

North Dallas Gazette



Your Paper, Your Opportunity...

Visit Us Online at www.NorthDallasGazette.com

Canvassing of Votes for C-FB I.S.D. Declares Richard Fleming as Trustee in Place 4



Richard Fleming

BY SHIRLEY DEMUS TARPLEY

On Monday night, 05-18-2009, the Carrollton-Farmers Branch I.S.D. Board of Trustees, in the middle of a controversy regarding the residency requirement of Mr.

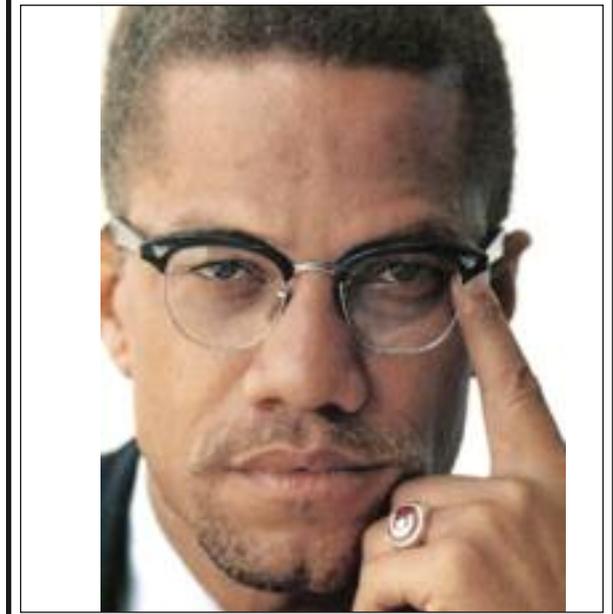
Richard Fleming, newly elected as the Board of Trustee in Place 4 by a 52% vote, ousting incumbent John Tepper, a 19-years Trustee and Board President, in the May 9th Election by the citizens of Carrollton and Farmers

Branch.

Because of two pending law suites pertaining to the issue, the current Board of Trustee were prohibited from taking any legal action on two of the

See FLEMMING, Page 6

Honoring Malcolm X with "A Frank Discussion of Race in Black & White"



See Malcolm X, Page 9

The NBA All-Star Vendor Diversity Program

(NDG Wire) Dallas is the host city for the events and activities known as NBA All-Star 2010, culminating with the 2010 NBA All-Star Game on Sunday, February 14th, 2010 at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

All-Star related activities will be ongoing throughout that entire week.

The T-Mobile Rookie Challenge and NBA All-Star Saturday night festivities will take place at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, home of the DALLAS Mavericks. One of All-Star's most popular attractions is the NBA All-Star Jam Session, which is the world's largest interactive basketball theme park

attracting upwards of 100,000 fans! The Jam Session will be held at the Dallas Convention Center, Thursday, February 11 through Sunday, February 14.

NBA All-Star attracts upwards of 5,000 guests to the host city. The Jam Session will recruit over 2,000 volunteers and the

NBA will utilize more than 500 temporary staff.

The NBA's All-Star Vendor Diversity Program provides local minority and woman-owned businesses with opportunities to fulfill the NBA's All-Star procurement needs.

As part of these efforts

See NBA Page11



NFL Star Vick Leaves Prison for Home Confinement

For more information see pg. 10 www.northdallasgazette.com

Is There Common Ground on Faith?

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX NNPA COLUMNIST

President Barack Obama is a more tolerant human being than I am. He braved critics at Notre Dame and disarmed many with a sanguine, balanced speech that did not sidestep the issue of abortion, but took on aspects of it. He called for mutual respect among folk who don't see things the same way, and asked for middle ground instead of the hard lines that we now find around the choice debate. Above

all, he asked what do we have to do to get along as one human family.

It was vintage Obama. As an example, he contrasted those who oppose stem cell research because they think life is sacred, with those who support the research because they too, find sacred life in the lives of those whose worlds would improve if there were cures for juvenile diabetes, Parkinson's, or other conditions that could be helped by stem cell

See FAITH, Page 3

Plans Underway for Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church VBS

(NDG Wire) Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church of McKinney Texas where Charles S. Wattley is the Senior Pastor have begun their planning for their Annual Citywide Vacation Bible School (VBS). The theme this year is Boomerang Express – It All Comes Back to Jesus.

