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John Ware

## Former Dallas City Manager John Ware passes at age 62

John Ware served as the first African American City Manager for the city of Dallas from December 1993 until August 1998. This past Sunday he succumbed to multiple myeloma, a disease he battled for 16 years according to published re-

ports.

Ware's professional legacy includes the American Airlines Center, Nasher Sculpture Garden and the Trinity River project. Ware led the negotiations on behalf of the city with Tom Hicks and other investors.

Following his tenure as city manager, Ware founded 21st Century Group with partners of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst. This move was considered conflict of interest by opponents to the

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## Republicans and Democrats work harmoniously at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

(NDG Wire) To say that American citizens have weak appetites for the current political climate of Washington DC is a conservative view at best. Endless reports of congressional gridlock and visceral attacks have bred disillusionment and apathy, and

have caused many to question our government's priorities. What people long for is evidence of cooperation between the political parties for the sake of the "American Party."

At 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., far removed from the political power struggles of

Washington D.C., a portrait of cooperation among Democrats and Republicans can be found. A refreshing, purposeful energy has existed here in Dallas since 1957 through the ministry of St. Philip's School and Community Center. In a time when racial and polit-

ical cooperation was rare, if not non-existent, Republicans and Democrats united to establish a small Episcopal Church in a predominantly Black Neighborhood in South Dallas. Through the collaboration

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## Whose History?

### State Board of Education to debate social studies standards

BY IMANI EVANS  
Special to Texas Publishers Association

The never-ending battle over historical memory has become a high-profile tableau in Texas. On May 21, the 15-member State Board of Education will be

making its final vote on revised social studies standards that will largely determine what students will be taught about U.S. history—including such hotly contested issues as civil rights, the Great Society, anticommunism, and the separation

of church and state—for the next 10 years. What has made this round of revisions a national story is the unabashed efforts of the seven-member bloc of Republicans on the Board to rewrite history with a decidedly conservative spin.

"[The proposed standards] serve a two-fold purpose," said Texas NAACP President Gary Bledsoe. "One is to minimize Blacks and Latinos, their accomplishments, their efforts, even suggesting that the suc-

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## UNT Graduate wins Teacher of the Year



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TRUTH CLINIC

## Immigration, drugs and race

BY HARRY C. ALFORD (NNPA) The term Immigration is very broad and misunderstood. Recently, it is being applied to Mexicans crossing the formal US/Mexico border to settle or to temporarily work in the United States. This is quite a bit different than Europeans coming to the New World to settle and begin a new life. It is quite different than Asians coming to meet the work demand in a new and vibrant nation. Also, it pales in difference to Africans, South Americans and

Caribbeans coming to start a new life.

We must look at the historical perspective as it applies to Mexicans (let's not use the term Hispanic).

The states of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas were a part of the sovereignty of Mexico until we, the United States, violently stole this gigantic piece of real estate from the nation. In two acts, Texas Revolution (1836) and the Mexican-

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## Devery Channell

Winning entries in the campus-wide iPhone app contest were as individual as the students who created them.

The top entry, announced last week by the School of Management, was designed by computer science junior Devery Channell. Second place went to ATEC grad student Simon Kane, and third place went to the team of computer science junior Landon Elfenbein and public affairs senior Alex Ransom.

The first-place award came with a \$2,500 prize,



second place \$1,500, and third place \$1,000.

“The contest entries came from a remarkable variety of people – from undergraduates to grad students, from public affairs to finance to art to computer

science,” said Ben Guthrie, one of the contest’s judges. “The programming skills ranged from zero programming experience to professional. Creativity was present in all entries.”

Channell’s winning entry, he said, is a suite of applications that provides important information in an easily accessible mobile format. “These are services that students and staff actually need,” he said. For instance, one feature allows users to look up contact information, including office location, phone number and email address. One fun feature allows a user to pin-

point his or her parking spot when leaving the car.

Kane’s second-place submission allows users to scroll around a campus map and see what’s happening. The application relies on building maps that eventually, he says, “will cover the entire campus, every floor, every room.” It also collects real-time data from other social media, including Twitter, FourSquare, Flickr, Gowalla and others, to create “geolocated media snippets,” Kane says.

“Our app is targeted toward campus visitors and new students who need to find their way around cam-

pus,” said Ransom, who created the third-place app with Elfenbein. “It has neat features which key in on useful things to know and would be good for campus regulars as well.” Some quick links include parking and building information, campus services and external links to eLearning.

The contest was sponsored by the School of Management and the Center for Information Technology and Management (CITM) at the School of Management, along with the UT Dallas President’s Office and Symon Communications, a Plano-based company that

is a corporate partner with the School of Management. Symon created InView Mobile, a location-based portal to access web material. Guthrie, product manager of InView Mobile, says the platform can be summed up as “you are here – here’s content based on where you are.”

Contest judges included Guthrie; Charles Ansley, Symon’s president and CEO; Hasan Pirkul, dean at UT Dallas School of Management; Michael Savoie, director of CITM; Ed Esposito, assistant dean at UT

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## Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.

Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., Esq. Charlotte, NC, chosen to lead the 23 year old Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), it was announced today by James Clifton, Chairman, Board of Directors, and Dr. N. Joyce Payne, Founder, Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

In making the announcement, Clifton and Dr. Payne said on behalf of the Board of Directors, “Johnny Taylor exemplifies the kind of trans-

formative leadership, strategic acumen and fundraising skills needed to move the fund to a new level of national prominence, a new era of innovation. In short, Taylor’s nearly two decades of broad senior-level corporate experience, commitment to higher education and significant not-for-profit governance, fundraising and operations experience will prove invaluable as we continue to meet the needs of our univer-



sities and students -- our core constituency.” James Mitchell, Chair, Presidential Search Committee, added, “We all agree that Johnny is a well-rounded executive with senior -level legal,

human resources, administrative and general management experience that will add great value to the continued growth and development of the fund.”

Taylor spent the last several years with IAC/InterActiveCorp – first as Senior Vice President of Human Resources and then as the President and CEO of IAC’s identity search engine, RushmoreDrive.com. Before joining IAC, Taylor was a Partner in the McGuireWoods law firm and President of that firm’s HR consulting busi-

ness; General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Compass Group USA; and has held several senior human resources and legal executive roles with Viacom subsidiaries, Blockbuster Entertainment and Paramount Pictures.

Taylor is a recognized leader in the not-for-profit world having served as the Chairman of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM), one of the world’s largest membership organizations with nearly 230,000 members in over

100 countries. At SHRM, he oversaw a 300+ employee organization with \$100 million + annual revenues, served as the chief board spokesman and traveled the world as the official “face and voice” of the profession giving as many as 38 keynote speeches per year.

In addition to his reputation as a strong business executive, Taylor has demonstrated a significant commitment to higher education and HBCU education in particu-

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## Bunnie Jackson-Ransom

Bunnie Jackson-Ransom has put her unique combination of public relations and marketing knowledge, professional abilities and thirty-five years of experience into a new book entitled *Getting The Word Out: How to Market Your Ministry*. The book was created to give insights into the many potential ways to spread the gospel of deliverance and evangelism in the 21st century. This is a virtual guide showing how

marketing principles can be applied to the affairs of the church.

The one-hundred plus page book was published through The Interdenominational Theological Center (The ITC). “I brought the manuscript to Dr. Michael Battle when he was president of The ITC because I wanted his professional opinion about the value of the book to the church market. I needed an impartial and objective opinion from someone with his credentials to validate the subject matter as well as my approach toward the presentation of the tool and techniques about which I was writing. When he said he liked the book – and suggested that ITC publish it – I was very much encouraged and excited,” said Jackson-



Ransom.

*Getting the Word Out: How to Market Your Ministry* is a hands-on, step-by-step instructional publication that provides practical advice on communicating within the structure of the church.

It is also a tool for evangelism that offers up-to-date techniques to help “get the word out” to the broader community and enhance the image of the church and its ministries in order to grow church membership.

The book has been endorsed by some of this region’s most prolific and respected theologians and pastors including Dr. Teresa Hairston founder and publisher of *Gospel Today*; Bishop Andy C. Lewter of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship (Amityville, NY); Presiding Bishop William DeVeaux of

the Sixth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. Michael Battle, former president of The ITC and the new U. S. Representative to the African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Reverend Marvin A. Moss, senior pastor, Cascade United Methodist Church (Atlanta, GA); Reverend Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff, senior pastor, Brentwood Baptist Church (Houston, TX) and Reverend Benjamin F. Morrow Jr., pastor at Jeffries Cross Baptist Church (Burlington, NC) and Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough (Atlanta, GA).

These individuals have made some significant and noteworthy statements about the value of the book and what it might add to the libraries of today’s church leadership.

For more information about *Getting the Word Out: How to Market Your Min-*

*istry*, visit [fclassinc.com](http://fclassinc.com) and click on the appropriate link. The book may be purchased through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and at-

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# Concerns about GISD & UIL rules

Good Morning. I am in need of your assistance, since I am unable to get a clear answer from Mr. Beasley in regards to a unique situation.

We understand why UIL is in place; however there must be circumstances that arise that make one question the policy. Not all situations are black and white.

