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The African American Museum Campaign for the Next Generation

BY IVY CARTER, MBA

The African American Museum's 35th Anniversary Celebration Gala is set for Saturday, May 1 at the Sheraton Hotel, 400 N. Olive St. in downtown Dallas.

The fabulous gala and

silent auction serves as a fundraiser to maintain and expand the museum and its offerings to education through significant programs, workshops, lectures and other educational services that will facilitate awareness and understand-

ing of African American history and culture. The Museum's Gala has become a celebratory benchmark of glamour, class and culture in its delivery of fine dining, and top celebrity talent. Past talent includes The

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Youth Summit in Irving this weekend

(NDG WIRE) The B.I.G. D.O.G.S. (Believing in God Depending on God's Strength) Youth Organization is hosting a Youth Summit in Irving at MacArthur High School on Saturday, April 24.

B.I.G. D.O.G.S. was formed with the principals of community and youth involvement. Plato said "A

need or problem encourages creative efforts to meet the need or solve the problem."

They recognized a need in the community impacting the youth, so B.I.G. D.O.G.S. Youth Organization members rolled up their sleeves and got in-

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The free Irving Youth Summit to be held April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is endorsed by IISD Athletic Department

Garland recognized as a High Performing City

(NDG Wire) The City of Garland has been identified as a high-performing city in the State of Texas Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), and as a result, Garland is eligible for an increase in current grant fund allocation.

In early 2009, the City of Garland received a grant

from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) called the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The City of Garland also received funding from the State of Texas as part of a similar program (Texas NSP). The funding can only be used to acquire and remodel vacant, bank-

owned foreclosures, and can only be sold to owner-occupants.

On March 16, 2010, a representative from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs conducted a review of Garland's performance to date in the Texas NSP. The review found our program efforts

are accomplishing the program's goals, with all property acquisition funding either committed before the deadline or scheduled to be committed before the end of March. Consequently, the State housing representative recommended a 25% in-

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Most Valuable Player at the DTC:
The heroic story of Jackie Robinson

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The right challenges financial services reform

BY RON WALTERS

(NNPA) Get ready for the next fight as the President and the Democratic controlled Congress attempt to try and fix the mess that nearly brought down the entire economic system that has placed millions of people out of their houses, jobs, savings and etc. Republicans met with banking association representatives recently about the Financial Serv-

ices Bills working their way through the House and Senate and came away dedicated to defeating them any way they could.

The pain caused by the economic crisis finds most Americans favoring the need for financial services reform, but Republicans have turned on their message machine to

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Dee Sanderson

Ever dated or even married someone who was a

complete loser? Someone who had absolutely no am-



bitions or desires to do more than what they were doing? Well if you have or if you want to avoid that fate all together you should run to your nearest bookstore for the debut novel from Dee Sanderson entitled,

Cell 3116 or *How to Marry a Loser Without Even Trying* (2009).

Sanderson is a native of Queens, NY but studied communications at the University of Virginia. She was inspired to write her first semi-autobiography after being married to who she calls the wrong man.

Sanderson admits that she often gave great advice to her friends about what to do in their relationships but when it came to listening to her own advice or even listening to advice period she was reluctant.

Finally, after her divorce she decided to vent

and release the pain of a failed marriage, a marriage she knew wouldn't work from the beginning.

"It took me three months to write the book," Sanderson admits, "but the edits took over a year because I had to clean it up emotionally and learn to laugh from what I had allowed myself to go through."

Since the debut of *How to Marry a Loser Without Even Trying* she has received acknowledgements for being a new relationship expert and has landed a bi-monthly advice column with *Urban Report*.

Her advice assists men and women with understanding the signs of the wrong relationship. Women who has seen her title and read her book proclaim, 'I did that already,' while men ask me how to avoid dead-end relationships.

"Life is better than watching television shows with so-called relationship experts giving advice they have no actual connection to," offers Sanderson,

My book allows the readers to understand the signs, laugh, and think about their current situation. I also included a Family TMI which warns my fam-

ily of openly honest content."

The most exciting venture for Sanderson is the possibility of having *How to Marry a Loser* turned into a play. Until that venture is solidified Sanderson enjoys interviewing and giving advice to her fans via Facebook.com/howtomarryaloser,

Twitter @marryaloser and her website www.marryaloser.com. Sanderson encourages everyone to keep their eyes open and be honest with themselves about their relationships and who they are.

Dr. Rainer Schulte

The Polykarp Kusch Lecture Series continues its rich tradition of exploring "concerns of the lively mind" when Dr. Rainer Schulte speaks Friday, April 23, at 1 p.m. in the Eugene McDermott Library Auditorium on The University of Texas at Dallas campus.

Schulte is a professor in the School of Arts and Humanities at UT Dallas, and the director of the Center

for Translation Studies, which he established in 1978 to create and implement a new paradigm for teaching literature and the humanities and to promote cross-cultural communication. He is co-founder of the American Literary Translators Association (ALTA), whose national office also is at UT Dallas. He is also the editor of Translation Review, a journal dedicated to the critical

and scholarly aspects of translation studies promoting literary translation at other universities.

The following is a preview of his talk:

The topic of the Kusch lecture series is Concerns of the Lively Mind. How does Translation Studies fit into that?

"The translator has become the most important mediator in a globalized world. Translation builds bridges between languages and promotes dialogue with other cultures. Translation

teaches us that all acts of communication are acts of translation. When we read, when we look at paintings, when we listen to music – we translate these works into our own sensibility. The exchange of literary and philosophical ideas depends on the communication through translation."

Why is translation an important issue in today's society?

"Since we live in the 21st century, we cannot avoid interaction with other cultures. Each language has



a different way of interpreting the world, and for any kind of human understanding to take place between

cultures, we must learn the cultural and anthropological situations of other languages. It's also an important source of preservation: works of world literature are communicated and regenerated through the act of translation. The methods derived from the art and craft of translation provide the academic world with new ways of interpreting literary and humanistic texts."

"Translation studies ad-

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DeeAnn Blair

"If I had a million dollars I would not give up what I currently do for anything," says DeeAnn Blair, founder and owner of the Artisan Center Theatre in Hurst, TX, "but rather I would ensure those around me are able to do what they love to do and do it better."

That kind of passion cannot be duplicated or copied and it is what Blair possesses and brings to her staff and the actors who participate in over 10 main stage productions per year. DeeAnn moved to Texas in 1994 with hopes of starting a new theatric trend. Unfortunately her plans were continuously hindered by the various theatre houses she worked for over the years. After the years of rejection to start at interactive

theatre center Blair stepped out on her own and started the Artisan Center Theatre in 2003 with an opening performance of Steel Magnolias.

Since then Blair's Artisan Theater Center has garnered the attention with the notoriety of larger theatre companies such as Dallas Theatre Center and the like. Her unique vision to deliver quality and interactive performing arts solidified her relationship with Joe Brown of Texas Wesleyan University who has been called the Father of Theatre in Fort Worth and many others over the Artisan's seven year history. Blair has also been fortunate to receive the help of community volunteers and chair donations from Tarrant County Com-



munity College Northeast Campus.

The Artisan is a unique theatre company which offers visitors and actors the ability to interact with one another in a single room where a stage can be found in the center of the no more than 150 seats. The entire room is transformed to reflect the running production which captivates audiences of all ages. Blair is careful to ensure everyone has a chance to perform who auditions because she always selects a double cast for

each performance as acting hopefuls travel from all over the metropolitan areas and beyond.

Blair is the mother of seven children, two of which assist her with the operations of the Artisan Center Theatre. She has been acting for more than 20 years and loves producing family friendly productions. She also has a summer camp for children interested in the arts and a children's theatre called Artie's Playhouse with Saturday shows. She encourages all

lovers of the arts to visit the Artisan Center Theatre in Hurst, TX and reserve their seats online at www.arti-

sanct.com. Ticket prices are affordable starting at \$7.00 per person.

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The Paycheck Fairness Act: closing the wage gap for women

BY LINDA A. MERIC

On Tuesday, April 20, people across the nation will observe Equal Pay Day 2010 – representing the point when women's wages finally catch up to men's wages from last year. According to the most recent US Census Bureau statistics, women who work in full-time, year-round jobs earn, on average, 77 cents to every dollar earned by men working in full-time, year-round jobs.