Youth and adults are invited to hop on board Boomerang Express as VBS 2009 takes a train ride across the Land Down Under! As kids wind their way through Australia, they'll discover the vastness of God's love, and they'll learn that no matter where they go or what they do in

life—it all comes back to Jesus.

The VBS Boomerang Express Scripture is "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him." 1 John 4:9 Holman CSB®

This year Saint Mark's



Saint Mark's 2008 VBS.

See VBS, Page 4

INSIDE...

- People In The News 2
- Op-Ed 3
- Health 4
- Community News 5
- Education 6
- Community Spotlight 7
- Cover Story 9
- Arts & Entertainment 10
- Business Service Directory 11
- Career Opportunity 13
- Church Happenings 14
- Church Directory 14, 15 & 16

People In The News...



Thelma Wells



Dr. Gail Hayes



Anthony Evans

See Page 2

Thelma Wells

Thelma Wells is a trailblazer for Black women, a prominent international speaker and author, and a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. As a student at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas (now the University of North Texas), she was a member of the first group of girls to integrate the school's dormitories. She earned her Bachelor's degree there and eventually received a Master's of

Ministry from Master's International School of Divinity in Evansville, Indiana. In 2002 she became the school's first Black female professor.

In 1980 Thelma became the first Black woman in the South to organize her own international speaking and consulting corporation. Her natural talent for public speaking and storytelling attracted the attention of the Women of Faith Tour, and in 1996 she became the first Black core speak-



er for the organization. She has authored several books, including her latest *God Is Not Through With Me Yet*, an inspiring examination of her own life experiences in which she encourages readers to "sing in the closets of their lives." She serves as the president of The Daughters of Zion Leadership Mentoring Program, an organization she founded in 2000 (another first for a Black woman).

Through this ministry, "Mama T," as she is affectionately called,

has mentored over 100 spiritual daughters, received an honorary doctorate degree and was ordained into the Christian Ministry on December 16, 2008, from St. Thomas Christian College and Theological Seminary and the Association of Christian Churches in Jacksonville, Florida.

She was also named Extraordinary Woman of the Year 2008 by Mrs. Julie Clinton, Host of the Extraordinary Women Conferences, an affiliate of the American Association of Christian Coun-

selors.

This week, Thelma is hosting the "Ready to Win" Women's Conference at The Special Events Conference in Garland, Texas on May 22 and 23. For tickets and schedule information visit online at www.ThelmaWells.com, click on the register me now button.

Thelma has been married to George Wells, her best friend, supporter, and encourager, for over 45 years. The couple lives in Dallas, Texas, and has three children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Gail Hayes

When looking for a communicator who ignites the atmosphere with inspiration, motivation and contagious enthusiasm, you have but to



look directly at Dr. Gail Hayes or Dr. Gail, as others affectionately call her. Her up front, in your face, in your heart style of delivery leaves audiences longing for more and challenged to act on visions and dreams unfulfilled.

Dr. Gail is the founder and CEO of the *Handle Your Business Girl Empowerment Network* where she helps women to handle their business where they do business,

in the work place and as entrepreneurs. She also served as the founder and Director of the European Executive Women's Forum, the first active European Network of the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE). She hosted the first European conference and appeared in *Executive Female*, the official publication for the organization.

Because of her passion for helping working women (whether they are working on an assembly line, making

power decisions from the board room, or standing a diaper changing table) and women in business, she developed the Handle Your Business Girl Empowerment Network. Included in this network are women from every walk of life, to include women in the workplace, women entrepreneurs, and women who want to make connections with other women

This week, she is a speaker at the "Ready to Win" Women's Conference at The Special Events Conference

Center, in Garland, Texas on May 22 and 23. For tickets and schedule information visit online at www.ThelmaWells.com, click on register me now button.

Dr. Gail is the author of several books including *Daughters of the King*, *Boss Manager™*, *Twelve Ways to Walk in Destiny*, and the *Focus Purpose Pointer™*. She is the creator of Dr. Gail's Purpose Point™ collection, the Locket & Pocket Socket™ Character Education Puppet Program, the Don't Give Your Power

Away Program, and the Precious! Pretty! Powerful!™ and Mighty! Awesome! Powerful!™ Programs AND Book Clubs for Children.

Dr. Gail is a member of the University of North Carolina's Public Education Television Literacy Advisory Board, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators the Advanced Writers and Speakers Network, the International Speakers Network, and NAFE. She holds a BS in Criminal Justice, MA in Public Relations, and PhD in Counseling.