Long story short, our son was at Garland High School his Freshman year was on the basektball team but did NOT play one game because of grades and was removed from the team.

He was NOT on the team as a sophmore and didn't even really attend GHS. On May 1st 2009, we sent Kyle to a rehabilitation center called Teen Challenge in Missouri; which is a 15 month program. He has gotten his education there, but it is NOT a school and there are NO athletics.

All he wants is to be able to come back to GISD for his senior year and play basketball. He cannot go back to GHS for many reasons, but also their basketball roster is completely full.

We just want Kyle to have the opportunity. He might not even be good enough, but why should we not give him the opportunity?

We have read all the policies and there really isn't anything in there that would give us a very valid reason.

Sometimes the "zero tolerance" policy only hurts our children. He made some big mistakes, but he has also learned and paid for them in the last 12 months (3 more to go). Are we all really willing to put a

child's dreams aside because of this? He just wants the opportunity so he can possibly have a better opportunity for some smaller colleges.

This is not something we are willing to let go, because it has to do with the principle of it. We have a hard time believing that people are so blind to policy and procedures that they cannot not see what is right and true.

Sincerely,

Kurt and Michele Oktay

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American War (1848) we made, without provocation, one of the biggest land grabs in the history of the world. There are more than a few Mexican Americans who can take their heritage back to the 1500's. Yet, our press and common opinion want to think of them collectively as "immigrants". A lot of the movement from one side of the border to the other is simply family interaction. But our press and political dogma spews something quite different.

After stealing Texas via rebelling US settlers (immigrants), our nation quickly annexed it into our Republic. We then encouraged mass migration to populate and fortify the state. After the Mexican-American War, we propped up the California Gold Rush in 1849 to stimulate mass migration into our newly stolen lands. So it is with great irony that we condemn Mexicans crossing over into land that was once theirs and where many of their relatives settled into centuries ago. This is more than about immigration.

Most Mexican immigrants, legal or illegal, are hard working, family oriented persons. Their mission is to make a living through the "sweat of their brows". It is the Judeo-Christian Work Ethic at its best. Yet, we want to paint

an ugly picture as though they are criminal and immoral.

Now, let's get to the real problem. What is happening in Arizona is the fact that many of the borders crossing pathways of the Southwestern US have been effec-

to mix them into one big bag with the immigrants seeking a better life.

The state legislature and Governor of Arizona have just passed a very unfortunate law that will fan the flames of racism and bigotry. However, I understand

*The states of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas were a part of the sovereignty of Mexico until we, the United States, violently stole this gigantic piece of real estate from the nation*

tively sealed. For some reason the federal government has put up fences along the Mexican border everywhere but in Arizona. Thus, the flow of the migration is coming up through Arizona like the water flow of the Mississippi River. Federal policy makers know this but try to act "brain dead" on the matter and will not address strengthening the Arizona/Mexico border with fencing as they have done in California, New Mexico and Texas.

With the folks seeking work crossing over comes the myriad of drug traffickers. The violence and pain is coming from the drug traffickers and the ignorant and/or racist pundits seem

why this is happening. They are frustrated. Crime in Arizona caused by border crossings is skyrocketing. Ranchers are being shot for apparently no reason other than inspecting their lands. Murders in Arizona cities is at an all time high and this is caused by warring drug gangs.

Phoenix has become the World Capital for Kidnapping. Imagine an American city with that distinction! The citizens of Arizona are frightened and demand action from government. The border is the responsibility of the federal government but it has been derelict of its precious duty. Thus, the state government of Ari-

zona, in its frustration, has decided to do something even if it may be wrong. It will wake up the federal government and induce some kind of responsible action.

The big problem here is not immigration but the lack of government policing drug trafficking. The lack of policing drug activity or the cooperation of it is what's wrong here. In no way can you tell me that drugs can come into this nation like falling rain without government cooperation. Our justice authorities are the best in the world and they act incompetent when it comes to reducing the amount of drug importation into this nation.

There is an immense amount of money, hundreds of billions of dollars annually, and corruption is well settled in. So, the "thought police" want you to think that all the crime erupting in Arizona is because of impoverished immigrants flowing into the nation with the thought of committing crime as opposed to looking for work or uniting with their families. Those with racial animus are too quickly to buy this. Don't you buy it.

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# Happy Memories or Household Hazards?

*Local Senior Care company advises family caregivers to help older adults de-clutter during spring cleaning to avoid home dangers*

While clutter is not a problem unique to seniors, conditions of aging including strokes, brain trauma and dementia can lead to disorder and chaos that could threaten seniors' home safety and independence, experts say. It's a problem all too familiar to family caregivers.

"A lifetime accumulation of possessions combined with an influx of daily junk mail, bills, newspapers and magazines can quickly overwhelm seniors who are struggling physically, mentally or emotionally," said

Dr. Nancy Oppenheimer-Marks, owner of the local Home Instead Senior Care franchise office serving Dallas.

Experts say even seniors who simply don't know how to part with their possessions are vulnerable. The risks are many from slipping on loose papers to the threat of fire to the health effects of mold and mildew. Clutter can also interfere with family relationships and leave adult children wondering if the only inheritance awaiting them is a big mess.

"Spring is a great time for family caregivers to help seniors de-clutter for their own health and well-being," Oppenheimer-Marks said.

"Cluttering – for those with this tendency – probably has been happening for years, but a 'trigger episode' such as going into a wheelchair or a health issue could worsen the problem," said Katherine "Kit" Anderson, CPO-CD, president of the non-profit National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization (NSGCD) and a certified professional organizer.

While the source of clutter can be anything from outdated medications to a kitchen full of unused pots and pans, paper is the biggest clutter culprit, Anderson said.

"It's sort of the elephant in the room," added Dr. Catherine Roster, a University of New Mexico clutter researcher. "People don't want to acknowledge there is a problem, which creates an underlying anxiety, stress, guilt or embarrassment that can have a negative effect on their mental health and pro-

ductivity. There are a lot of issues including economics. When there is general disorganization, people lose important documents and can't find bills and then miss payments. So some serious issues start affecting them. All the research shows that people are slow to recognize the problem."

In order to identify potential trouble, the Home Instead Senior Care network is alerting family caregivers to watch for signs in a senior's home that indicate increased clutter, which could include

piles of mail and unpaid bills, difficulty walking safely through a home and frustration on the part of a senior trying to organize.

"Family caregivers can become just as overwhelmed as seniors," said Home Instead Senior Care's Oppenheimer-Marks. "We suggest a three-step plan where the family caregiver brings three bins -- one for the stuff the senior wants to keep, one for donations and the other for trash. Sometimes seniors just need a little help."

## Local families advised to monitor seniors health during American Stroke Month

(NDG Wire) For families with aging loved ones, very few serious health risks present the same level of concern as an unexpected stroke. In the U.S., someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and more than 75 percent of these incidents occur in people over the age of 65. Fortunately, fewer than 20 percent of all strokes are fatal – but unfortunately, most stroke survivors suffer some lingering health effects that affect long-term quality of life.

May is American Stroke Month and across the area, Senior Helpers, a leading national and local in-home care provider that cares for stroke survivors every day, is spreading awareness about the prevalence of stroke among aging Americans. Although strokes can seemingly strike without warning, Senior Helpers is encouraging families to talk to their aging parents and grandparents about some simple lifestyle changes that can help reduce the risk.

"Stroke can sometimes be a scary topic that aging seniors don't want to talk or even think about, but it's

### What are the warning signs of stroke?

-  **Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body**
-  **Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding**
-  **Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes**
-  **Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination**
-  **Sudden, severe headache with no known cause**

important for concerned family members to realize that stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability in the United States, and the risks go up drastically with age," said Peter Ross, CEO of Senior Helpers. "After a close family member suffers a stroke, there is a high likelihood that they will require a little bit more help and a little bit more attention to live their daily life."

"Most stroke survivors still enjoy a very high quality of life, but most also require an extra pair of hands around the house to help out," Ross added. "In situations where friends and family may not always be available, professional care-

givers who are highly trained and know what warning signs to look out for can be there to help."

Quick Facts about Stroke and Seniors:

- Strokes are the sudden damage or loss of a section of brain cells caused by restricted flow of oxygen to the brain, usually due to hardened arteries or blood clots.

- Stroke is the leading cause of disability and third leading cause of death across the country (Alliance for Aging Research)

- Almost 800,000 Americans suffer a stroke every year, and more than 185,000 of these are recurrent attacks (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention).

- Chances of having a stroke doubles each decade after turning 55 (Alliance for Aging Research).

- 75% of all strokes occur in seniors over the age of 65 (American Stroke Association).

- 90% of all stroke victims suffer lingering, long-term effects (University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey)

The latest research from the American Stroke Association shows that women tend to be at slightly greater risk of suffering a fatal stroke than men. Also, seniors living in the Southeast are more at-risk than individuals in most other geographic regions. There are a number of factors that increase the risk of stroke, including age, family history, high blood pressure, smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, and any medical history involving previous episodes or symptoms of stroke. However, some basic and simple lifestyle changes can reduce the overall risk for millions of aging Americans.