For women of color, the wage gap is even wider. In 2008, the earnings for African American women were 67.9 percent of men's earnings and Latinas' earn-

ings were 58 percent of men's. As those pennies being lost add up, women and their families are being shortchanged thousands of dollars a year and hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of a lifetime.

Reaching pay equity means more now than ever before.

According to the Center for American Progress report, A Woman's Nation Changes Everything, women are now the breadwinner or co-breadwinner in two-thirds of all American families. With more women in the workforce, and more families reliant upon women's pay-

checks to make ends meet, it's clear to see how all of us – women and men – have such a huge stake in eliminating the wage gap.

The good news is that there is pending action that would positively impact the pay gap now. The Paycheck Fairness Act is federal legislation that passed the House last year. Now, the Senate is poised to take action and we must speak out.

Women were earning a mere 59 cents for every dollar a man earned when the Equal Pay Act was passed in 1963. Enforcement of the Equal Pay Act, and other civil rights laws, has helped

narrow the wage gap. But huge disparities remained. In 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act into law, helping ensure that victims of discrimination have fair access to the courts. But we're not there yet. Additional steps are needed.

One such step, the Paycheck Fairness Act, would close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act, enhance remedies, prohibit retaliation against workers who share wage information, and provide the government with new tools to monitor and address pay

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fight it. For example, a \$50 billion fund was put in the Senate version to have banks pay for their own bailout if they fail, rather than the U.S. Treasury.

You would think that is a good thing for those who faulted the government for bailing out the banks, but the Republicans have said that it insures future failures and bailouts because the money is there. They have also called the effort of the government to regulate banks that are "too big to fail" extending "more government intervention into the private sector."

The lack of regulation by Republicans created the crisis in the first place, but they don't seem to care if it happens again. It is interesting that the Tea Party folks who are supposed to be the ultimate fiscal conservatives are so mad at the government bank bailouts but they haven't turned on the Republicans. This is partly because the latest CBS News, New York Times poll says that they are Republicans and that they hold the Congress responsible for the crisis rather than George Bush. Call it what it is, a convenient dodge.

The same poll found that about 20 percent of Re-

publicans belong to the Tea Party and that nearly all dislike President Obama, many thinking that he is a Socialist, not born in this Country, and that he is building a big government, getting away from their idea of what America has been – and they want it back.

They also feel that too much attention has been given to problems facing blacks and that Obama's policies have favored blacks over whites. However, they must have been under a rock somewhere and couldn't hear the complaint of blacks who say that, in fact, he has not paid much attention to them and their needs. So, one wonders where these beliefs are coming from since, facts are not important.

These beliefs seem to be coming from a group that is largely over 45 years old, steeped in the values that privileged traditional white dominant race-relations in the past, carrying the large weight of a Southern resentment toward Blacks. This was hinted at by Governor Haley Barbour who was interviewed about Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell's proclamation of Confederate History Month that left out slavery.

Barbour's view was that this wasn't very important. This signals that these beliefs are coming from key leaders of the Republican party, helping to embolden and legitimize the rac-haters.

The fact is that just like the Health Care fight, the attitudes of the Right have little to do with the fine points of legislation they oppose, rather what they oppose is a government run by a black man. So, the fight takes place in coded messages like "smaller government." Well, The Wall Street Journal considers the extension of unemployment insurance to be "welfare" and Tea Partiers think it means the same thing as the old Aid to Families with Dependent Children they think still exists. The ignorance of this crowd makes it dangerous.

So, the fight over financial services will live up but don't forget that there is a Consumer Protection Agency in the new Bills that would protect Americans from unfair and deceptive practices from financial products. It would create a consumer hot-line and monitor rates that banks could charge on mortgage loans and credit cards, end-

ing secret fees charged by financial institutions and etc. This is a reason to keep one's eye on the ball and not be sucked into the trap laid by the arguments that will go on over other aspects of financial regulation.

Just like the Health Care fight, Republicans want Democrats to scrap the existing legislation and "start over" in order to achieve a "bi-partisan bill." But they have no intention of the sort; they want to kill financial regulations, deprive the administration of another win and nationalize the fall campaign. Already, we are hearing that they will create a new "Contract on America" similar to that Newt Gingrich and company used in the Republican revolution of 1994. This time, however, if enough people really understand that they could care less about resolving their problems, it may not work.

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Texas Round-Up Names 2010 'Fit Texans'

Fit Texans, Fit Teen and Fit Family will be honored in Austin

(NDG Wire) Texas Round-Up, a non-profit organization focused on improving the health of Texas, announces its Fit Texan winners: Glenda Crysup of Cedar Creek, Coni Jenkins of El Paso, Linda Thornton of Trinity, Phillip Wigginton of The Woodlands and Bridgette Wilson of Cedar Park. The organization also named Amy Beth Pyle of Pennington as Fit Teen and the von Kreisler Family of Austin as Fit Family.

The 'Fit' winners will be VIP guests and spokespeople at the 7th annual Texas Round-Up 10K-5K-Family Mile race and fitness festival, presented by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas on April 24, 2010 in Austin.

"An estimated 27 percent of Texas adults are

struggling with obesity," says Meredith Garcia, Texas Round-Up executive director. "We are proud of the achievements our Fit Texans have made and we want to acknowledge the commitment and efforts they took to improve their health."

In August 2009, Glenda Crysup weighed more than 340 pounds. It literally took her 'baby steps' before she could bend down to tie her own shoes, something she had not been able to do for 15 years.

Today, 180 pounds lighter, Glenda goes to the gym daily and has found the courage to pursue some of her lifelong dreams.

After suffering a heart attack in 2005, Coni Jenkins gained 100 pounds. During a routine trip to her doctor,

Coni learned that her high blood pressure had caused a rupture in the blood vessels of her eye. Within two years Coni has lost 82 pounds of her 100 pound goal.

At 370 pounds, Linda Thornton was miserable with a host of health problems like sleep apnea and diabetes. With some medical health, Linda was able to start exercising and learning to eat healthy. She's lost more than 200 pounds in three years. Life has never been better for Linda.

At 308 pounds, Phillip Wigginton did not want to start taking cholesterol medications at age 30. He decided to be proactive and improved his diet. He started an exercise routine. Today, he's an avid runner and 70 pounds lighter.

Bridgette Wilson was

heavy as a child and throughout adulthood she battled her weight. At different times in her life she was effective at losing a great amount of weight; but without fail, she would gain it back each time.

At a top weight of 213 pounds Bridgette made a lifestyle change that would impact the future of her family. She lost 90 pounds through proper eating and exercise. More than two years later, Bridgette has maintained her healthy lifestyle and has motivated her daughter and husband to eat well too.

Fit Teen Amy Beth Pyle decided not to wait to make a change. Already an honor student and leader at Trinity High School, Amy decided to make slimming down a priority. With better food

choices, and a host of school sports, Amy has lost 25 pounds.

Nick von Kreisler was always over-weight, even as a child. Within 10 months, Nick lost 95 pounds. Because of his success, his wife and four active boys are now conscious of food labels and food choices. Nick has kept his weight off for two years and stays active with his family.

The Fit Texans, Fit Family and Fit Teen will be recognized on Saturday, April 24th, at the 7th annual Texas Round-Up 10K-5K-Family Mile. This event includes 10K and 5K competitive races, as well as a Family Mile course for children and adults not quite ready for a 5K.

Before, during, and after the race, participants and

families can enjoy the fitness festival and the FitKids FunZone, which encourage families to make fitness and nutrition a priority in their lives through interactive demonstrations and activities for children, as well as giveaways and healthy program information for adults.

In 2004, Governor Rick Perry launched the Texas Round-Up statewide fitness initiative and 10K race to motivate and encourage Texans to become more active and incorporate healthy choices into their daily lives.

Today, Texas Round-Up is an independent not-for-profit organization working to improve the health of Texas through education and promotion of physical activity and healthy living.

Civil Rights Organizations urge end to separation of HIV-positive inmates

BY DOROTHY ROWLEY
SPECIAL TO THE NNPA FROM
THE AFRO-AMERICAN
NEWSPAPERS

(NNPA) The American Civil Liberties Union and the Human Rights Watch are calling on the state governments of South Carolina and Alabama to immediately end their practices of segregating prisoners infected with HIV.