Anthony Evans

"We will all come to a place where God is taking us from what we had, to what He has in store for us. As we continue this journey, true solace isn't found in knowing what's on the other side; it's only found in worshipping Him as we cross...the bridge."

It is the one earthly journey we all experience, but too few of us choose to recognize -that invisible road between here and there. Some call it transition. Anthony Evans calls it ...The Bridge.

To the majority of us, that transitional chasm of chaos is often overlooked in hopes of glimpsing the outcome, on the other side. But to a perceptive few, like Evans, the unknown between where we are and

where we're going is the all-important next step. Whether we stumble in the dark, or firmly plant our feet on faith, it is all up to us.

This universal, yet intimate test of transition is both exposed and explored in Anthony Evan's CD *The Bridge*.

"...This record came out of pain... When I got to the end of myself and surren-



dered to the concept of what I was created to do, I realized I wasn't made to figure it all out. I wasn't put here to see the big picture clearly, or to glimpse what is ahead. I was created to worship... That's it."

And that is exactly what Evans does on each of the eleven tracks in this insightful collection. "I took worship songs that are known in more of a contemporary environment and played them with a little more flavor."

Using the spice of pure artistry, Anthony mixed adoration and experience with the essence of reverence and combined them with the praises of his distinctive voice. The result is a musical record of his own journey of worship, across the Bridge.

Listening to such standards as *Glory To The King*, *Everlasting God* and *In*

Christ Alone, there is little doubt that Evans has found his purpose. And feeling the sense of surrender in Anthony's interpretations of *Let It Rain*, *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*, and *Here I Am To Worship*, it is clear that he's discovered something 'transcending' in his daily walk of faith.

"It is a hard concept to trust something you can not see. More often than not it takes more strength to let go than it does to hang on."

This week, Evans is singing at the "Ready to Win" Women's Conference at The Special Events Conference Center, in Garland, Texas on May 22 and 23. For tickets and schedule information visit www.ThelmaWells.com, click on register me now button.

When the artist is asked the obvious question

"What's next", he simply smiles. "That's on the other side of the Bridge. I haven't

seen that step - yet. All I know is what He's told me...worship as you cross."

\$69* DIVORCE

Criminal Defense

- DWI / Suspended License
- WARRANTS Removed*
- 24 Hour Jail Release*
- Occupational license, felonies
- Protective Order
- Misdemeanor/Felonies*

Family Cases

- Divorce / Annulment
- Child Support / Paternity
- Custody Modification
- Restraining Order
- Protective Order
- Name Change / Adoption
- Domestic Violence

Easy Payment Plans

Law Offices Of Vincent Ndukwe

214-638-5930

817-277-0196 (Metro)

2730 N. Stemmons Frwy, Suite 409 • Dallas, TX 75207

Not Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
*If you qualify. *Fees quoted above are minimum down payment needed to begin processing your case.



Where Do You Want
To Go Today?

Publisher's Office:

Phone: (972) 516-2992

Fax: (972) 509-9058

publisher@northdallasgazette.com

Sales Department:

Phone: (972) 606-7498

Fax: (972) 509-9058

opportunity@northdallasgazette.com

Editorial Department:

Phone: (972) 516-2992

Fax: 1 (261) 569-4191

editor@northdallasgazette.com

Website: www.NorthDallasGazette.com



Republican Pelosi's Torture Diversion

BY. RON WALTERS
NNPA COLUMNIST

One look at the record and several things become clear about the current debate over Torture which former Bush administration officials – with the help of the media – are attempting to cover up by waging an attack diversionary campaign against Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

First, President Bush, under a weird theory which his Justice Department attempted to codify in law, asserted the right to expand executive power as head of national security that extended to the approval of the use of so-called "expanded interrogation techniques" (EITs), such as Water boarding of prisoners in secret CIA camps and at Guantanamo prison.

This caused Abner Mikva, former White House Counsel and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (voicing views of other lawyers) to say that "this has never been the law" and that any President operating under a such theory is "breaking the law repeatedly and persistently."

Furthermore, the use of Water boarding as a technique of interrogation is illegal under U. S. law which, as part of the International Convention on Torture and the Geneva Convention, prohibits, "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment" of prisoners of war.

So, President Bush has committed a crime and should be punished. Furthermore, he added perjury to the crime by saying on one occasion in June of 2004, "I have never ordered Torture, I will never order torture, the values of this country are such that torture are not a part of our soul and our being."