Stroke Prevention Tips for Seniors:

- Exercise regularly to reduce high blood pressure
- Avoid high fat and cholesterol foods on a regular basis

- For seniors with or at risk of diabetes, keep blood sugar levels under control

- Reduce sodium in daily diet

- Quit smoking immediately

Warning Signs of Stroke for Seniors:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arms or legs, especially on one side of the body

- Sudden confusion or trouble speaking and understanding

- Sudden trouble seeing out of one eye

- Sudden trouble walking or loss of balance

- Sudden, severe headaches without cause

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# Plano City Council Recognizes Dr. Mark Gamber for Chief Medical Officer Designation

(NDG Wire) On Monday night the Plano City Council honored Dr. Mark Gamber for earning the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) designation. Dr. Gamber serves as the Medical Director for the Plano Fire Department. The CMO designation, offered through the Commission on Professional Credentialing, is supported by the National EMS Management Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs – EMS Section. Dr. Gamber is one of only 55 worldwide to earn the CMO designation. The presentation will be dur-



ing the regular City Council meeting at 7 p.m. at Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue.

Plano Fire Chief Hugo Esparza praised Dr. Gamber saying “We are highly pleased that Dr. Gamber has been selected to be awarded the Chief Medical Officer designation. It is a rare and distinct recognition that re-

flects the quality of physician, leader and public servant that he is. We are proud to have him on our team as we strive to provide the very best possible prehospital emergency medical care to the people of our community.”

Dr. Gamber became Plano Fire Department’s Medical Director in October 2007. Dr. Gamber is board-certified in emergency medicine. Since 2005 he has worked as an Emergency Physician for Questcare at the Medical Center of Plano. In 2006 he was chosen as the

Medical Center of Plano Emergency Department of the Year. Dr. Gamber attended Texas A&M University and the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. In addition to receiving his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree in 2002, he was concurrently awarded a Master’s Degree in Public Health. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Gamber completed a residency in emergency medicine at Scott & White Hospital in Temple where he advanced to the position of Chief Resident.

The CMO designation is presented to leaders in the Emergency Medical Services field who have accomplished 18 technical competencies as well as met specific academic and professional achievement requirements.

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cesses that minorities have had is a result of white benevolence rather than minority agitation.”

“The other part is that what they’re proposing would brainwash students. They’re adopting a curriculum that would teach individuals that the Republican philosophy is the proper philosophy in that they should become Republican.”

The NAACP has been one among a handful of organizations—others include LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), the National Alliance for Education, and the American G.I. Forum—fighting a rear guard action against the impending changes through impassioned testimony at Board hearings and efforts to mobilize their members statewide.

When implemented, the standards will dictate to textbook publishers what their books must contain in order to be adopted in the huge Texas market. And as far as textbooks are concerned, what happens in Texas doesn’t stay in Texas. Since Texas is one of a few states that purchases textbooks as a state rather than leaving it up to local districts (and the second-largest after California), there is a strong economic incentive for publishers to skew the content of their

books—even those that will be sold in other states—toward what will find favor in the Lone Star State.

The process began in January with the assignment of each grade level to teams of writers comprised mainly of subject matter experts. Once it began to appear, however, that the writing teams’ work would not sufficiently conform to the wishes of the conservative bloc, the faction, led by Don McLeroy of Bryan-College Station, began to take a more active role in shaping the final product.

McLeroy, elected to the Board in 1998 and serving as chair from July 2007 until May 2009, describes his mission as one of advocating for “accurate, balanced, and unbiased” history, even as he allows that people may respectfully disagree on what counts as “accurate” history.

However, in a quote given in a recent article in *Washington Monthly*, McLeroy is less coy about what he himself considers unbiased history: “But we are a Christian nation founded on Christian principles. The way I evaluate history textbooks is first I see how they cover Christianity and Israel. Then I see how they treat Ronald Reagan—he needs to get credit for saving the world

from communism and for the good economy over the last twenty years because he lowered taxes.”

Among the tangible results of the McLeroy view of history, according to critics: a retelling of the story of civil rights as being less about minority struggle and more about the generosity of whites; relegation of Thomas Jefferson to the margins because of his views on church-state separation; an attempt to rehabilitate the infamous Senator Joseph McCarthy; and inclusion of language alluding to the “unintended consequences” of LBJ’s Great Society.

“These subjective, biased revisions turn the very notion of civil rights on its head, ignoring the clear historical record of organizing by women and ethnic minorities to gain equal rights in the face of majority opposition,” said the NAFE in a letter to the Board. “It would be an insult to those Americans who sacrificed so much—in some cases, their lives—for the cause of civil rights to present this skewed view of history in our public school classrooms.”

Amendments to the curriculum proposed by the Board’s minority members such as Mavis B. Knight of Dallas and Latina Mary

Helen Berlanga have been repeatedly stymied by party-line votes, leading Knight to charge the Board’s conservative members with subordinating history to their own ideological agenda. Berlanga’s unsuccessful effort to increase the number of Latino role models in the curriculum reportedly led her to storm out of the Board’s March 12 meeting.

“What is at stake is that our youth are going to be put so far behind the curve when we allow the [Board] to record as they would like it to have been rather than the way it was,” said San Antonio NAACP president Marvinette Smith, a co-signer of the NAFE letter.

In theory, textbook publishers could produce one textbook for Texas, and another for everyone else. But this usually proves too costly in practice. And California, the one state large enough—and liberal enough—to counterbalance Texas, has put off purchasing new textbooks until 2014 because of its budget woes.

In other words, what happens on May 21 will likely make a large—and irreversible—splash in the contentious waters of history teaching in Texas and beyond.

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# UNCF'S Gates Millennium Scholars Program welcomes 1,000 new scholars for the Class of 2010

(NDG Wire) UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—have announced that the nation's largest minority scholarship program, the Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS), has awarded good-through-graduation college scholarships to this year's cohort of 1,000 students. The Class of 2010 Gates Millennium Scholars represents 45 states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories: American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The scholarships can be used to pursue degrees in any undergraduate major at the college or university of the recipients'

choice. Established in 1999 with the goal of developing the next generation of America's leaders, UNCF's Gates Millennium Scholars Program is funded by a \$1.6 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. To date, over 13,000 students have received GMS scholarships, attending more than 1,500 schools, including Ivy League colleges, flagship state universities and UNCF member historically black colleges (HBCUs). In addition to financial assistance, Gates Millennium Scholars receive academic support, mentoring and leadership training. As

a result, recipients have an average five-year graduation rate of almost 80 percent, 45 percent higher than the six-year rate for all college students. "The 20,000 young men and women who will attend college as Gates Millennium Scholars will make a major contribution to helping the United States fulfill President Obama's goal of regaining for America world leadership in the proportion of citizens with college degrees," said Michael L. Lomax, Ph. D., UNCF President and CEO. "The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is an investment in both the futures of these students and the country's

economic and social strength and competitiveness." UNCF's management of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program is a partnership with the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars (AIGCS), the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) and the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) to serve Gates Millennium Scholars in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. "Of all the ways to increase opportunities for

lower-income youth, education is the most important," said Margaret Daniels Tyler, Senior Program Officer at the Gates Foundation. "By supporting a diverse cadre of students to earn their degrees, we can help develop the next generation of leaders in communities

across the country. That is what the Gates Millennium Scholars Program is all about." For more information about GMS and a list of the Class of 2010 Gates Millennium Scholars, visit [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org).

## SMU Student receives Goldwater Award

(NDG Wire) SMU sophomore Jessica Maxey, 19, is the winner of a 2010 Goldwater Award, the nation's premier undergraduate scholarship awarded in the fields of mathematics, science and engineering. The one- and two-year scholarships cover

the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year. Maxey is a double major in electrical engineering and mathematics, and intends to earn a medical degree as well as a Ph.D. in bio-electrical engineering.

She plans to pursue a career teaching at the university level and conducting research on technology relating to the nervous system. Honorable mention in the Goldwater competition went to two

SMU students: Katherine Deland, sophomore biochemistry major from Beaumont, and Jessica Steinmann-Hermsen, junior mechanical engineering major from Plano.



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lar. Taylor has served on the Board of Trustees of Johnson C. Smith University and Drake University, the University of Miami's President's Council and the Board of Visitors of Queen's University. Equally important, he has earned a reputation as a prolific fundraiser in political and higher education circles, including serving as the UNCF Annual Campaign Co-Chair for Johnson C. Smith University, the TCMF Charlotte Regional Dinner Co-Chair, the TCMF 2007 Annual National Awards Gala in NYC and raising significant funds for various congressional and presidential campaigns. "I could not be more excited about the opportunity to lead the nation's pre-eminent organization committed to preparing the best and bright-

est leaders from our nation's public historically black colleges and universities. I will work tirelessly alongside the presidents of our 47 member institutions, our incredibly committed corporate and governmental partners, and hard-working and talented TCMF Board of Directors and Staff to build upon the legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall," Johnny Taylor stated in accepting the position. "I am humbled by this awesome challenge, responsibility and opportunity," Taylor added. Taylor received his Bachelor of Science in Communication from the University of Miami, Master of Arts in Mass Communication from Drake University; and Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Drake University Law School.