In a new report entitled, "Sentenced to Stigma: Segregation of HIV-Positive Prisoners in Alabama and South Carolina" the two groups implore both states to end their policies of isolating such prisoners from the rest of their inmate pop-

ulations. The report claims that the practice, which only those two states currently employ, ostracizes HIV-positive inmates and prevents them from accessing resources freely available to their peers. Mississippi had also engaged in the isolation, but ended its longstanding practice last month after reviewing the report's findings. The change in that state now allows HIV-positive prisoners to participate in training programs and jobs like kitchen work.

Also, those prisoners do not have to risk public disclosure of their HIV status as a result of being housed in a separate unit.

"There is no medical or other justification for separating prisoners with HIV from the rest of the prison population," Megan McLe-more, an HRW health researcher, told Reuters. "Like past policies of racial segregation, segregating prisoners with HIV is discriminatory, and the harm it causes extends well beyond the person's prison term." According to the ACLU, prisoners housed in HIV units in South Carolina and Alabama must don arm-bands or other indicators of their HIV status. They are also forced to eat and, in some cases, worship separately from other prisoners.

The ACLU claimed that those inmates are being denied equal opportunities of prison jobs and programs which help facilitate smoother transitions for re-entry back into society.

Officials in both states insist that segregation is a necessity in order to provide medical care and to avoid further HIV transmission. That claim was rejected by the report, which cites findings of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicating that there is no medical basis for keeping individuals with the virus from kitchen or food-service employment.

The report claims that

the practice poses a threat to inmates' civil rights, and negatively impacts the states' budgets because of the higher cost of separately imprisoning inmates with HIV/AIDS rather than mixing them with the general population.

Paulette Nicholas, an HIV/AIDS educator who is

HIV-positive and served four years at Tutwiler Women's Prison in Alabama, told the Montgomery Advertiser that the isolation twice penalizes the infected inmates.

She said, "You should not be given a double-sentence because of your health."

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dress how works from other languages can be translated into English, how these translations can be evaluated, and how works from other languages can be understood through the act of translation."

What does the future hold for translation?

"Translation will have to play a major role in the future development of the humanities to build associative thinking, to build new ways of how to approach the interpretation of artistic texts, and provide audiences with tools to approach the interpretation

and the understanding of modern art works. We have to make sure that our society realizes that translation is the most fundamental way of communicating within the same culture and from one culture to another."

What's one thing you

hope people come away from your talk knowing that perhaps they didn't know before?

"The model of translation provides the contemporary audience with a tool to understand the sensibility of new artistic works."

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Teen Court Volunteers Honored

(NDG Wire) Irving Teen Court's adult and teen volunteers were honored with a recognition dinner at Pappasito's Cantina. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Jean Griffin Award of Merit to Michael Voss. The award is given annually to a graduating senior volunteer who has participated in the Teen Court program for at least one year. Voss, a senior at MacArthur High School, has participated in Teen Court since 2006. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in education.

Appreciation certificates were presented to all

participating teens; adult volunteers were given a certificate for their dedication to the program and 27 graduating seniors also were recognized. In addition, six students were honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award at the Bronze Level for giving 100 hours of service to the Teen Court program over the past year. They received a certificate and letter signed by President Barack Obama and a bronze lapel pin.

The students honored were Brian Dyer, Jessica Estrada, Rachael Frost, Muhammad Minhal, Jessica Munoz and Michael Voss.

Cousteau celebrates Earth Day at Collin College

(NDG Wire) To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Collin College will host Fabien Cousteau, grandson of Jacques Yves Cousteau, the influential ecologist and researcher. Cousteau will speak on issues affecting today's environment and the Earth at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 23, at Collin College's Central Park Campus conference center, 2200 W. University Drive

in McKinney. This event is free and open to the public.

Cousteau continues the family legacy by charting unexplored waters and the beautiful creatures that inhabit them.

For more information about this event, e-mail Professor Brett Burkett at bburkett@collin.edu or contact the college's Environmental Science Office at 972.548.6510.

Boomer Green Teams upcoming volunteer projects

(NDG Wire) Boomer Green Teams, a new program of The Senior Source targeted to environmentally conscious Baby Boomers, has volunteer projects scheduled for the following dates:

Saturday May 15, Saturday, May 22, and Wednesday, May 26

Saturday June 12, Saturday June 26, and Wednesday June 30.

The Boomer Green

Teams initial projects have focused on energy conservation —specifically, the introduction of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to area seniors to demonstrate their cost and energy efficiency.

Teams of volunteers go around the community into homes of low-income elderly and demonstrate to them how they can use

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Caldwell Elementary School to pilot Dual-Language Program

(NDG Wire) Kindergartners at Caldwell Elementary School will be the first group of McKinney ISD elementary students to be fully immersed in a dual-language program. The McKinney ISD Board of Trustees recently approved a dual-language program that will promote bilingualism for all incoming kindergartners at Caldwell Elementary School, adding a new grade level each year, and ultimately expanding to every grade level at the school. While the program was researched and recommended by administrators and teachers, the plan has been widely supported and lobbied for by parents at the school.

"The goal of the program is for all of our stu-

dents to become bilingual and bi-literate in English and Spanish," said Chris Clark, Caldwell Elementary School Principal.

Each class will be taught in English and Spanish on alternating days, and will follow the same curriculum and pace as the other elementary schools in the district. However, instruction will be enhanced with specific language objectives for each lesson, and reading and writing ability will be assessed in both Spanish and English for all students. The program will promote fluency in both English and Spanish by the time the students move on to middle school. Similar dual-language programs in Texas and in other states have

proven to be successful and research has shown that dual-language programs benefit the overall academic performance of both English and Spanish speaking students.

"Based upon research and the impact of the program in other districts, we are confident that we will improve the academic achievement of all students, while at the same time developing fluency in two languages," said Principal Clark. "I believe that a student who leaves 5th grade fluent in two languages will have advantages and opportunities that will impact them for the rest of their lives."

The pilot program has already sparked interest

from parents at other schools, and is expected to be expanded to other McKinney ISD schools in the future.

"The demand in our district for a true dual-language education already exceeds the supply," said Cody Cunningham, Assistant to the Superintendent for Communications. "We have been inundated with parent emails and calls expressing interest in the program."

McKinney ISD plans to allow student transfers to the school if space allows. School staff members are currently planning parent information sessions that will take place within the next month, and the dual-language program will begin this fall.

Remington College-Dallas Campus Receives "2009 School of the Year" Award from NAHP

School recognized for success in preparing students for healthcare careers

(NDG Wire) Remington College-Dallas Campus has been presented with the "2009 School of the Year" award from the National Association of Health Professionals (NAHP).

The NAHP provides healthcare certification testing and credentialing for more than 800 career colleges and schools throughout the U.S.

The group gave the award to the Remington College-Dallas Campus because its students had a 92% pass rate during 2009. 144 students received Certified Medical Assistant status after graduating.

"This award shows that the hard work done by our students and staff is paying off," said Skip Walls, Remington College-Dallas Campus President. "We've helped these students get started on their careers and provided local employers with qualified job applicants

in the healthcare field."


The students who received their Certified Medical Assistant status all graduated from the Remington College Medical Assisting Diploma Program. The program covers patient care, laboratory procedures, therapeutic care, medical insurance and bookkeeping and can be completed in as few as eight months.

Remington College-Dallas Campus offers several other degree and diploma programs, including:

- Business Administration
- Computer and Network Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology
- Medical Assisting
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Gospel & R&B Great Shirley Murdock to help launch Dallas' *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color*®

Kick Off Reception Set for May 6th at Magnolia Hotel

(NDG Wire) Dallas' first health guide targeting multicultural women is launching next month with a special kick off reception to introduce the premier publication to the Metro-

plex.

Girlfriends Night Out is the official launch party for the *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color*®, taking place from 5pm – 7pm, May 6 in the Pegasus Grand Ballroom at The Magnolia Hotel, 1401 Commerce St., in downtown Dallas.

Award-winning Gospel & R&B singer Shirley Murdock will share her inspiration through song for guests, including a

host of local celebrities, media and civic leaders. Attendees will dine on heavy hors d'oeuvres and be eligible to win plenty of giveaways, including designer shoes and a one-night deluxe suite stay at the beautiful Magnolia Hotel, plus receive a goodie bag packed with lots of surprises. Those interested in healthcare and awareness for 'women of color' are strongly encouraged to attend. There is no charge.