Then, media analysts act shocked about Pelosi's comment that although records show that she was briefed by the CIA on EITs they lied by giving the impression that they expressly covered the subject of Water boarding.

Oh my God! The CIA lied? Let's be real, it was cooked CIA Intelligence that started the whole mess, supporting claims by the administration and even Secretary Colin Powell that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. And although none were subsequently found, that did not keep Bush from giving CIA Director George Tenet a Congressional Medal of Freedom as payback when he resigned.

More to the point, in November of 2005, the then CIA Director Porter Goss said his agency's interrogators used "unique and innovative ways" to extract information – "but they do not practice Torture."

We now know that was a lie because CIA Director Michael Hayden, who followed Goss, told the Congress in February of

2008 that torture had indeed been used against admitted Al Qaeda operatives such as Khalid Seikh Mohammed, Abu Zubaida and others in 2002 and 2003. But even more harsh techniques could account for the fact that some persons turned up dead who were confined in U. S. prison facilities.

Nevertheless, Dick Cheney pushed hard to legitimize the CIA use of these tactics much later.

Finally, Nancy Pelosi was on record during the passage of the 2005 Defense Appropriations Bill as saying, "I urge the Speaker [Dennis Hastert] to appoint House conferees to the Defense Appropriations Bill immediately so that Congressman Murtha can offer his motion to instruct conferees, which would demonstrate the House's strong opposition to the Torture of detainees."

Rep. Pelosi did not speak up as strongly as she might have because she was not the speaker, and she was giving strong support to Rep. Jack Murtha who was then leading the legislative effort for Democrats to put some limits on U.S. involvement in Iraq by curbing spending and placing criteria on U.S. progress.

She subsequently voted for HR 2863, even though many members of the Black Caucus did not vote for the bill which had no deadline on the U. S. military commitment in Iraq.

The Obama Administration has released some of the memos drafted by John Yoo and others of the Justice Department that provided legal justification for the use of EITs. Obama should now set up a blue ribbon commission to get to the bottom of who knew what, did what, where and when.

That Report should provide the basis of whether or not there should be prosecutions for violation of U. S. law, since I have every reason to believe that if Republicans would Impeach a president of the United States for lying about sex in the White House, Democrats should have the courage to seek justice against an administration that committed war crimes.

President Obama has balked at doing this, feeling it could stifle the momentum of his administration enacting measures that will have a future impact on the lives of the American people. But presidents are also custodians of the Constitution and this responsibility calls him to account for the past as well.

Dr. Ron Walters is the Distinguished Leadership Scholar, Director of the African American Leadership Center and Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest book is: The Price of Racial Reconciliation (Univ. of Michigan Press)

not have such vociferous protests for presidents, like the last one, who support the death penalty. Methinks the outrage is selective!

It seems that the bar for respecting our leader has been lowered since President Obama has taken office. The man has not been in office a good six months, and he's had more hits than misses as a leader, yet not an hour in the 24-hour news cycle goes by without some obstructionism.

Obama seems to mean that we can be a better, more civil America, that we can, indeed, live together as one human family, with our differences, including differences in faith. His calm, civil demeanor reminds us of ways that we too can address opposition. His leadership, and his example, remains refreshing even as some Americans are more polarized than they have

See FAITH Page 13

North Dallas
Gazette
3401 Custer Rd, Suite 169 • Plano, Texas 75023



STAFF

Chairman Emeritus

Jim Bochum

Published By

Minority Opportunity News, Inc.

Office Manager

Rosie Roberts

Production

Randon Knighten
Suzanne Plott

Special Projects Manager

Edward Dewayne
"Preacher Boy" Gibson, Jr.
Pietro Elina

Account Executive

Nell McClung
Faye Tsai

**Religious/
Marketing Editor**

Shirley Demus Tarpley

Assignment Editor

972-606-3890

Editor

Ruth Ferguson

Publicist

Cheryl Jackson

Contributing Writers

Jacqueline Murphy
Tessa Howington

Theater Critic

Rick Elina

Photography

Laquisha Buchanan
Edna Dorman

**National Marketing
Director**

Michael T. Caesar

Advisory Board:

John Dudley
Myrtle Hightower
Fred Moses
Annie Dickson
Cecil Starks
Willie Wattley
Coty Rodriguez-Anderson
B. J. Williams
Denise Upchurch
Barbara Simpkins,
ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY

Distribution

Keith Rock
Rojelio Martinez

**Advisory Board
Committees:**

**Public Relations Planning
and Implementation**
Cecil Starks, CHAIRPERSON

Business Growth Referral
John Dudley, CHAIRPERSON

Program Policy Development
Annie Dickson, CHAIRPERSON

Quality Assurance
Myrtle Hightower, CHAIRPERSON
Coty Rodriguez

MON-The Gazette assumes no responsibility for unsolicited material and reserves the right to edit and make appropriate revisions.

