knew he was carrying the King of kings.

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hand to her; she felt ugly, harsh and cruel. But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything. It had made the third tree strong. And every time people thought of the third

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 (972) 625-8186
 website: www.fbc-online.net

Schedule of Services:
Sunday
 Early Morning Worship-8:00 a.m.
 Sunday School Classes-9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday
 Early Bird Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
 Morning Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
 Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

"The Church with a Vision"

Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

Easter Activities 2009

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK (FIRST CHURCH): First Church and New Mount Zion Baptist Church will celebrate Sunrise Service @ 9550 Shepard Road, Dallas Texas, Dr. R. E. Price, Senior Pastor, 6 am Sunday morning. Easter Morning Worship, 10 am; Easter Speeches in the Chapel, 9 am and Egg Hunt after Worship Service. Dr. Gregory Foster, Senior Pastor and Rev. Anthony Foster, Pastor, 300 Phillips Street in Richardson.

FRIENDSHIP BAP-

TIST CHURCH, THE COLONY: Easter Program Reception, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Dr. C. Paul McBride, Senior Pastor, 4396 Main Street in The Colony.

TEMPLE OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CME: First Annual Resurrection Revival, It's Time for a New Thing, Isaiah 43:19 featuring Rev. Dr. Jamal Bryant of Baltimore's Empowerment Temple; Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram Episcopal Supervisor Tenth Episcopal District and Rev. Marcus King, Senior Pastor, Johnson Chapel

Community Church of Desoto. April 13-15, 7 to 9 pm. Dr. Jerome McNeil, Senior Pastor, 14120 Noel Road in Dallas.

WORD OF LIFE COGIC: Good Friday Worship Service, 7:30 pm and Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10:30 am,

with Easter Activities immediately following.

There will be two bounce houses, an egg hunt, and a Resurrection Presentation. Elder Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor, 2765 Trinity Mills Road @ March Lane, Suite 200 in Carrollton.



COMING SOON TO ALLEN | ON APRIL 12, 2009

ROCKBRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH

200 W. Belmont | Allen, TX 75013
FBCA Campus
214.263.8590 | www.RockBridgeBC.com

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.
"Bridging the gap between God and man through Jesus Christ"



Senior Pastor, Timothy Jones
& First Lady, LaTonya Jones



Dr. Leslie W. Smith,
Senior Pastor

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

"A Spiritual Oasis for a Thirsty World" Isaiah 55:1

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:
8:00 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM

972-437-3493

1010-1020 South Sherman Street • Richardson, TX 75081
www.ndcbf.org

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

Sunday Service
Morning Worship
7:30 am & 10:30 am
9:00 am Sunday School

Monday Service
Men's Ministry 7:00 pm
Women's Ministry 7:00 pm
Young Adult Ministry 7:00 pm

Wednesday Service
Intercessory Prayer 6:15 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm



Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr.
Senior Pastor

A Praying Church Family
"Watchmen on the Walls"

214-341-6459 (Phone) • 214-342-8403 (Fax)
9550 Shepard Road
Dallas, TX 75243

www.nmzb.org (Website) • newmzb@aol.com (Email)



Ramon Hodridge, Minister

Avenue F Church of Christ

1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074
972-423-8833

www.avefchurchofchrist.org

Early Sunday Morning.....8:00 am
Sunday Bible Class.....9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45 am
Evening Worship.....3:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 pm

Radio Program @ 7:30 am on
KHVN 970 AM Sunday Mornings

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church



Pastor Rickie G. Reed

7710 S. Westmoreland Rd.
Dallas Texas 75237
Phone: 972-572-4262 Fax: 972-709-3888

Sunday Services: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm.
Monday School 7pm
Men's Fellowship: Friday 7:00pm

Website: www.ibccjoy.org

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

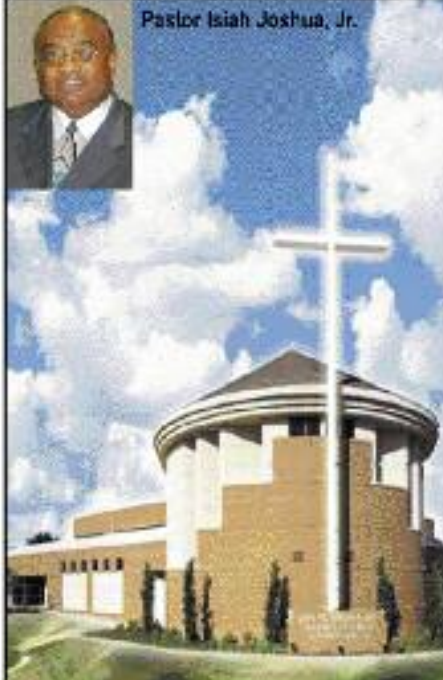
920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX

Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.



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Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM

Sunday	9:45AM Sunday School
Monday	7PM Youth, Brotherhood, Mission & Young Adult Ministries
Tuesday	7PM Bible Study & Men's Choir
Wednesday	7PM Mid-Week Service
Thursday	7PM Mass Choir

For more information call (972) 423-6695
www.shilohbaptistchurch.org

Worship Services
7:30am & 10:30am

Sunday School
9:30 am

Wednesday
Night Service
8:00 pm

Dr. Gregory Foster Senior Pastor

Rev. Anthony Foster Pastor

Our Mission
To fulfill The Great Commission until Christ comes.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK
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Weekly 30 minute broadcasts, each Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 4pm

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church

1308 Wilcox Street, McKinney TX
Pastor Charles S. Wattley

Sunday
Education Ministries - 9:30 a.m. • Worship Celebration - 11:00 am.
- Nursery Facilities Available -

Wednesday Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus
For More Information Call 972.542.6178
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