"This is exciting news," said Neil Foote, the Dallas publisher, who also owns a public relations firm and teaches university journalism. It's critically important for such a fast-growing multicultural market like Dallas to have a publication of this nature and a collaborative network to inform,

enlighten and empower."

The quarterly, pocket-sized *Girlfriends Health Guide for Women of Color*® in Dallas is the most recent to join the publication's network already in distribution in Milwaukee, Chicago and Atlanta. Matthew Johnson, founder and group publisher, says plans are in progress to launch *Girlfriends Health*®, which debuted in January 2007, in additional markets later this year.

"*Girlfriends* is more than just a publication, it's a network," Johnson said. "Dallas is a very important market to us and we're looking forward to growing this market, providing readers relevant content, and offering sponsors an opportunity to reach the coveted 'women of color' market."

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® *Circle of Promise* is partnering with *Girlfriends Health*® as the title sponsor to co-host a series of special events around the country, including health disparities conferences.

In the inaugural Dallas edition, readers will read how locals like:

- Y. Nicole Payseur left the high-powered, intense life of a New York attorney to refocus her life, her priorities on yoga and her inner peace.

- Monnica B. Lamb, a divorced mother of two, made drastic lifestyle changes after being diagnosed with high blood pressure.

- Rev. Etta East Anderson provides her story of survival after suffering a stroke while juggling the

care of her family, a ministry and a stressful job at a major accounting firm.

- LaShunda Rundles, a Lupus survivor and internationally renowned public speaker, gives her interpretation of *Forrest Gump*'s "life was like a box of chocolates" to her own life.

Readers will also find helpful tips on finances, "going green" and other stories to help "girlfriends" incorporate a balance of life, work and most importantly, health into their lives.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sandra K. Samuel, Word-Out Communications, at 214-549-5028 or email dallasgirlfriendshealthguide@gmail.com. Reservations are not required but highly recommended.



Tree Giveaway set for April 24

(NDG Wire) The Tree Power Free Tree" program teams Garland Power & Light with the Parks & Recreation Department to provide a free tree for Garland residents in an effort to conserve energy and beautify the community.

The "Tree Power Free Tree" program will start at 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 24 at the Haskell L. Roach

Garden Center, located in Winters Park, 1221 Spring Creek Drive. Staff will provide trees until 5 p.m., or until the supply of trees is gone. The supply is limited, so come early.

In order to receive your one free tree you must show you are Garland resident by providing a Texas drivers license with a Garland address or a City of Garland

utility bill. Participants will be directed to line up on the southbound lane of Spring Creek Drive next to Winters Softball Complex. One tree per residence please.

The trees are Shumard Red Oak, Chinquapin Oak, Bur Oak, and Live Oak, four to six feet tall. Planting and care instructions will be provided. For more information call 972-205-3588.

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energy – and save money – by making the switch to CFLs. A schedule of projects can also be found on The Senior Source web site at theseniorsource.org.

Boomer Green Teams connects boomers with volunteer projects throughout the community that address local environmental issues and positively impact Dallas' environmental health. Projects are designed around issues including energy conservation, recycling,

water conservation and quality, community



gardens, and clean air.

Boomer Green Teams is housed at The Senior Source's facility, a recently totally refurbished building and the first LEED certified human services nonprofit green building in the city of Dallas.

For information about Boomer Green Teams or about becoming a volunteer, contact Susan Grundy at sgrundy@theseniorsource.org or 214-823-5700, ext. 6134.

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Every Tuesday

The Irving Public Library invites families to enjoy stories and music in both English and Spanish. **Family bilingual storytimes** are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the East Branch Library, 440 S. Nursery Road, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd. For more information, call 972-721-2458.

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

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

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

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.TheNo

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).

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April 22

Volunteer of the Year Lone Star Salute! A celebration of volunteers from Collin County. Admission is \$25.00 For info contact Stacy Cooper at 972-365-3614 or lonestarsalute2010@me.com

Apr. 23 - 24

A 2-day family event featuring live entertainment, **Mesquite Real Texas Festival Wild West Shoot-out** reenactments, a paintball shooting gallery, the Mesquite Championship Rodeo, a Gasoline Alley car show, Taste of Mesquite BBQ competition, a midway-style carnival, food and live concerts, including Stefanie Fix, Naked Lunch, Kevin Fowler, Granger Smith, Grupo Vida, Ram Herrera, Mark McKin-

ney and Cross Canadian Ragweed as well as a high school garage band Battle of the Bands on Saturday. Complete details at www.realtexasfestival.com

Apr. 23 - 25

Southlake Women's Club is proud to host this annual **Art in the Square** three-day juried art festival, held in the Southlake Town Square, Southlake, TX Free to the public, we offer over 140 national and local artists, children's arts and crafts, ongoing and headliner entertainment on Saturday evening, and a spectacular food court. Details can be found at www.artinthesquare.com

April 23

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce's **13th Annual Excellence in Education Scholarship Luncheon** Noon at the Dallas Convention Center. www.dbcc.org

UT Dallas will host a **Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers conference** that will explore the changing landscape awaiting technology professionals as they seek new opportunities.

April 24

Friends of the SMU Libraries will host its annual fundraiser **Tables of Content**, in the Collins Executive Education Cntr., 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.

Women for World Peace hosted by Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson at the Women's Museum located at 3800 Parry Avenue from 1 - 3 p.m. RSVP by April 21, 2010 to Janis Brooke at janis.brooke@mail.house.gov

v or 214-922-8885.

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

North Texas Kids Family Expo features Summer Fun Fest Camps, Activities and Entertainment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Plano West Senior High benefiting the Plano West Theatre Department

MADD's 5K Family Fun Walk - Help raise money and awareness to support the mission of MADD and its Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving in our communities. Saturday, April 24, 1800 N Pearl St, Dallas Opening ceremonies start at 8:30 a.m. walk at 9:00 a.m. and activities until noon. For information on this event, please visit www.walklike-madd.org.

Get Kidz Fit Extravaganza The Dallas Area Coalition to Prevent Childhood Obesity (DACPCO) invites your family to be a part of Get Kidz Fit Fest 2010 on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Fair Park in Dallas, Texas Get Kidz Fit is a free, fun-filled festival to educate and engage children and families about wellness and nutrition. Families participate in 'hands on' healthy cooking demonstrations and try different sports and fitness activities. Details at getkidzfit.org

April 27-29

J. Suzette Sample Sale Thousands of Women's Clothing Items from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Everything \$5, \$10 or \$20, admission is free. Info: 972-359-0001.

April 30

Party in the USA Fathers

and daughters (ages 11-15) will enjoy an evening of music and dancing in the Windhaven Ballroom. \$20 per person. Info: Plano Parks & Recreation Department 972-941-7250 or www.plano.parks.org.

Healthy "U" Expo: The community is invited to enjoy a day filled with health talks, screenings and giveaways at the Healthy "U" Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson St., Irving. The event, for ages 18 and up, is free. Call 972-721-2496.

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

May 2

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, North Dallas Suburban Alumnae presents an **Emerging Artist Showcase, A New Decade of Intellectual and Cultural Renaissance** at the Best Western Dallas Hotel, 8051 LBJ Freeway and admission is free and is open to the public.

May 3

Eisemann Center Presents **Celebrating CHOPIN!**, featuring concert pianist Jeffrey Siegel. *Chopin and the Future*, will be held in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre at 7:30 pm. *Chopin and the Future* will include the works of Chopin that both delight the ear and point to the future. Info: www.eisemanncenter.com or 972-744-4650.

May 15

The Hamilton Park Historic Preservation Foundation is hosting its first Hamilton Park Golf Classic at the Eastern Hills Country Club, 3000 Country Club in Garland. The shot-gun starts at 8:00 a.m.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving North Texas McKinney Office is hosting a **Celebration of Life Memorial and Tribute "The Legacy They Left Behind"** 10:30 a.m. at the Dr. Glenn Mitchell Memorial Park Fountain; 300 W Louisiana St, McKinney.