The North Dallas Gazette, formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones

FAITH, continued from Page 1

research.

For all the strengths of the Obama commencement speech, the Notre Dame situation was out of control, with disrespectful opponents actually heckling and booing the President of the United States as he spoke. There were students who did not attend their commencement because someone who "supports" abortion was speaking.

And the so-called Christians and Catholics

who spent so much energy opposing the President gave an interesting example of Christian behavior. Indeed, they gave their own faith a bad name with the vociferousness of their opposition.

If there is such fervor for life among Catholics, why do these people think it was okay for us to invade Iraq and kill? If there is such fervor for life, why not protest the unavailability of health care that kills hundreds each year. For that matter, why

Grilling Light and Healthy: No Contradiction in Terms

TEXAS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

In a world of almost endless dietary options and preferences, there's one thing almost everyone can agree upon: our love of food cooked quickly on a smoky, searing-hot grill. But for folks trying to cut back on calories and cholesterol, typical grilled fare such as steak and sausage have long been guilty passions that leave a sour aftertaste of regret.

That's changing fast. Word is out that the great spring and summer rites of grilled meals on the patio can be as healthy as they are satisfying. With a few simple techniques, you can please both the "you only live once" flavor purists in your family and the more health-conscious members.

Pointer 1: Choose the Right Meats

Just because we're steering away from fatty cuts of pork and beef doesn't mean we're skipping meat altogether. We are, however, focusing on fish and poultry as well as leaner cuts of meat such as pork tenderloin (less prone to dryness than center loin), lamb steaks and lower-fat sausages such as turkey or venison.

Pointer 2: Ratchet Up

the Flavor

The secret to serving great lighter grilled options lies in delivering the same level of bold, up-front flavor as traditional barbecued fare. Your secret weapons here are flavor-enhancing light oils, marinades and seasonings that go well with almost all grilled foods.

Marinate seafood or low-fat meats such as poultry or pork tenderloin overnight in a mixture of oil, salt, citrus juice, oregano (in small quantities), soy sauce and cracked black pepper. Use just enough to coat both sides.

Easily create garlic-infused olive, peanut or grapeseed oil by adding minced garlic for several days, then straining it out before brushing it on fish, poultry or vegetables as you cook. If you like roasted garlic, you can leave the minced garlic in for additional flavor depth and incredible aroma. Additional punch can be added with dried chili flakes, fresh-squeezed citrus juice, finely minced ginger, cracked black pepper and salt to taste.

Pointer 3: Create Saucier Sauces, Luscious Legumes and Vibrant

Veggies

Many types of grilled seafood pair wonderfully with tomato-based sauces. To kick up the flavor of your tomato sauce, prepare it in advance, then put it in a small, shallow pan in the corner of your covered grill as you're cooking other foods. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking and to blend flavors. In just 15 to 20 minutes, your sauce will have a wonderful, smoky aroma and aftertaste. Chili pepper-based sauces also benefit from this treatment, as do many soups and stews.

Add the same smoky character to beans by cooking them partially or entirely in a cast-iron pan on a covered, smoky grill. For beans that would normally require ham or slab bacon for seasoning, substitute natural ham flavorings that come in both powdered form and concentrated pastes.

Most vegetables not only work well on the grill but actually are at their best when cooked this way. That's due not only to the bold flavor of smoke but the sweet caramelization of natural sugars in (for example) sliced carrots, parsnips, yams, scallions, leeks and corn on the cob. Just brush

Hair Talk



Suzette Audia

Many women ask me how I came up with the idea of my seminar, "The Power of Hair". Several years ago I was teaching color training with Matrix Hair essentials for the hairdressers in the north Texas area.

After 14 years I decided, maybe it was time to change my curriculum. After weeks of thought, It hit me, what if I move away from the hairdresser and begin to teach the client.