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## Plano's District 3 residents share input during neighborhood roundtable

(NDG Wire) On Thursday, May 20, the Plano Mayor and City Council will meet with District 3 residents in a Neighborhood Roundtable discussion. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Plano Sports Authority StarCenter, 6500 Preston Meadow. Though the meeting is focused on District 3, all Plano residents are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served.

A meeting agenda will be posted on [www.plano.gov](http://www.plano.gov) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Council will receive public comment and inquiry on items of interest not posted on the current agenda. Council and staff may respond to those items with only factual information or recitation of existing policy related to the inquiry or comment. No deliberation

on matters brought forward can occur because those items have not been posted; however, the Council may decide to place items on a future agenda. The Mayor may limit the speaking time to provide sufficient time for all inquiries.

The District 3 area is bound by the City's limit on the north, Spring Creek Parkway on the south and Coit Road on the west. The eastern boundary of District 3 is the City's Limit north of Hedgcoxe Road. South of Hedgcoxe Road, the eastern boundary of District 3 is Alma Drive. A map with all the districts is available at [www.plano.gov/outreach](http://www.plano.gov/outreach) under Council Roundtable.

Neighborhood Roundtables are part of an ongoing outreach program to present information and answer questions regarding city

services and programs. It is a working meeting where citizens help the City explore solutions to district concerns.

Held quarterly, the Neighborhood Roundtable schedule rotates through Plano's four districts to provide an opportunity for citizens to meet with Council members in the convenience of their home neighborhood.

Residents can receive email notifications of roundtable meetings, district-specific information, and city activities and events that fit their interests by signing up at [www.plano.gov](http://www.plano.gov). Just click "Email Updates" on the left menu in the Connect section. For more Neighborhood Roundtable information, call (972) 941-7747.

## Dallas native Brown sworn in as city police chief

(AP) The Dallas Police Department has sworn in a veteran of the force as its new police chief.

David Brown officially became police chief of one of the nation's most crime-ridden big cities during a Tuesday afternoon ceremony at police headquarters.

Brown, who was named to the post last week, was the top deputy to outgoing Chief David Kunkle for the last five years. The 49-year-old Dallas native has been with the city's police force for 26 years.

Brown says he's "a can-do-guy" and promised

to increase the visibility of beat cops and cut down on property crime.

Kunkle announced his retirement in November. City officials say that during Kunkle's tenure, Dallas' violent crime rate fell by 32 percent and the department added 700 officers.

## NTTA takes action after review of April 8 accident on Sam Rayburn Tollway

(NDG Wire) On April 8, 2010, a dump truck driven by an employee of the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) pulled out in front of an 18-wheeler truck leading to a three-vehicle accident and fire on the northbound side of the Sam Rayburn Tollway at Interstate Highway 35E. The roadway was closed for almost 10 hours causing traffic delays. However, no one involved in the accident was hurt.

"We regret this incident occurred and apologize to

those customers involved in the accident. Additionally, we apologize for the inconvenience our motorists experienced while the accident was cleared and the road was repaired," said NTTA Executive Director Allen Clemson.

The NTTA employee driving the dump truck received a citation from the Department of Public Safety after its investigation determined he made an "improper start from a parked position." The NTTA conducted an inter-

nal review and found that the employee violated NTTA policy by "engaging in an unsafe act." Effective April 26, 2010, the NTTA employee responsible for the accident was terminated.

"While we are grateful no one was injured in this accident, it is incumbent upon the NTTA to take steps to enforce its policies which are put in place, in part, to protect the safety of its motorists and employees," said NTTA Executive Director Allen Clemson.

## Eldercare Friends volunteer training May 19

(NDG Wire) The Visiting Nurse Association's Eldercare Friends program is looking for volunteers in Dallas County to visit the homebound elderly and provide assistance with shopping, escorted transportation, errands, and other activities.

Volunteer training will be held May 19 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association's headquarters, the Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center, located at 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. Volunteer training can also be scheduled by appointment.

There is no cost to attend a volunteer training class, but registration is requested.

Please contact Nancy



Jellinek, VNA Eldercare Friends manager, at 214-689-2209 or [jellinek@vnatexas.org](mailto:jellinek@vnatexas.org).



*The Visiting Nurse Association needs volunteers to "Adopt a Grandma." Eldercare Friends volunteer training will be held May 19, 2010.*

## McKinney to hold candlelight vigil as part of National Police Week

(NDG Wire) The McKinney Police Department will host a Candlelight Vigil Memorial Ceremony on May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 2200 Taylor Burk Drive. This ceremony honors the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

The Candlelight Vigil is a part of National Police Week, which takes place this year from May 9-15. The general public is invited and encouraged to attend this free ceremony.

There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 161 sworn members of the McKinney Police Department.

## Bicycle safety

(NDG Wire) May is National Bike Month and the following classes are available to residents on May 22 at Senter Recreation Center, 901 S. Senter Road, Irving. For more information, call (972) 742-2296.

Commute by Bicycle – 9 a.m. to noon. Adult cyclists

will explore the concept of commuting to work or school by bike. Participants also will learn key factors in commuting by bicycle including route selection, bicycle choice and riding in foul weather.

Bicycle Trail Etiquette – 1 to 2:30 p.m. Learn and

practice proper bicycle trail etiquette. Cycling for Parents – 3 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn how to teach a child how to ride a bike safely, perform bicycle safety checks, how to choose and fit a helmet, and how to correctly size a bicycle for a child.

**Every Saturday**

**Pure Saturdays** 2026 Commerce Street 23 & up preferred DJ Steve Nice in The Mixx. Doors open @ 10 p.m. Info text or call 214-810-5483.

**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](http://www.aarcc.com)

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

**DFW Financially Empowered Women** meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. Info: 469-942-0809 or [meetup.com/378](http://meetup.com/378).

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

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

LimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

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

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

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

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**May 6**

**Irving International Women's Consortium Celebrity Purse Auction** benefiting IWC Programs will be held from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Las Colinas Country Club, 4400 N. O'Connor in Irving. Call 972-541-1141 for more info.

**May 7**

**Health Yes Preventative Screenings** will be set up to offer ultrasound testing that can help people determine their risk for heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis, and other life-threatening conditions. Health Yes! Screenings are accurate, affordable and non-invasive. All results are reviewed by local, board-certified specialist. Clients will receive results and im-

ages within 4 business days so clients and their doctor get the full story from their screening. Pre-Registration is required 1-888-802-3114 Mention Source Code when registering F1891B Please call 888-547-9045 or visit [www.healthyes.com](http://www.healthyes.com)

**May 8**

**Celebrate Mama!** Join us for the Mother's Day Celebration of the year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our free Celebration will have elements of music, prizes, entertainment, shopping and more for the whole family! Event benefiting Hope's Door. Please bring any of the following items for our collection bin: twin pillows, twin size sheet sets, towels, laundry detergent and fabric softener sheets. All items must be new. Admission is FREE. For more information contact Sundra Taylor at 972-768-4074 or [www.blissfuleventsandexpos.com](http://www.blissfuleventsandexpos.com)

**May 11**

**Collin County Insurance Expo One-day seminar** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is geared towards independent Insurance Agents or agents looking to become independents. Networking, excellent keynote speaker with CE, over 40 exhibitors to meet and gain new information regarding obtaining contracts, expanding your business, and making new contacts. Even registration includes 2-hour CE course, lunch, and exhibits. Admission \$45 for IAD members; \$55 for non-members. For more information contact Tracey Evers or Jennifer Fitzsimmons at 214-360-0666 or visit [www.iaa.dallas.org](http://www.iaa.dallas.org).

**May 14**

**Smucker's Stars on Ice** is proud to welcome America's leading medal contenders - 2009 Men's World Champion Evan Lysacek; 2006 Olympic Silver Medalists Tanith Belbin & Benjamin Agosto; and 2006 Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha

Cohen. They will be joined by World Champion and Six-Time National Champion Todd Eldredge; and Two-Time World Bronze Medalist and Three-Time National Champion Michael Weiss; and more, including several medalists from the 2010 U.S. and World Figure Skating Championships and the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. For more information, visit us online at [www.starsonice.com](http://www.starsonice.com) or at [www.americanairlinescenter.com](http://www.americanairlinescenter.com).

**May 14-16**

**The Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival** is an award-winning, multi-day eclectic arts and music festival that draws over 70,000 attendees... and we're celebrating our 18th anniversary in 2010! Festival programming includes two main outdoor performance stages, the Acoustic Café, our award-winning Singer/Songwriter Stage, the family friendly Kidz Korner, Teen Zone, strolling entertainers, buskers and acrobats, the Taste of Texas Food Garden, the City of Richardson Petting Zoo, the Art Guitar Auction, and lots of interactive displays and exhibits. For more information, please visit them at [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com)

**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](mailto:bikeirving@gmail.com) to join a group. Call 972-742-2296.