Bicycle Fest: To kick off ozone season and National Bike Month, Irving will host a Bicycle Fest from 10 a.m. to noon at Centennial Park, 444 W. Second St. The event will offer a unique chance to network with area cyclists, discuss safe bicycling routes, and learn about adult and children's bicycle safety. Several "meet and ride" locations are being coordinated for those who would like to bike to the event as a group. Interested bikers should e-mail contact information to bikeirving@gmail.com to join a group. Call 972-742-2296.

May 29 - November 7

Amon Carter Museum's Ansel Adams: Eloquent Light features 40 photographs by the artist. Admission to the Carter is free.

June 25-26

The Dallas Symphony presents **Planet Earth Live** June 25 and 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Info: 214.692.0203 or visit DallasSymphony.com.

June 26 - September 5

Constructive Spirit: Abstract Art in South and North America, 1920s-1950s at the Amon Carter Museum of Art www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions

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Dr. Dorothy Height: 'God Mother' of the Civil Rights Movement, Dead at 98

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(NNPA) Dr. Dorothy I. Height, the civil rights icon and living legend whose name has for decades been synonymous with quest for justice, died at the Howard University Hospital Tuesday morning at the age of 98.

"Michelle and I were deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Dorothy Height - the god-mother of the Civil Rights Movement and a hero to so many Americans," President Obama said in a statement.

"Ever since she was denied entrance to college because the incoming class had already met its quota of two African-American women, Dr. Height devoted her life to those struggling for equality.

She led the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) for 40 years, and served as the only woman at the highest level of the Civil Rights Movement - witnessing every march and milestone along the way," the President said. "And even in the final weeks of her life - a time when anyone else would have enjoyed their well-earned rest - Dr. Height continued her fight to make our nation a

more open and inclusive place for people of every race, gender, background and faith."

Dr. Height, president emerita and chair of the NCNW, had long suffered with a lung ailment despite her hectic speaking schedule. She became noticeably ill March 18 while sitting in the conference room of the headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women talking with her administrative assistant, Christine Tony.

Tony, who has traveled with Dr. Height for the past 25 years, told NNPA that she noticed that Dr. Height had become short of breath and was not finishing her sentences.

Doctors at the Howard University Hospital admitted her to the hospital that day despite her protests that she desired to receive the esteemed Lifetime Achievers Award slated to be given to her that night from the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation during its Black Press Week celebration. She remained hospitalized ever since and died shortly after 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Dorothy R. Leavell, NNPA Foundation chair, said in her letter to Dr. Height notifying her that the Black Press of America wished to honor her during Black Press Week, "Your

leadership throughout the years is substantial and we want to show you how much we appreciate your hard work and continuing vigilance throughout your illustrious career.

Leavell said this week: "It is a deep personal loss to me, a woman I so admired and had the privilege to work with during my years as NNPA president."

Other civil rights leaders who awoke to the news of her death, reflected on her legacy like civil rights royalty.

"She was the Queen Mother of our whole civil rights movement," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery. "She was the great example of intelligence, industry adventure and daring and commitment to what's right in this country and to what's witnessing for it. She was a great leader."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, in a phone interview from South Africa, said Dr. Height's death means as much to the world as to America. He said the news of her death had hit the people of South Africa "like a shock wave ... Those who knew Dr. Height knew a century of service. She often said, 'The blood that unites us was stronger than the water that divides us,'" he said.

"This is a great, great loss," said retired NAACP Chairman Julian Bond. "In standing out for the rights of women, you just go down the list and Dr. Height was there. She will be missed and missed and missed.

NNPA Chairman Danny Bakewell said Dr. Height not only affected the past, but the future of America. "This was a woman whose stature and influence and her good deeds just transcended race and she was really, truly an American icon," he said.

"Very seldom is some-



Civil rights leader Dorothy Height and Michelle Obama stole a few minutes together in Denver at the Democratic Convention September 3, 2008

one who comes behind such a historical legend as Mary McCloud Bethune able to fill those shoes. Dorothy Height was not only able to fulfill her dreams, but to propel new dreams for new generations to come. And that truly is her legacy."

The Rev. Al Sharpton described her as "a true giant of a lady. She taught America what real womanhood was. And all the way to the end, she never left her post."

Due to snow, Dr. Height as unable to attend a meeting with President Obama, Sharpton and other civil rights leaders in February.

"She lectured me all the way to the door on what to say and how to say it," Sharpton recalled. Then, she said, 'You call me the minute you walk out of the White House'. She was that kind of fighter. And she was always there for the next generation."

Bennett College Presi-

Lyndon B. Johnson to create legislation and promote acts that benefited women and African-Americans. And she has had the ear of every president since then.

At 98, the civil and human rights activist was still working for a better tomorrow.

"We advanced in so many ways, but at the same time the poorest seem to be poorer, and the poverty among us seems to be entrenched," Height said in a recent interview.

"However, I am always an optimist, because I have an abiding faith. I believe that somehow the right will prevail. We have to keep working. Justice is not impossible. We can achieve it."

With every advancement, Height often reveled in how far African-Americans have come.

"In my lifetime, I have witnessed the evolution of desegregation, the spread of civil rights and the rise of possibilities for people regardless of race and sex," Height she said in a recent statement.

"I have also recently witnessed the passage of our health-care bill, something people of all different races and genders can applaud."

Because of her efforts, she was awarded the Citizens Medal Award for distinguished service by President Ronald Reagan in 1989, the Spingarn Medal by the NAACP in 1993, the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton in 1994 and the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush in 2004.

Additional reporting by Nicole Austin, Brittany Epps, Phillip Lucas, Melissa Montgomery and Zaria Poem, all correspondents with the Howard University News Service.



Dr. Dorothy Height, President Emeritus of the National Council of Negro Women on Feb. 14, 2006 just 38 days before her 95th birthday. Poem and photographs by Askia Muhammad, Poet Laureate of The Morning.

Most Valuable Player at the Dallas Children's Theater

The Heroic Story of Jackie Robinson

May 7 – May 23, 2010

Ebbet's Field, Brooklyn, New York, 1947 ...Before a crowd of 26,623 Americans, an African American baseball player suits up in a Brooklyn Dodgers uniform and takes second base. On that day, despite hisses, walkouts and even death threats, Jackie Robinson heroically breaks the "color" barrier for the National Baseball League and forever changes the world of sports!

(NDG Wire) In celebration of the indomitable human spirit, Dallas Theater Center's (DCT) National Touring Company brings their highly praised production, *Most Valuable Player*, home to the Rosewood Center.

It's the inspirational story of one of America's

true heroes, Jackie Robinson, the first African American to break the color-barrier of professional, major league baseball, May 7 – May 23, 2010 at DCT's Rosewood Center for Family Arts.

Most Valuable Player was conceived by Gayle Cornelison and was written

by Mary Hall Surface along with the original cast of the California Theatre Center. This compelling drama focuses on Robinson's personal sacrifices and triumphs as he ventures beyond the Negro League to integrate baseball without violence.

Robinson overcomes threats, taunts and other forms of racism, putting aside his own pride and anger for the good of all African American players. DCT's National Tour Director, Sally Fiorello, says, "He was a pioneer in the civil rights movement, a courageous advocate who led by a nonviolent example. He was a great baseball player, as well as a great man."

Robinson's courage and dignity under enormous pressure opened the gates of the ballpark for other African Americans and changed the entire nation.

Jackie Robinson still serves as an inspirational source of strength, persistence and the unlimited potential of all humanity. As Robinson himself states, "Lord knows I'm no politician. But I

have changed things . . . with my glove and with my bat.

Every time a black child, a Mexican child, any child, gets a door slammed in his face, I'll be standin' right beside him . . . Jackie Robinson's gonna be there, battin' a thousand for anybody who needs me."

Jackie Robinson, the grandson of a slave, excelled in sports at a young age. With the encouragement of his mother, he attended UCLA and became the first person to receive four varsity sports letters while there.

After an overseas stint during World War II, Robinson signed his first professional baseball contract with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League.

On August 28, 1945, Major League Baseball broke its apartheid agreement when Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, signed Robinson.

Through much of Jackie's early career, he endured the indignities and barriers of racism both on and off the field – indignities that would have caused a lesser man to quit. In Jackie's case, these impediments only served to inspire him to higher standards.