For years I have been trying to get the client to understand how to use the tools of my trade, but a 45 minute visit just does not cut it...so I gathered up all my most important products and tools put them in a bag and headed out the door to teach the world how to style away. I car-

ried the flat iron, blow dryer, every size curling iron, brushes, hair sprays, wig pieces, you name it. I set it all on a table, gathered 10 women and began to change the locks of America!

I never dreamed it would be so amazing, these women loved me, they felt like I was giving them top secret information and they were privileged to be hearing it. Some of the simplest tricks that I shared seemed to change their life.

I realized just then...if you give a woman a beauty tip, it has more "power" in it then a great stock tip. Money does not last (we all know that today don't we) but a beauty tip...ah! priceless!

After the next few workshops I began to ask my students to email me their thoughts about my seminar and if they were able to apply any of my ideas to their lives... and

much to my surprise I hit the jackpot. The responses were overwhelming.

I share an idea about cleaning the lint out of your blow dryer with an old brush, using the bristles, they love it...a zig-zag part to camouflage your roots 'til you have time to get them done, an ice cold rinse on your hair for extra body, the use of your eye color to match the proper tones in your hair.

How to remove Build-up on your hair, taking omega three to grow your hair, nails and soften your skin. I have hundreds of bits of information to make your hair days a little more pleasant. So if you are in the market for a fun evening meeting other women with the same issues...gather up some girls and find out the true meaning of "the Power of Hair"

Suzette Audia can be reached at (972) 489-3536 or hairtalk@aol.com.

with a bit of salted butter and cook about 5 minutes per side. Other vegetables such as broccoli, green beans and zucchini — even heavier greens such as collards, chard and kale — taste great when tossed on the grill for about 3 minutes

with a bit of oil, citrus juice and salt.

One final twist on a Texas favorite: cook some small (6- to 8-inch diameter) cornbread cakes to the firm but not browned stage and finish on the grill. Even the traditionalists in your dinner

party will applaud.

By sticking to these basic techniques, you can truly have it both ways: dynamite flavor and a healthier body behind your "Kiss the Cook" barbecue apron.

We're Handing Out Tickets Left and Right.

Drivers and passengers, if you're not buckled up, you're getting a ticket. Fines up to \$200.



140 Days of Opportunity

"Green" energy, transportation safety, and child education tops agenda last week in Austin

BY TESSA HOWINGTON

With two weeks left in the 2009 Session of the Texas Legislature, both the House of Representatives and the Senate stayed busy last week.

In the Senate, on Monday, May 11, Senate Bill (SB) 541, by Senator Kirk Watson, which sets renewable energy goals for the state and creates a program to increase wind energy, solar energy, and other "green" energy production over the next 10 years, was passed. SB 541 was received by the House, and as of Friday, May 15, referred to the House Committee on State Affairs for further review.

On Tuesday, May 12, SB 1317, by Senator Jeff Wentworth, was passed to the House. SB 1317 will require 18 – 21 year old drivers applying for a driver's license to take a diver education course before they are granted their license. On Wednesday, May 13, SB 1317 was referred to the House Committee on Public Safety, and has not been scheduled for further action as of Friday, May 15.

Thursday, May 14, the Senate passed Kirk Watson's SB 1028. SB 1028 would require all passengers in a vehicle to wear seat belts if the vehicle is equipped.

"This is about safety; it's about making sure that people don't end up dying or in the hospital," Watson stated.

On Friday, May 15, the House's Criminal Jurisprudence Committee received SB 1028 for review, but has not yet placed it on their calendars for further action.

Early last week the House announced they have passed House Bill (HB) 130 on Friday, May 8. HB 130, by Representative Carol Alvarado, proposes physical activity requirements for Pre-K students.

"If the state is going to take responsibility for a child's mental development earlier in their life, then we must also be willing to take responsibility for their physical well-being. Childhood obesity has skyrocketed over the last twenty years," Alvarado stated. He added, "Staying physically active can help curb

the rate of childhood obesity, ensuring the next generations of Texans live longer, healthier lives."

HB 130 was received by the Senate early last week, and referred to the Senate's Public Education Committee. As of Friday, May 15, public hearings were held, but the bill was left pending.

Also last week the House passed HB 1801 by Representative Dwayne Bohac. HB 1801 adds school supplies to the list of tax exempt items for the annual Texas Tax Free Weekend. If passed, HB 1801 would save Texans an estimated \$9.5 million a year.

Texas' Parent Teacher Association President, Jan Wilkerson, said, "In these difficult economic times, it is imperative that we assist families in buying school supplies and clothing for their children."