**May 22**

Fine Arts Chamber Players presents a free **Bancroft Family Concert** at the Dallas Museum of Art at 3:00pm featuring award-winning Dallas violin virtuoso Laura Liu with pianist Yurie Iwasaki. The museum is located at 1717 North Harwood, Dallas, TX 75201. Admission to the concert is free and no reservations or tickets are required. Auditorium doors open at 2:30pm for the 3:00pm concert. Info: 214.520.2219 or [www.fineartschamberplayers.org](http://www.fineartschamberplayers.org).

**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 1**

**WWE Smackdown** returns to Dallas, TX for the first time of 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for Smackdown at American Airlines Center World Heavyweight Championship match, THE PHENOM" The Undertaker vs. Chris Jericho, Rey Mysterio & Kane vs. CM Punk & Luke Gallows, and many more!! Details at [www.americanairlinescenter.com](http://www.americanairlinescenter.com).

**June 3 – 5**

**Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series Qualifying Night**, Winstar World Casino 400K and the The Firestone 550K IZOD IndyCar Series- Starts

June 3, with the WinStar World Casino 400k Camping World Truck Series practice and qualifying, followed by the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series opening practice. Then June 4, the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series practice and qualifying followed by the WinStar World Casino 400k Camping World Truck Series race. To finish off the weekend, the Firestone 550k IZOD IndyCar Series will be held. Info: [www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com) or 817-215-8500.

**June 7 – July 2**

**Thriving Minds Summer Camps** offer creative, hands-on activities for elementary and middle schoolers. Led by professional artists and instructors, campers will explore the world around them and express their imagination through visual and performing arts, theater, dance, creative writing and more. Participants will also receive breakfast, lunch and a daily snack (breakfast will only be served at the Bath House and Oak Cliff locations). The camps are free and open to Dallas residents, but space is limited.

**June 10**

Dr. Cordell Adams author of *Light Bread* is appearing at Allen Public Library, 7 p.m.

**June 12**

**20th Annual Komen North Texas Race for the Cure** at The Plano Campuses of HP and The Campus at Legacy, Legacy at Parkwood Drive, east of the North Dallas Tollway. The Komen North Texas Race for the Cure is a 5K run/walk and a one-mile family fun run organized by a committee of volunteers for the North Texas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. It is a fun, festive event, but more importantly, it is a race for life. Info: [www.komennorthtexas.org](http://www.komennorthtexas.org)

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# University of North Texas Graduate wins Teacher of the Year

(NDG Wire) She is not as famous as Wilmer-Hutchins High School graduates Royce West or Spud Webb, but Raquel Ortiz is just as special as the senator and basketball player to her fourth grade class at Daugherty Elementary School in Garland where she recently was named teacher of the year.

"It's amazing," Ortiz says of the award. "The teachers that I was up against are great, and I just started working here. For them to even think that I was worthy of such an honor is great."

Asked how she earned the award, Ortiz says she's not sure. One reason is that her boss, Principal Deborah Henson, is very supportive.

"She tells me that I'm doing well, so that motivates me. I love her. She's great. I love what I'm doing, and maybe that comes out. It's a dream come true altogether."

Her students say she deserves the award, and one student—Roberto Vasquez—even calls her "the greatest teacher in the universe."

"She's dedicated. She takes her time to teach us," says Gabriel Alvarez, 9. "Every time I come at 7:15 she helps me practice more because I need help on math. She's funny, and she's really nice."

Student Jasmin Arroyo says that Ortiz has helped her identify a different way to learn. The 10-year-old has dyslexia, which Ortiz first identified during reading sessions.

Most of the 20 students raised their hands to show that they wanted to share why Ortiz deserved to be named teacher of the year. A few hours observing the class one recent morning revealed an impressive, respectful, well-behaved group of children, perhaps another reason why she won the award.

"I did get a lot of compli-

ments on my kids because of how well disciplined they are, because last year they were kind of rowdy."

"I love when I can see that they understand something that I'm trying to teach them, something new, that I can see that light come on," Ortiz says. "It's an amazing feeling when they say, 'Oh, I get it.' That's what makes it worth it."

Growing up, Ortiz lived in a small town in California; in Corsicana, Texas; and in Mexico briefly before her family moved to the Dallas area. She attended the now-closed Wilmer-Hutchins High School graduating 11th in her class.

She enrolled in the University of Texas at Arlington and was going to be an accountant. "The school was so big; it was really scary, so I dropped out," Ortiz says. "I ended up getting married and started having kids."

She had four children and started working in a series of jobs that typically lasted four or five years before the businesses would close or move, she says. She told her husband that she wanted to work somewhere where she would always have a job. She noticed that her children's teachers al-

ways seemed to enjoy what they were doing, so she decided to go back to college and become a teacher.

They lived in Lancaster at the time, so the UNT Dallas Campus was convenient, and she has kids, "so I couldn't go to Denton," she explains. At first she didn't enjoy her classes at UNT Dallas because it was a lot of hard work, but most of what she learned she is now using her classroom, she says.

Assistant Professor of Bilingual Education Ruth Guevara assigned her a lot of work, and Ortiz says she hated doing the work. "But it has really helped me a lot. I use it every day."

She also cites June Azua, Linda Allen and Jeane Tunks as professors who made a big impact on her.

One assignment that made her very nervous was when Guevara had her class pick a historical person to learn about, and then they had to dress up as the person and address the class. She chose Mexican-American civil rights activist and teacher Jovita Idar Juarez from the early 1900s. This month she made that same presentation to her kids at Daugherty and gave them the same assignment.



*Fourth grade teacher Raquel Ortiz works with one of her students, Melisa Flores, at Daugherty Elementary School in Garland. Ortiz recently was named teacher of the year at Daugherty Elementary.*

"I really enjoyed everything that we did there ... afterwards," Ortiz says with a smile after a long pause. "I see the rewards now."

She graduated from the UNT Dallas Campus in December 2008. She started work at Daugherty Elementary the next month. Principal Henson said Ortiz took over for a teacher who was reassigned and that she "just did a tremendous job." A year later, "She is doing an absolutely fantastic job."

"We talk about those natural teachers that just have that innate ability to relate to

their kids and get their point across, and Raquel has those talents," Henson says. "If you watch her in the classroom, her students eat out of the palm of her hand. She has a lot of enthusiasm. She's very caring, but very firm with her students."

Henson says that Ortiz has even inspired some of her "more senior" teachers to step up their game a notch to keep up with her.

Coincidentally, another recent UNT Dallas graduate, Vivian Estridge, teaches the fourth grade class across the hall from Ortiz. Like Ortiz, she also started teaching at Daugherty in the middle of the school year. When she interviewed for the job, Estridge asked the principal all the right questions.

"She had great insight and intuition and depth of understanding of the kind of situation that she was stepping into and the challenges that she would face as a young teacher. She was also concerned about the children's welfare, the things that are outside of school but greatly impact education like food and clothing and housing and those situations, because we are a Title One school with about 88 percent of our chil-

dren listed as 'at risk,'" Henson shares.

The term Title One means at least half of the school's students are from low-income families and receive free or reduced lunch.

Ortiz challenged UNT Dallas education students to stick with it. "I know it's a lot of work, and I often thought, why am I doing this? All those hands-on experiences in the classroom, those observations they make you do, they come in handy. Just stick with it; it's worth it."

Henson says she wishes she could clone Ortiz. College students should model themselves after Ortiz and Estridge.

"They have a lot of enthusiasm. They don't see it as an eight to three kind of job. They have rapport with their students and very clear expectations for their students, which they communicate very well. You have to expect to put in some long hours and face some tough times, but it's more than worth it. I've been in education—I think this is my 29th or 30th year—and couldn't imagine doing anything else."

Ortiz and the other Garland Independent School District teacher of the year winners will be recognized on the field prior to the Texas Rangers baseball game May 7.

The University of North Texas at Dallas is a 21st century teaching institution and a component of the University of North Texas System. Founded in 2000 as the UNT Dallas Campus by the University of North Texas, the flagship of the UNT System, UNT Dallas will accept its first freshman class in Fall 2010. The University's goal is to train citizens to be productive and lead in a global environment and to promote the values of virtue, civility, reasoning and accountability.



*Fourth grade teacher Raquel Ortiz poses with her class at Daugherty Elementary School in Garland.*

# Dallas Children's Theater announces 27th season

Dallas Children's Theater (DCT) announces the theater's 27th season, continuing DCT's focus on presenting new works alongside classic literature, folk and fairy tales. The 2010-2011 season includes two world premieres, two regional premieres, a dynamite month-long festival for young adults, and is flanked by musicals and colorful stage adaptations of award-winning books.

Robyn Flatt, DCT's Executive Artistic Director, states, "Dallas Children's Theater values the multi-generational audience and is so proud to serve the whole family with wonderful entertainment options. In our 27th season there is a hit for everyone."

Flatt continues, "As experts in our field, we have crafted a season with careful consideration of the community we serve, the age appropriateness of our productions, and the balance between presenting new works alongside adaptations of classics. It is an important responsibility to reach children and families from all parts of our city. Every child deserves great theater!"

A few of the highlights for the season include:

*Miss Nelson is Missing.* Based on the book by Harry Allard and James Marshall, September 17 – October 24, 2010 at the Baker Theater. Enjoyed by ages 5 and above.