During his ten season



Here, it's August 29, 1955, and Jackie's seen avoiding the tag of Cardinals catcher Bill Sarni to score on the front end of a triple steal at Ebbets Field. It is Robinson's 18th career steal of home plate.

career with the Dodgers he compiled a lifetime batting average of .311, stole home plate more than 19 times, was named to six All-Star teams, received the coveted MVP award and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Through it all, he remembered Branch Rickey's words; he fought racism with the "strength of his spirit." He was a landmark in American history, in the world of sports, and in the battle for civil rights in the United States.

Most Valuable Player covers the years from 1935 to 1949 in Jackie Robinson's life, moving fluidly through time and place em-

playing the use of imaginative staging and ensemble acting.

The set design and projections of original photos and voiceovers establish the various locations in Jackie's life and recall both the painful isolation and excitement of his "glory days."

For anyone who loves baseball or American history, for anyone who loves a good story about an underdog who becomes a winner, *Most Valuable Player* is a "grand slam" hit about a true American hero. It's a lesson in dignity and integrity that continues to reverberate today!

Enjoyed by ages 11 and up (historic language used).



Actor Rick Spivey plays Jackie Robinson in Dallas Children's Theater's *Most Valuable Player*.

Texas Rangers host DCT for ceremonial first pitch



Actor Rick Spivey who plays Jackie Robinson in Dallas Children's Theater's National Touring Production of *Most Valuable Player*

will throw the ceremonial first pitch when the Texas Rangers host the Oakland A's on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m..

Fans are encouraged

to arrive early to witness this exciting collaboration between the Texas Rangers and Dallas Children's Theater in honor of Jackie Robinson!



DFW Minority supplier development council to spotlight corporations, agencies 'Those that buy us'

(NDG Wire) Dallas and Fort Worth area corporations and public sector agencies were recognized for consistently including minority businesses in their buying decisions at a breakfast program, Tuesday, April 20 at the Tower Club in downtown Dallas as a result of The Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council's "Buy Those That Buy Us" initiative.

The council initiated the program in 2008 as a way to alert members of the organization of those companies and agencies that emphasize minority owned businesses inclusion in their daily business operations. The initiative developed a scorecard listing those companies from World Class and/or Best in Class to Emerging.

"Our emphasis is to recognize all companies that

understand the importance of minority business inclusion and assist them in benchmarking their performance year over year," said Cheryl Stevens, Vice President Supplier Diversity of Energy Future Holdings and co-chair of the initiative. The scorecard looks at total spend with Minority Businesses and the numbers of those businesses receiving that spend, Stevens said. It also requires a formal

supplier diversity program, written goals and objectives and training and feedback while also looking for innovative "best practices" used by the buying entity to insure inclusion of minority businesses in the supply chain.

The Council hopes the buying habits of its members will change as a result of the initiative. "We hope that minorities and companies who believe in diver-

sity and inclusion in the supply chain would spend their dollars with those companies who have like goals and objectives," said Terri Quinton, committee chair, DFW Council Board Member and CEO of Alliance of Diversity Printers. "We certainly intend to encourage thinking about your purchases before you spend those dollars."

The list of companies being recognized include

Alcatel-Lucent, American Airlines, American Heart Association, AT&T, Austin Industries, BNSF, Brinker International, City of Dallas, Comerica Bank, D/FW International Airport, Energy Future Holdings, Ericsson, Frito-Lay, J.C. Penney, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Oncor, Parkland Health and Hospital Systems, Raytheon, Super Media, Texas Instruments and Verizon.

Collin County real estate market skyrockets

PLANO, Texas — The Collin County Association of Realtors reports that new home listings in March in Collin County and surrounding areas jumped to their highest level in two-and-a-half years. In addition, last month proved to be the best month of March the area has seen since 2005.

These dramatic improvements in the local real estate market indicators are really exciting, especially when we are still hearing

horror stories about real estate activity from other parts of the country," says Steve Haid, CCAR member services director.

The CCAR Pulse, which delves into the real estate markets of 36 local communities, also reports that listings under contract are at their highest level since July 2008. Furthermore, closed sales are up 23.3 percent over one year ago, and the time it takes to sell a home decreased 13 percent from

last March. Median sales price is up 4.5 percent over a year ago to \$175,000.

Even though sellers are enjoying improvements in the market, it is still a great time to buy a home. Mortgage rates continue to be very low, and homes in this area are very affordable. The Housing Affordability Index was 152 in March. That means that the median family income is 152 percent of the income necessary to qualify to purchase

the median priced home.

"Although foreclosure remains an important issue for homeowners, our first quarter 2010 foreclosure report shows that there are only 940 foreclosures available for sale in the Multiple Listing Service database. This is the first time that number has been below 1,000 since the second quarter of 2006," notes Haid.

There continues to be a high demand for foreclosure properties, and buyers are

rapidly absorbing the available foreclosure homes on the market. In the first quarter, only 10.6 percent of new listings in the Multiple Listing Service were foreclosure properties, while 23.3 percent of sales were from foreclosures.

Overall, the local real estate market is experiencing healthy growth with marked improvements in new listings, listings under contract, and closed sales. At the same time, foreclo-

sures are having a reduced impact on the overall market. These improvements began locally about six months ago.

"We are very happy for buyers and sellers, who had delayed their moves until things got better. Many have now realized their dream," says Haid. "We look forward to more excitement in the real estate market as we come into the peak season of late spring and early summer."

Treasury goes green, saves green

Broad new initiative will increase electronic transactions, save more than \$400 million, 12 million pounds of paper in first five years alone

(NDG Wire) With Americans poised to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day this week, the U.S. Department of the Treasury today announced a broad new initiative to dramatically increase the number of electronic transactions that involve Treasury and millions of citizens and businesses, a move that is expected to save more than \$400 million and 12 million pounds of paper in the first five years alone. In addition to greatly reducing costs, enhancing customer service and minimizing Treasury's environmental impact, the move from paper to electronic transactions will increase reliability, safety and security for benefit recipients

and taxpayers.

"Treasury must lead the way in developing methods to deliver payments that are safe and secure in a manner that is efficient and reliable," said Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner. "By moving to all-electronic payments, Treasury will save hundreds of millions of dollars and substantially reduce our environmental impact, making this a win-win for all Americans."

Treasury will begin implementing a three-pronged initiative to dramatically reduce the number of transactions that are conducted on paper by moving them to electronic systems. First, Treasury will require individuals receiving Social Security, Supplemental Security

Income, Veterans, Railroad Retirement and Office of Personnel Management benefits to receive payments electronically. Individuals will be able to receive benefits either through direct deposit into a bank account or Treasury's Direct Express debit card. Today, one million Americans are receiving their benefit payments through Direct Express and they have found the card safe, convenient and easy to use. The requirement will apply to new enrollees beginning on March 1, 2011 and to existing check recipients beginning on March 1, 2013. Currently, 85 percent of federal benefit recipients receive their payments elec-

tronically. Moving all recipients of these benefits to electronic payments is expected to save upwards of \$300 million in the first five years.

Second, businesses currently permitted to use paper Federal Tax Deposit coupons will have to make those deposits electronically beginning in 2011 with a few exceptions, primarily businesses with \$2,500 or less in quarterly tax liabilities that pay when filing their returns. Currently, nearly 98 percent of all business tax dollars are paid electronically through Treasury's free Electronic Federal Tax Payment System. IRS research has shown that businesses using EFTPS are 31 times less likely to

make an error. This change will save an estimated \$65 million in the first five years.

Finally, Treasury will eliminate the option to purchase paper savings bonds through payroll deductions for federal employees on September 30, 2010 and for the private sector by January 1, 2011. This policy covers only paper savings bonds purchased through payroll sales; individuals will still be able to purchase paper savings bonds at financial institutions for themselves and as gifts. Payroll savers will be encouraged to continue their purchases through Treasury Direct, a web-based system that allows investors to buy and hold electronic savings

bonds. Transitioning employees to electronic payroll purchases saves employers administrative costs and allows employees to manage their own bond accounts. This is estimated to save nearly \$50 million in the first five years.

The benefits of electronic transactions are well documented. Aside from the large cost savings, electronic transactions provide safety, convenience and control for payment recipients, taxpayers and savings bond holders. These initiatives do not require new legislation and can be accomplished by changes to Treasury's existing regulations.