On Friday, May 15, the Senate had received the bill and referred it to the Senate Finance Committee; it had not yet been scheduled for any further action.

In addition to bills being passed between the two chambers, several bills

were approved by both the House and the Senate and sent before the governor to be signed or vetoed.

On Wednesday, May 13, HB 205, by Rep. Jimmie Aycock, was sent to Governor Rick Perry for review. If signed into law, farm dogs would be exempt from Texas leash laws as long as the dog remains on the farm property.

Also on Wednesday, Rep. David Swinford's HB 1466 was passed to the Governor's office. HB 1466 would make stealing a military grave marker a state felony with required jail time.

Friday, May 15, Sen. Judith Zaffirini helped HB 1622 gain approval and be passed in the Senate. HB 1622 would create a state

program to increase the hungry, less fortunate, and obese children's access to healthy foods.

Representatives' Dennis Bonnen, Marisa Marquez, and Elliott Naishtat's HB 1510 was sent to the Governor last Friday as well. If passed, HB 1510 will create a program to educate new parents on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome to help prevent unnecessary infant deaths.

As of late Friday, none of the bills above have been reviewed or scheduled to be reviewed by the Governor.

The Governor's office did announce the signing of HB 670, Wednesday, May 13. The new law protects journalists' rights when forced to reveal cer-

tain sources and documents defined in a court ordered subpoena.

In other news at the Capitol last week, Rep. Edmund Kuempel collapsed at the end of Tuesday's, May 12, session. Paramedics rushed him to the Brackenridge Hospital, where he was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). On Wednesday, he was stable, but still in the ICU.

As of Friday, May 15, no update on his condition was released except that he was still in the Hospital.

Neither his family nor the House has released any details since then but to ask for the family's privacy and that Texans keep him in their thoughts and hope for a speedy recovery.

Rosemeade Rainforest, City Pools Open May 23

(NDG Wire) Carrollton's Rosemeade Rainforest Aquatic Complex (1334 E. Rosemeade Parkway) has two new slides this summer! Come out and enjoy the Rainforest when it opens for the summer pre-season at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 23.

The two new slides reach up to a 22-foot structure, adding more fun to the complex which also features a 200-foot lazy river, a zero-depth entry pool with bubblers and

spray features, a play structure with a slide and water cannons, as well as a 90-foot water slide with a 600-gallon dump bucket. For those looking for exercise or training areas, there is a 50-meter Olympic size pool, 25-meter short course, separate diving well and a training pool.

W.J. Thomas Pool (1955 N. Perry Road) also opens at 10 a.m. on May 23. W. J. Thomas is located next to Thomas Park baseball fields. The pool fea-

tures a 50-meter Olympic-size pool with zero-depth entry and a two-flume slide. There are plenty of areas for lounging and a party deck for groups of up to 150 people.

The daily summer swimming season will kick off on Friday, June 5 when the Rainforest and W.J. Thomas will be open every day of the week. For hours of operation, admission fees or rental information call 972-466-9833 or visit cityofcarrollton.com/pools.

What are you doing this summer?

We've Got What's Hot!

- Language Institute
- Allied Health Courses
- FUNtastic Education for Youth
- Classes for Senior Citizens
- Entrepreneurial Studies

Check Out Continuing Education Courses at MVC. Enroll Now!

Mountain View College
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

4848 West Illinois Avenue | Dallas, Texas 75211 | www.mountainviewcollege.edu

IT ALL BEGINS HERE.

An Equal Opportunity Institution

Dr. Ronald Rochon Advises Parents to be "Vigilant" at St. Philip's Morningstar Lecture Series

(NDG Wire) Dr. Ronald Rochon, Dean of Education, Associate Vice President of Teacher Education, Buffalo College, Buffalo, New York spoke at St. Philip's School and Community Center Morningstar Lecture Series about "Vigilant Parenting in a Viral World." He said, "We are inundated with all kinds of negative stereotypes." He cautioned the audience of about 200 people to be vigilant in their parenting and guard their children against the negative images in the media.

Further he said, "schools must meet students where they are". Dr.

Rochon is no stranger to schools or St. Philips. Both his niece and nephew attend the school and his sister Michele Rochon works in the admissions department at the school. He complimented St. Philip's on the unique work accomplished at the school and encouraged them to continue the good work remembering to put the children first.