This classroom comedy is for unruly children everywhere who take advantage of their teacher's good will and must face the most terrifying of substitutes – Miss Viola Swamp! What has become of sweet Miss Nelson? The kids of Room 207 find themselves playing detective in the search to find Miss Nelson!

*The Curse of Castle Mongrew.* A Gothic-Horror Comedy By Roger Downey, October 8 – October 31, 2010 at the Studio Theater. Enjoyed by ages 12 and above

They're kooky and they're spooky! They're wacky and they're weird! No, not that other family! Meet the Mongrew's! Young Katherine suddenly finds herself an orphan and is sent to live in the crumbling estate of her strange uncle. Little does she know that the creepy castle is under a curse! It's Gothic Horror! It's Romantic Comedy! It's Madcap Melodrama! It's not to be Missed!

*Southwest Premier*

Junie B. in *Jingle Bells*  
*Batman Smells* Adapted by Allison Gregory

Based on the book series by Barbara Park, November 19 – December 23, 2010 at the Baker Theater. Enjoyed by ages 5 and above

She's back! Based on the wildly popular book series by Barbara Park, see the world thru the eyes of a sassy and impulsive first grader in an ALL NEW holiday production. What kind of Secret Santa gift is Junie B. going to give her arch nemesis, Tattletale May?! Laugh out loud at the Merry Mayhem filled with Junie B. Joy and Glee!

*World Premier*

Kathy Burks Theatre of Puppetry Arts, *The Snow Queen.* Adapted for the puppet stage by B. Wolf, November 26 – December 23, 2010 at the Studio Theater. Enjoyed by ages 4 and above

Celebrate the season as Kathy Burks' renowned troupe adapts Hans Christian Andersen's winter's tale of the triumph of love. This classic story promises to be a thrilling adventure and an unforgettable visual world of wonder!

*Southwest Premier*

*The True Story of The Three Little Pigs.* Book and Lyrics by Robert Kauzlaric. Music by Paul Gilvary and William Rush. Adapted from the book Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. January 21 – February 27, 2011 at the Baker Theater. Enjoyed by ages 4 and above



Based on the hilariously popular book. A. Wolf finally gets to tell his side of the story and YOU determine the ending of the play in this rock Hip-Hop-ity musical that will blow the hair off your chinny chin chin! A thrilling courtroom dram-edy...with music! And ham!

*Teen Festival*

The festival centers around two dramatic works for young adults that explore the often misunderstood worlds of learning differences (hard 2 spel dad) and violence in teen dating (dont u luv me?). Both are must-see productions for teens, their parents, and anyone who works with young people.

*hard 2 spel dad* by Linda Daugherty and Mary Rohde Scudday, February 4 – February 20, 2011 at the Studio Theater. Enjoyed by ages 12 and above.

Pamela is learning different. And so is her new friend Zak. Navigating their individual paths through adolescence, both young people struggle to accept who they are and how they learn. Illuminating the difficult and often misunderstood world of dyslexia, the play follows the lives of two young people and their paths to self-acceptance.

*dont u luv me?* by DCT's acclaimed playwright-in-Residence, Linda Daugherty, February 4 – February 20, 2011 at the Studio Theater. Enjoyed by ages 13 and above – mature subject matter and strong language

Angela has a new boyfriend. C.J.'s romantic. He sends her flowers. He texts her day and night. But C.J. has his own struggles. Soon his devotion feels like

control and the relationship spirals dangerously downward. This powerful play explores the hidden world of aggression and violence in teen dating while encouraging young people to make choices that result in healthy relationships.

During the weeks that these shows are running, DCT will also be offering special Festival Events including staged readings and Teen produced productions of Linda Daugherty's dynamic plays, *The Secret Life of Girls* and *Eat (It's Not About Food)*.

Kathy Burks Theatre of Puppetry Arts

*The Frog Prince*  
Adapted from the Brothers Grimm. Play and Music by B. Wolf, March 4 – April 3, 2011 at the Studio Theater. Enjoyed by ages 4 and above

Kathy Burks & Company bring their clever twist to this familiar fairy tale in a sophisticated and witty musical version that will have you looking for a frog to kiss! Will they live happily

ever after?

*\*Tuck Everlasting* By Mark J. Frattaroli Adapted from the novel by Natalie Babbitt, March 25 – April 10, 2011 at the Baker Theater. Enjoyed by ages 10 and above

This award-winning novel has been called a classic of modern children's literature. The year is 1870. Young Winnie Foster ventures beyond her own gate and meets the Tucks and her life is changed forever! Can she keep their secret? A compelling story of family, friendship, and the value of life.

DCT's National Touring Production

*Giggle, Giggle, Quack*  
Adapted by James E. Grote. Music and lyrics by George Howe. Based on the book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, May 6 – May 22, 2011 at the Baker Theater. Enjoyed by all ages

DCT's acclaimed National Tour returns to the DCT stage in this hilarious musical sequel to Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type. Duck turns the barnyard upside-down when

Farmer Brown leaves his city-slicker brother Bob in charge of the farm. It's a madcap musical mutiny with Duck on the loose!

*World Premier*

*The Pied Piper* Adapted by Linda Daugherty. Based on the book by Steven Kellogg, June 17 - July 17, 2011 at the Baker Theater. Enjoyed by all ages.

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\*Indicates a production of DCT's Young Adult Relevant Drama (YARD) Series

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# The A-List by Amber reaches company milestone

DALLAS (April 27, 2010) – Mother and daughter team, Janet Jack Hercules and Amber Jenkins is proud to announce the one year anniversary of The A-List by Amber, a new Brand of premium accessories that creatively merges fashion with function. The innovative items provide the perfect mix of sophistication and class through fashion accessories that are ageless and unique.

“The A-List by Amber is an innovative collection that offers unique fashion accessories for those who value style while they are at work or on the go,” said Amber Jenkins, President of The A-List by Amber.

The A-List by Amber was created by mother and daughter team, Janet Jack Hercules and Amber Jenkins. With over 27 years of experience in the retail and wholesale industry, Janet traveled throughout the world shopping for major retailers to include J.C. Penney, Neiman

Marcus, The Limited and Marshall Fields. From Los Angeles and New York to Asia and Europe, daughter Amber would accompany her or await her return to share “special finds” and discuss upcoming styles and trends. Together they’d discover distinctive items for their personal wardrobe that would often become conversation pieces amongst friends and family - a term they have playfully coined “girlfriend envy.”

In early 2009, Janet’s five year role as the divisional vice president and director of product development for the intimate apparel and accessories division for J.C. Penney, Inc. ended due to corporate restructuring. What many would have thought would be devastating, transformed into a blessing for this proven achiever. During this time, Amber was teaching at Bishop Dunne Catholic School in Dallas, yet had an ultimate passion to pursue a

full-time career in fashion. These two Stylistas tapped into their extensive years of fashion and professional experience and recognized the need for professional accessories that were both fashionable and functional. The pair decided to develop a unique collection of accessories that could be used regularly, while simultaneously generating “girlfriend envy” for all women. Soon they were in their closets pulling out their favorite possessions to gain inspiration for their new line of accessories and unique travel aides.

“We really wanted to develop products that were filling a void in the market place” said Janet Jack Hercules, CEO of The A-List by Amber. “At the same time they needed to be fashion forward and make those both young and mature feel confident and proud to carry.”

Janet’s years of fashion savvy combined with Amber’s innate flair for fash-

ion became the creative concept for the A-List by Amber. With the perfect mix of chic, sophistication, class, funk and edge, The A-List by Amber features fashion accessories that both classy mothers and trendy daughters can tote with style, sass and confidence. Its debut collection, “Executively Chic,” is for the woman that is always on the go with a unique need and lifestyle. She is the corporate executive, business professional, entrepreneur, teacher, student, attorney or mother. Full of fashion and function, this fabulous collection features a “Bag on Wheels”, the “Lap Top Case”, “Total Tote”, “Let’s Do Lunch” bag, “PurCELLnality” cell phone holder, “Purse 2 Purse” organizer and “The Overnighter” garment bag.

Recently featured on ShopNBC home shopping network, the “Executively Chic” collection’s “Bag on Wheels” has been a favorite

amongst the network’s shoppers and has received many positive reviews and ratings. This “French chic” inspired bag is the perfect option for work or play. Fashionable, it is made of a durable quilted patent that comes in black, brown, red or purple and is lined with a leopard print. Functionally, it features a retractable handle and wheels that allow convenient transport; has three exterior pockets perfect for housing small items to include cell phones, cameras, airline tickets and I Pods; is padded for laptops; and includes a detachable accessory pouch perfect for storing various items to include laptop chargers, pens and batteries. The “Bag on Wheels” is spacious and can easily fit clothing, shoes, magazines, books and other key essentials.

In celebration of Mothers Day, The A-List by Amber is offering the “My Mom Makes the A-List” special that will be the perfect Moth-

ers Day treat for classy and sassy moms. This special offers the “Let’s Do Lunch” bag for only \$24.99. The “My Mom Makes the A-List” special is valid through May 31, 2010.