Fill the Boot campaign

With boots in hand, Irving firefighters will adorn three of the city's busiest intersections as part of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Fill the Boot Campaign. Motorists and pedestrians are invited to help firefighters fill boots with cash donations to help send deserving children to the MDA

summer camp. Monies raised also will be used to help purchase equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers for children with muscular dystrophy. Look for Irving firefighters from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 19-22 at the following locations:

- State Highway 183 and Story Road

• O'Connor Boulevard and State Highway 183

• MacArthur Boulevard and Interstate 635



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inequities. Passage is critical -- particularly in these economically perilous times when the self-sufficiency of women and their families is so at risk.

LaTerrell Bradford -- a Denver woman who testified about pay inequity before her state legislature-- calls equal pay a "non-negotiable."

She was working as part of an all-female support team

when a man was hired in the same job classification. Her supervisor -- a woman -- discovered that he was to earn much more than any of the women were earning. She went to human resources and the company agreed to pay everyone at that higher rate. "It would not have been fair," Bradford says, "nor legal, to sit next to him, do the exact same work and have him be

paid more."

Are women workers really worth less than men?

Any American of good conscience would say "no." We must ensure that our laws and workplace practices say "no" as well by ensuring family-flexible workplace policies, basic labor standards like paid sick days and, yes, an end to the wage gap.

At the rate we're going,

we won't see pay equity until the year 2057. Women and their families just cannot afford to wait that long! Congress must tighten wage disparity laws now to ensure equity for every worker.

Meri is National Director of 9to5, National Association of Working Women. Copyright (c) 2010 by American Forum 4/10

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crease (\$307,000) in funding due to our excellence in compliance. The City of Garland will be submitting a formal request to accept this additional funding.

The City of Garland was also identified as a high-performing city, which means Garland, along with any other high-performing cities, will be considered as top applicants for recaptured funds, which are those funds that other cities have not committed by their given deadlines. The amount available is unknown at this time, but there are numerous cities that have not met their commitment schedules.

The State representative also commended the City's leveraged funds and partnerships that are merged with the GREAT Homes initia-

tive, such as the use of CDBG-R (energy efficiency upgrades) grants and departmental contributions, stating that Garland is the only city he has seen with such a comprehensive, coordinated effort.

The GREAT Homes initiative was created in 2009 using various grant funds to meet key neighborhood strategy objectives:

- Upgrade existing housing stock, with emphasis on energy efficiency and increasing potential home value
- Serve as a catalyst to revitalize neighborhoods
- Encourage home investment in the community
- Provide market rate and below market rate housing for potential income eligible homeowners.

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Whisper's, Earth, Wind & Fire, Bill Cosby, Morris Day and the Time, Isaac Hayes and The Four Tops. This year, Chaka Khan will continue the tradition in helping us to commemorate and elevate this year's audience to higher heights of musical entertainment.

"We have 35 years of purpose at the African American Museum and now we have a purpose to raise money for our community outreach programs, the day-to-day operations and just the overall museum needs," say Annette Jackson Watkins, one of the gala chairpersons, "and since its inception, the museum's six week summer camp has benefited more than 50,000 disadvantaged youth from the immediate area of South and West Dallas. We are excited to have Chaka Khan as our headliner."

The gala's 35th Anniversary will also feature an unforgettable evening under the stars with legendary, sultry songstress Chaka Khan. From the moment Chaka came on the music scene, as a member of the sophisticated funk band Rufus, one of the

first multi-racial pop/rock/soul bands, it was apparent that someone of vocal significance was emerging.

Chaka was a new breed of singer -- self-taught and she bluntly ignored tradition. When it wasn't fashionable for singers to record their own background vocals, Khan made her own fashion statement and arranged her own -- laying down one track while assembling another -- contending with herself endlessly until all of her trade name vocals were flawlessly matched.

"This is a major fundraiser for the African American Museum," says Dr. Harry Robinson who continues to bring the rich heritage of African-American arts and culture to countless individuals throughout North Texas.

"We will have a live and silent auction for all people to be included who attend the gala which include trips to Costa Rica, sport memorabilia and more."

The African American Museum is a source of pride, a meeting place and a cultural institution which

supports the community and is vital to the continued success of one of the most cherished institutions in the Southwest. The Museum is a forum which is not exclusive but rather inclusive to all who want to experience the rich history of African Americans.

"I ask you to join us on May 1, as we celebrate our past accomplishments and look forward to joining with the next generation of leaders dedicated to the mission of the African American Museum," said Annette Watkins, the 35th Museum Gala Chair.

The African American Museum is located in historic Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. It is the only museum in the southwestern region of the United States devoted to the preservation and display of African American artistic, cultural and historical materials.

Individual tickets start at \$100. Various sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, contact JoAnn Brown 214-565-9026 ext. 313; or via email at jbrown@aamdallas.org.

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Dallas area Interfaith: Grant for job training, public assembly with state and local officials

(NDG Wire) Over 1000 Dallas Area Interfaith (DAI) leaders will meet with state and local officials to announce the award of \$396,000 to Quest: Dallas/Collin. The new DAI initiative for long-term job training in Dallas and Collin Counties, Quest received the 2-year funding from the Texas JET Fund, administered by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

Sunday, April 25,
3-4 p.m.

Temple Shalom
6930 Alpha Rd. at Hillcrest
(overflow parking at Greek

Orthodox Church)
Attending: Texas Sen. Florence Shapiro, Reps Barbara Mallory Caraway, Carol Kent, Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Council members Delia Jasso, Jerry Allen, Tennell Atkins, Steve Salazar, Parkland, Dallas Community College District, Baylor, SouthWest Airlines representatives.

DAI leaders will ask state officials to continue JET funding in the next legislative session. Leaders will ask local officials to provide city funding for

wraparound services for training participants. The Quest committee has met with foundations supportive of the initiative, as well as employers who project future job needs and agree to consider Quest graduates.

Priscilla Kimery, DAI leader and co-chair of the Quest committee, said, "Quest: Dallas/Collin is an expansion of the award-winning Project Quest in San Antonio. The program training/counseling by community colleges will be for real jobs paying at least \$15/hour with benefits and

career tracks. The target population is unemployed or underemployed adults with high school diploma or GED and income of 200% of federal poverty level or less."

The Assembly of 30 DAI congregational and community institutions across Dallas and Collin Counties will celebrate the Quest grant. They will also highlight a growing concern about health care and aging issues DAI terms 'sacred aging.' In addition the Assembly will make a strong statement supporting com-

prehensive immigration reform and urge all participants to support this issue at local and state levels.

For more information about Project Quest, see www.questsa.org.

Garland youth council hosts Career Fair

(NDG Wire) On Saturday, May 1, 2010, the City of Garland Youth Council will host a Career Fair in partnership with Richland College. The purpose of the event is to help teens learn how to turn their talents and interests into a potential career.

The Career Fair will offer teens the opportunity to meet and talk with career representatives from a broad range of fields including public safety, communications, finance, hospitality, retail, business management, health care and many more.

Students will be able to learn what experience and training is required for various career opportunities, and ask career representatives about their experiences working in those fields.

Representatives from Richland College and the Garland Independent School District will share information about their career and technology training programs.

A series of presentations will offer insight on specific topics. The presentation schedule is as follows:

9:30 a.m. – Entrepreneurship: Being Your Own Boss

10 a.m. – Turning Your

Talents Into a Career Opportunity

10:30 a.m. – Interviewing Skills: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

11 a.m. – Turning Your Talents Into a Career Opportunity

11:30 a.m. – Training & Education Options to Meet Your Goals

Door prizes will be awarded during each presentation. The event is free and open to all teens and their parents.

The Garland Youth Council is appointed by the Garland City Council to

provide a form, which educates Garland's youth to various workings of City government, and allows youth to voice ideas and concerns. All Garland teens

are invited to participate in Youth Council meetings and activities. For more information, visit www.GarlandYouthCouncil.org.

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Contract 0918-00-154 for INSTALL POWER SUPP AT SIGNAL INTERSECS in DALLAS County, etc will be opened on May 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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April 25

Come to worship and stay for our Blood Pressure Clinic after Morning and Evening Worship Services.

May 1, 7 a.m.