The A-List by Amber is enjoying success since its May 2009 launch. In May 2010, just in time for its one year anniversary, the company will make a second appearance on the ShopNBC home shopping network. The team is also hard at work on upcoming collections - set to debut in May 2010. These include a full travel collection, men’s accessories and travel line and clothing accessories to include scarves, hats and gloves. The complete line will be launched in New York during Accessories market week for Buyer previews in May 2010. For additional information or to inquire about wholesale opportunities, please call 469-633-0750 or visit [www.alistonlineshop.com](http://www.alistonlineshop.com).

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Dallas Erik Jonsson School of Engineering & Computer Science; Stuart Murchison, professor of Geospatial Sciences & Geography at UT Dallas School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences; Richard Huckaba, UT Dallas associate provost; and Jim Gary, the university’s vice president and chief information officer.

“It was important that we had judges representing all these different fields, just as an app is something that draws on talents across typical academic boundaries,” said Diane McNulty, School of Management associate dean for external affairs. “Symon represents the commercialization of these talents – obviously something important to those of us in the School of Management. It’s significant to the students – and the judges – that the university to continue to offer these cross-disciplinary opportunities so our

students are prepared for the business world as it exists today.”

Channell later explained how, on a wall-sized white board in his apartment, he would list ideas, refine them, do more research, and refine the list again. “I’m really good at the technical part,” he said. It was the content ideas he had to work on. Channell says he’ll use the winnings to attend school this summer and get new tires for his car.

Kane’s entry elicited the most “How did he do that?” comments from the judges. A key element to his entry, he said, was tying into eight different social media networks. He plans to use at least part of his winnings to purchase an iPad.

Third-place winners Ransom and Elfenbein played to each other’s strengths. Ransom, who is an editor at the UTD Mercury, said her favorite part was brainstorming content

ideas. For Elfenbein, a computer science major, he had never done a mobile application before, so it was a good learning exercise

“something to add to my resume.”

“From classroom locations to local eateries, the various entries highlighted

the diverse amount of information available to visitors to the campus,” said Savoie. “Each entry not only showcased the technical skills of

the applicants, but the diversity of information, events and activities available to campus visitors.”

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# Resolution honoring Workers Memorial Day Passes Congress

(NDG Wire) The House of Representatives passed H. Res. 375, a resolution written by Congresswoman Johnson that supported the goals and ideals of Workers' Memorial Day in order to honor and remember the workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace. The resolution, which passed unanimously, revealed that at least 2.3 million people around the globe die each year from work-related causes. In the United States in 2008 there were 5,214 workers killed on the job, 50 thousand died of occupational diseases and 4.6 million were injured at work.

Congresswoman Johnson made the following statement on the House floor:

"On Wednesday of this week, millions of people world-wide recognized Workers Memorial Day. Each year in this country thousands of workers are killed due to workplace related injuries, and tens – of – thousands more die of occupational illnesses. It is staggering to think that approximately 14 workers are killed daily due to injuries on the job. World-wide, more than

2 million workers die of occupational illness and injuries annually. That means more people are killed on the job each year than in wars. The bottom line is that everyone deserves a safe and healthy workplace. Many of us may take this basic right for granted, but for millions of Americans the threat of being permanently disabled or even killed on the job is very real. Workers Memorial Day not only recognizes and honors those who have been killed or injured on the job. It also reminds us of the overwhelming need to improve health and safety standards in our Nation's workplaces. It has been 40 years since the creation of OSHA, and over this time worker health and safety standards have vastly improved. However, there is still work to be done, as evidence by several recent workplace disasters. The month of April has been particularly devastating for work place deaths in the United States. On April 2nd, seven workers were killed by a devastating fire at the Tesero Refinery in Washington. Just last week, a large explosion and fire on a Deepwater Horizon drilling

rig 50 miles off the coast of Louisiana, injured 17 workers and 11 workers remain missing. On April 5th, we saw the worst mining disaster in nearly four decades. An explosion at the Upper Big Branch coal mine in West Virginia left 29 miners dead and many others injured. Additionally, a miner was killed this past week at the Pocahontas Mine in West Virginia. Both of these mines had a pattern of repeat safety violations. They were not dedicated to the safety of their employees. Rather they were dedicated to staying open by doing the bare minimum to meet regulations. Chairman Miller, Congresswoman Woolsey and Congressman Rahall have been diligent in working to bring to light repeat violators, and hold those who continue to operate unsafe mines accountable. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of those who were killed or injured in these tragic events, as well as, all of those workers who were injured or killed world-wide. These are our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters.

They left home for work in the morning like we all do, only to never return. We hear again and again that those who died knew the risk of what they were doing. A risk many felt was necessary to provide for their families. Yes, accidents do happen.

But often accidents are preventable, and we must do all that we can to prevent injury and death on the job. I would like to thank House Leadership and Chairman Miller for their support in bringing this resolution to the floor today. I would also like to

thank Congressman Bruce Braley and Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, in their assistance in bringing this resolution forward. I urge my colleagues support in recognizing Workers Memorial Day.

## Prosperity Bank completes acquisition of Texas branches of First Bank

(NDG Wire) Prosperity Bank®, the banking subsidiary of Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.® (NASDAQ:PRSP), completed the previously announced acquisition of the nineteen (19) Texas retail bank branches of First Bank. The transaction continues Prosperity's strategic growth and expansion of the franchise in Texas.

Prosperity will now operate thirty-one (31) Dallas/Ft. Worth area banking centers and sixty (60) Houston area banking centers. The nineteen locations acquired by Prosperity are all in the Houston and Dallas



metropolitan areas and represent a strategic enhancement to Prosperity's presence in these markets.

In connection with the acquisition, Prosperity assumed approximately \$500 million in deposits and purchased approximately \$100 million in loans.

"We are pleased to complete our transaction with First Bank," said David Zelman, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Prosperity Bancshares. "Our

team is focused on serving the needs of our newest Texas customers."

"Over this past weekend, all of the acquired customer accounts at these locations were moved onto the Prosperity computer systems," remarked Dan Rollins, President and Chief Operating Officer of Prosperity Bancshares. "Within the next few weeks, all of the operational integration and rebranding of these locations will be complete."

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American Airline Center development.

The company website's bio of Ware includes:

"At 21st Century Group, he has directed the firm's development since its founding and leads the 21st Century Group strategic direction, investment strategy, and fundraising. In addition

to several years of private equity/ leveraged buyout experience, Mr. Ware has served more than 10 years as either the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Operating Officer of two \$1 billion municipalities. During his tenure as City Manager of Dallas from 1993-1998, he initiated several ventures

which created over \$7 billion in public/private business partnerships with several of the nation's leading financial institutions (Bank of America, J. P. Morgan Chase, Bank One, etc.) including two financial commitments totaling \$4 billion with Fannie Mae, and a \$1.5 billion commitment with

Freddie Mac.

Mr. Ware has over 24 years experience in municipal management, including special expertise in the establishment, coordination and financing of multi-billion dollar investments in central-city districts, and he has also managed or coordinated more than \$3.0 billion

in municipal financing transactions. Under Mr. Ware's leadership, Dallas was cited by Financial World as one of the best managed cities in the U.S. Mr. Ware currently serves on the board of directors of several 21st Century Group portfolio companies."

Ware earned a bachelor

of arts degree from Ouachita Baptist University and a Masters of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, two sons Jawn and Brandon and a grandson, Porter. Funeral services were held on Wednesday.

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of White and Black Episcopalians an athletic program was established to address juvenile delinquency in one of the most underserved neighborhoods in Dallas. This was only the beginning.

In the late 60's, innovation was born out of tragedy after a toddler was hit by a car on Pennsylvania Ave.

Led by the late Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes, a group consisting of Blacks and Whites, Democrats and Republicans, rallied resources to establish a much needed day care center.

The decades have witnessed many more changes at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. What was once only an athletic program and day care

center is now the St. Philip's School and Community Center. Although the Episcopal Church is no longer there, the spirit of cooperation that was the catalyst for changing this community lives on.

"The Miracle at Pennsylvania Ave", as it is now known, has stood as one of our city's most successful

examples of racial and political cooperation for over half a century. The impact on the community has been nothing less than spectacular. Collective partnerships have resulted in thousands being served through a host of social service programs ranging from Senior Services, a Food Pantry and free Continuing Education Pro-

grams to Legal Clinics and Creative Dance Classes. The school has educated thousands and boasts a 97% high school graduation rate and an 88% college attendance rate. The athletic program has produced several professional athletes and continues to expose youth to non-traditional sports such as Lacrosse, Fencing

and Golf.

As we bear witness to the seemingly never-ending flow of adversarial bickering surrounding the other 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Dallas can count itself blessed to have a symbol of Republican and Democratic harmony right here at its own 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

# Get in the 'mainframe' of mind at open house

(NDG Wire) "Mainframe" is the buzzword for an open house hosted by Collin College's Continuing Education Division from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, May 8.

The Mainframe Computing open house is free and open to the public. The event is set for the Courtyard Center for Professional and Economic Development, 4800 Preston Park Blvd. in Plano.