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**Brother Ramon Hodridge,
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1026 Avenue F
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April 24

You're invited to The Young Ladies of Purpose Mother & Daughter Tea to enjoy Christian fellowship, music, tea and delicious edibles. Call the church for registration fees and details.

April 24, 7:30 a.m.

We will be looking for you at our Annual Golf Tournament at the Indian Creek Golf Course in Carrollton, Texas. Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Call the church for registration fees and details.

April 25, 3 p.m.

Join us at Faithway Baptist Church, 8219 Bunche

Drive in Dallas, Texas with Pastor Derrick Bowman and his congregation.

**Pastor Gregory Foster,
300 Phillips Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-235-4235**

**GREENVILLE AVENUE
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
May 1, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for our 25th 2010 Adolescent and Ladies Symposium. All preteen girls, ages 9 to 12; adolescent misses, ages 13 to 18; and adult ladies, ages 18 and up are invited to attend. Call the church for details.

**Brother S.T.W. Gibbs
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You are invited to visit our Job Resource Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in our Computer Training Room in the Educational Building.

April 24, 4 p.m.

The Victorious Disciples Group I Graduation Ceremony will be in the Family Life Center. Church family and friends are invited.

April 25, 5 p.m.

The Cotillion Ball will be held in the Family Life Center. Church family and friends are invited to a wonderful evening of elegance.

**Dr. Robert Price, Sr.,
Senior Pastor**
9550 Shepherd Road
Dallas, TX 75243
214-341-6459

**SHILOH MBC
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The New Generation Children's Church will begin a "Tweenagers" class for all 6th and 7th grade students in room 208 with Minister Bryan McCray. Students will have help in discovering God's purpose for their lives.

April 23rd & 24th, 11 am
Join our Brotherhood Ministry for their FREE 2010 Men's Conference and

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May 16, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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**Dr. Charles Wattlely
Senior Pastor**
1308 Wilcox Street
McKinney TX 75069
972-542-6178

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involved.

Based in Irving, Texas, B.I.G. D.O.G.S. Youth Organization was established in 2001 and serves children from 6-18 years old with specific programs that cater to their respective ages and needs.

The goal of the organization is invest in the youth and provide them the tools and resources necessary to become positive contributors in their communities.

The organization's

guiding principles include the belief that education is the fundamental building block needed to build the

future of the youth. With this in mind, they established a Math & Reading Program targeted for children 6-12 years old.

The volunteers assist the students in their areas of weakness and monitor their progress. They also provide individual tutoring available for those who

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Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. Psalm 4:4 (KJV).

When you have a disagreement with someone, don't be quick to rush toward a quick fix, to thrash things out then and there, and arrive at a solution—your solution; which will probably be the wrong solution; and most likely will not be the solution that God would want.

Anger, sometimes defined as “a strong feel of displeasure or being irritated;” is a powerful emotion, so much so that it has been labeled a universal sin. It is also one letter from danger. It happens all the time and to all kinds of people. An absolutely pleasant conversation can be ruined when someone's displeasure surfaces. A perfectly happy relationship can be damaged under the assault of a displeased person. Furthermore a good day can be spoiled because the boss comes in with “a strong feeling of displeasure.”

Anger is tricky because, unlike fear, the Scriptures say there is an appropriate time to be angry. God said, “Be ye angry, and sin not:

let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. **Ephesians 4:26-27 (JKV).** Someone can become enraged over the mistreatment of a child or an animal, and if it is within his or her power, he or she can move to put a stop to the situation. Keep in mind that the kind of anger that is kindled by the abuse of a helpless living being is not destructive.

However, anger that is buried or improperly expressed has lethal power. God calls that kind of anger bitterness and warns: “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. **Hebrews 12:14-16 (JKV).**

How can you know the difference between a properly control anger and a destructive anger? You can easily check yourself for bitterness in two ways: **1) Listen to yourself.** When you speak, do you make sarcastic, cutting, or heated remarks about the person toward whom you have a

Bitter Roots

“strong feeling of displeasure?” Whenever his or her name is mentioned, do you have something negative to say? God will show Christians this truth in their own life. Speech is the first-line indicator of a bitterness problem. Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott often says, “All of the time, it is not what you have to say that hurts other but how you say it to the person.” **2) Observe your own actions.** You may not overtly attack the person with whom you are angry, but how about the many subtle ways of getting your point across? The silent treatment, for example; silence speaks volumes and, in case you think other people don't notice the tension your ‘displeasure’ causes, think again. Avoidance is another way of showing your displeasure, when you are displeased with a person, you seek to stay out of their

company. Please don't forget how you look at a person that you are displeased with. I have often heard, “Oh, if looks could kill . . .”

You may be priding yourself on the restraint you have shown in not attacking openly, but no matter how you may try to hide it, **unresolved anger shows.**

Give yourself the bitterness test today. If you pass, great! To God be the Glory. If not, you have a choice to make. God says you can pull up those bitter roots. Get rid of them and move on. Or, you can let those bitter roots destroy you. Ask God to help you make the right choice.

Good things to consider: 1) We get our moral bearings by looking at God, and only Him. We must begin with God. We are right when, and only when, we stand in a right position relative to God, and we are wrong so far and so long as



Left to Right: Mr. & Mrs. Leonard (Doris) Baker and Rev. & Mrs. Emanuel (Bobbie) Baker at a church function.

we stand in any other position--A. W. Tozer. 2) If a window of opportunity appears, even the opportunity to forgive, don't pull down the shade--Tom Peters. 3) What we weave in time, we will wear in eternity--Sparks. 4) How far you go

in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday you will have been all of these--George Washington Carver.

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may have special concerns. In addition, they provide mentoring to those who may have disciplinary issues or those who just need a positive influence in their lives. They use such avenues as sports to establish teams in basket-

ball, football, baseball, track, soccer, and cheerleading.

The Youth Summit, endorsed by the Irving Independent School District's Athletic Department, is free and open to the public. Participating organizations

include Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); the Irving Fire and Police Departments; as well as former and current National Football League players.

The event is being hosted at MacArthur High

School, located at 3700 N. MacArthur Blvd. in Irving, Texas from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. McDonald's is a participating sponsor and will provide lunch for the occasion.

If you have any questions, contact A.D. Jenkins



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Actors from *Chuck* and *Lost* among media guests at Sci-Fi Expo in Richardson April 24-25

(NDG Wire) Adam Baldwin, who plays "Special Agent John Casey" on NBC's *Chuck*, and Mira Furlan, "Danielle Rousseau" on ABC's *Lost*, are among the media guests at the upcoming Sci-Fi Expo in Richardson. The show will be April 24-25 in the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Road in Richardson, Texas.

Mr. Baldwin and Ms. Furlan will be joined by Bruce Boxleitner, star of Disney's 1980 movie *Tron* and

the new *Tron Legacy*, due out later this year. Mr. Boxleitner, Mr. Baldwin and Ms. Furlan will sign autographs and talk with fans on Saturday only.

The remaining guests are scheduled to appear both Saturday and Sunday, and include Cindy Morgan, Mr. Boxleitner's *Tron* co-star who also played "Lacey Underall" in *Caddyshack*; Richard Hatch, star of both *Battlestar Galactica* TV series; Kate Vernon, also from *Battlestar Galactica*; and

Deep Roy, whose movie credits include *Star Trek*, *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Also appearing both days are several guests with ties to the *Star Wars* movie series, including stuntman Dickey Beer; set director Roger Christian; puppeteer/actor Mike Quinn; and actors Mike Edmonds, Alan Harris and Daniel Logan. Mr. Logan also provides the voice for "Boba Fett" in the new ani-

mated *Clone Wars* TV series. Jaime King, voice of "Aurra Sing" in the *Clone Wars* series also will appear both days.

Ms. King will sign two free autographs for fans with VIP and Priority Passes.

The show also will feature a number of comic artists, including Brian Denham, James O'Barr, Keith Wilson and Ben Dunn. The vendors room features a variety of products for sale such as t-shirts, toys and movie memorabilia.

Three levels of passes are available to attendees: VIP, Priority and General Admission. Children ages 10 and under are free when accompanied by a paid adult. There is no charge for parking.

Sci-Fi Expo hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

For info, including a schedule of Q&A sessions, visit www.scifiexpo.com.

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