The open house is a venue to meet instructors, review curriculum, ask questions and find out the best path for someone seeking to re-career, improve his or her skills, or just learn new ones.

Continuing Education mainframe courses featured

at the open house prepare students for the IBM System Programmer mastery test: Introduction to Mainframe Computing; Mainframe Hardware and Operating System; Mainframe Subsystems and Middleware; COBOL Programming, REXX, Mainframe Assembler Programming, and DB2 for z/OS.

The open house will provide information resources, and Collin College representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Continuing Education courses and certificate programs provide marketable skills that enable transitioning into a new career or help boost a current career.

Mainframes are used by most Fortune 500 companies, contain 80 percent of

the world's mission critical data and process 70 percent of all business transactions. Any time you use a credit card, get cash from an ATM, check a flight sched-

ule, pay taxes, renew a driver's license or buy something on the internet, you're interacting with a mainframe. The mainframe workforce is getting older,

so the demand for people with mainframe skills will continue to increase.

To register for the free open house, contact Contin-

uing Education at 972.985.3711. Seating is limited, so register early.

Visit [www.collin.edu/ce](http://www.collin.edu/ce) for more information.

## Mother's Day Weekend Celebration – Saturday, May 8 – Sunday, May 9

(NDG Wire) Enjoy a special moment with your loved ones as you release a tropical butterfly into our butterfly house. We are special ordering blue morphos and paper kites, two of the most dazzling species we have inside our butterfly house. Your release not only celebrates Mom, but it also helps fund children's educational programs at Texas Discovery Gardens!

Visitors can also buy Mom a memento of the exhibit—beautiful blooming orchids will be on sale in the lobby by Hawaiian Tropical Plant Sales, one of Dallas' premier or-

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**May 8, 12 Noon**

Join us for our Annual Sister to Sister Tea Party in The C. Paul McBride Fellowship Hall. Our theme: "Treasure in Earthen Vessels." Attire: Spring Dresses and hats. See Sis. Carolyn Bailey for details.

**Dr. C. Paul McBride**  
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**May 9, 7:30 a.m.**

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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.

**May 7, 12 p.m.**

Our senior saints are invited to a luncheon in the main Fellowship Hall. Topics for discussion: Lifestyle options, things you need to know and questions you need to ask. Call the church office or Bro. Fred & Sis. Kathy Martin by Monday May 3 to RSVP.

**May 10**  
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**NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

**May 6, 12 Noon**

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**May 15, 7 a.m.--5 p.m.**  
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**May 16, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**  
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**SHILOH MBC IN PLANO**

**May 6, 7 p.m.**

Join us in prayer for our Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family.

**May 16, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.**  
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**SAINT MARK MBC IN MCKINNEY**

**May 6, 12 Noon**

Join us for National Day of Prayer at Mitchell Park at the corner of Louisiana & Church Street in McKinney.

**May 6, 1 pm**  
 Also, stay for the Bible Readathon (bring your own Bible) at Mitchell Park  
**May 8, 12 p.m.**  
 And on Going Every 2nd

Saturday of the Month All Senior Saints are invited to our Double Nickel (55 and above) Luncheon @ the Newsome Center on Amscott Street in McKinney. Activities include lunch, bingo and door prizes. Come and bring a friend. If you are homebound, we will deliver to you. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than the Friday, April 9th this month) before the luncheon and leave a message with your name, address, phone number and how many meals you need.

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child and tropical plant nurseries. Check out their waterfall display showcasing their water feature designs for the home and yard that will be set up in the lobby!

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**Happy Mother's Day**  
*This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. My column this week is a tribute to all Godly mothers. Godly mothers are not just birth mothers; they are step-mothers and adoptee mothers too! (God only knows what many special mothers go through.) They are grandmothers and some great grandmothers, mother-in-laws, church mothers, and mothers that have adopted children. They are little old ladies in neighborhoods that help watch out for children. They are also mothers that gave up a child for adoption because she believed (right or wrong) that it was better for the child to give him or her up.*

There is no comparison to Godly mothers; may God continue to richly bless each and every one of them. This Sunday, if you wear a red rose (for a mother who is alive) a white rose (for a deceased mother) or like I have done since my mother's death in 1984, no rose at all (at first because it was too painful for me to wear a white rose; and because I know that my mother is alive in

## A Tribute to Godly Mothers

Heaven) thank God for your mother. No one else will love you more, or as unconditionally!

**Mother, These Are the Gifts that I would Like to Give to You:** *A Heartfelt Thank-You* for all of the things you do or have done for me. *My Assurance* that I really do remember the things that you taught me; and I always will. *Plenty of Reasons* for you to feel proud of me, which I will achieve by always striving to be, and to do my best. *A Sincere Apology* for any and all headaches that I caused you when I was growing up. *A Gift Certificate of Love* to be redeemed anytime, and as many times as you want for anything that I can ever do for you. *My Promise* that no matter how far away from home that I may travel, you are never far from my heart. *My Continued Commitment* to our family and the values that you have taught me. *My Recognition* for all the great things that you have done in your life (not the least of which was me!) *An Invitation* to always be a part of my life, and to never feel that you have to ask. *A Bunch of Wishes* that you have the peace, joy, and happiness in your life, which you are so deserving of. *My Love* forever and

always. —Anna Marie Edwards.

**I Love You, Mother:** Mother, you have always been to me a blessing and an inspiration, giving me security within your love. I know that I do not always follow the path that you might choose. I realize how much you wish to save me from the hurt of life, wishing for me to make only wise choices. Your pride in me is one of my most valued treasures, and when you are disappointed in me, I hurt too.

You have taught me through love an experience those things that make me who I am, and you give me the strength to believe in myself. You have shown me my ability to fulfill the potential that we all have. I may not always choose the easy path, and I may sometimes be wrong, but I have

learned to make my own decisions, based on what I believe is right at the time — realizing that time may change my decision. Though you may not always understand my actions or my deeds, please know in your heart and soul that you, dearest Mother, are important to me.

Regardless of the path I walk, I will always respect your judgment, though I may not always accept it as my own. I love you, Mother, and I only hope that I can give to others as much of myself as you have given of yourself to me. —Teresa L. Cornett.

*Please feel free to use anything you see in this column to use as a basis for you to pay a tribute to your mother.*



Mrs. Cleo Spann Tarpley, preparing to cook one of her special dishes for Mother's Day.

## So, you're ready to get a dog?

(NDG Wire) Diane Pomerance knows what people say about adopting pets from animal shelters and rescue organizations.

"They think, 'I don't want to inherit someone else's problem,' or they simply think all the dogs there are abused or hard to

train, or that they won't be able to find the breed that they want," said Pomerance, author of seven books about pets, including Our Rescue Dog Family Album (www.animalcompanion-sandtheirpeople.com). Her family has saved and adopted more than 40 res-

cued dogs over the years and currently have 21 in their home. In addition, she has helped place hundreds more with good homes. "All of those notions couldn't be further from the truth, and in fact, buying from the pet shop can be more hazardous than adopting one

from a shelter." Pomerance does not work for an animal shelter or animal welfare organization. She is simply an individual who has devoted much of her personal life to rescuing these dogs because

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she feels strongly about the value of these animals and the many gifts they can offer people. She also believes that people view animal shelters in a poor light because of their adherence to many popular -- but erroneous -- myths about shelter dogs:

- Most shelter dogs are sick or aggressive from abuse -- Rescued dogs receive better care and feeding than pet shop dogs, and they are treated by veterinarians before they are offered for adoption. In addition, they are far more affordable to adopt and care for, since

many shelters and rescue groups offer free adoptions, and excellent veterinary services at significantly reduced rates. Also, most shelters don't allow dangerous animals to be adopted.

- Pet Shop dogs are better quality animals -- Pet shops typically get their dogs from puppy mills that breed them in unsanitary and inhumane conditions, which means many new owners bring home pets with illnesses not immediately obvious or disclosed at the time of sale, and they are offered no compensation for it. So, buying at a pet shop means

paying top dollar, sometimes over \$1,000 for a dog, and then paying top dollar for private veterinary care to treat any initial illnesses many pet shop dogs contract.

- Most of the dogs who are euthanized wouldn't make good pets, anyway -- Rescuing a dog helps deplete the high population of animals in these shelters and reduces the number of good, faithful, loving animals that are euthanized every year. It's not just the sick or dangerous dogs who are euthanized at shelters. In most cases, many dogs who would make good pets are

euthanized because of overcrowding in the shelter

"Animals are deserving of our respect and appreciation, which is why we should try to be responsive individually to the crisis facing animal shelters today," Pomerance added.

"They perform many important tasks for us -- in the military, as bomb and weapons detectors, as service animals, as healing companions and friends of the lonely and bereaved and even as search and rescue assistants in natural as well as man-made disasters. They heal and even save human

lives. It is scientifically substantiated that animal companions increase our longevity and improve the quality of our lives. We should also realize that getting a family pet should not be a decision or choice that is taken lightly. You're not buying a car or getting a new electronic toy to play with --

these are living, breathing, loving creatures with whom we share our world. If we choose to share our family with one, we should take care to ensure we choose carefully and prudently so we can enhance not only our family's life, but the dog's, as well."

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