Dr. Rochon is a strong advocate of education and collaboration between parents and children. His field work includes strengthening the relationship between communities and assisting students in examining and deepening their understanding of the

ways socio-cultural factors influence American educational thought, theory, and practice.

Dr. Rochon said, "What you have here (at St. Philip's) is simply unique, it simply isn't being replicated around the country. Every time I walk into this building I marvel at the energy. Education is one of the things that parents must stress. We have no choice but to push education very hard for our young people."

The Lectures Series is a new educational community outreach program started by St. Philip's to honor one of its past principals, Sherril English cur-

rently Research Project Coordinator at SMU, Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

Ms. English said, "I was honored and humbled that St. Philip's chose to recognize my service in this manner. This program provided good parenting tips and the breakout session leaders, Dr. Alexander and Dr. Nickson were great speakers and quite informative."

Dr. Drew Alexander, a specialist in Adolescent Medicine, spoke about "Students Surviving In a 21st Century World and Dr. Mary Nickson, Licensed Psychologist, led a breakout session titled:



Dr. Terry Flowers, Dr. Drew Alexander, Sherril English, Dr. Ronald Rochon, Dr. Mary Nickson and Gwendolyn Satterfield-Barjon.

Resiliency: 101 for Philip's and to receive updates regarding upcoming programs visit: www.stphilips1600.org.

For additional information regarding St. Philip's and to receive updates regarding upcoming programs visit: www.stphilips1600.org.

FLEMMING, continued from Page 1

three agenda items, issuing a Certificate of Election, and for administering an Oath-of-Office for the two newly elected Trustees.

A court case is scheduled for May 27, 2009 to decide if Mr. Fleming is a resident in Carrollton-Farmers Branch I.S.D boundary lines. For years

school taxes have been listed by the Dallas County Appraisal District and paid to the C-F.B. I.S.D. tax office for the house where Mr. Fleming lives.

It is now being said that that was an error, and for the 2009 Denton County Appraisal District, Mr. Fleming house is list-

ed on the Denton County Appraisal District Tax Rolls and he is not eligible to serve on the C-F.B. Board of Trustee after being elected by the citizens in Carrollton and Farmers Branch.

The court case on May 27th should settle this issue.

COLLEGE CORNER

General Mills Technology Scholars Award

General Mills and UNCF have partnered to offer the General Mills Technology Scholars Award which provides a scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year. Students will be selected based on academic performance, career aspirations, demonstrated leadership, and achievement.

Eligible majors include: Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Computer Science MIS, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Food Science, Industrial Engineering, Information Systems, Management Information Systems, Manufacturing Engineering, Mechanical

Engineering, Packaging Engineering, Pulp & Paper Engineering Engineering, and Systems Engineering.

General Mills markets some of the world's best-loved brands, including Betty Crocker, Hagen-Dazs, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Old El Paso, and Cheerios. Our brand portfolio includes more than 100 leading U.S. brands and numerous category leaders around the world.

Deadline: May 31, 2009
Award Amount: \$5,000
Website/Contact Info:
www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=357

Source: Blackstudents.com

Is the thought of repairing your credit giving you a HEADACHE?

Let us relieve the pressure and put you back on the road to a lower interest rates and the quality of life you deserve

Did you know that approximately 78% of credit reports contain errors or omissions? Don't let erroneous information keep your credit score low. The lower your credit score, the higher interest rate you pay on purchases – including your home, car and credit cards.

We challenge negative, erroneous, obsolete and fraudulent information on your credit reports, because if it's not valid information, it shouldn't be there.

Let us help you legally remove:

- Late Payments
- Charge Offs
- Foreclosures
- Judgments
- Repossessions
- Personal Identification changed or corrected
- Closed Accounts
- Bankruptcies
- Negative Settlements
- Liens
- Collections
- Incorrect addresses

972-606-3269

We work in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Fair Credit Billing, and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act

Delta Sigma Theta to Hold a Charity Golf Tournament

(NDG Wire) Delta Sigma Theta North Dallas Suburban Alumnae will hold its annual golf tournament on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Riverchase

Golf Club in Coppell, Texas. All proceeds from the four person golf scramble will go towards the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chap-

ter's scholarship and local community programs.

Registration is at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00

noon. The cost for an individual player is \$90 when registering before May 20, afterwards cost is \$105. Foursomes are \$360 when registering

before May 20, afterwards \$420. Donations are tax deductible.

To register or make a donation, visit www.MiracleGolfConcepts.com

and click on The 8th Annual Golf Tournament. For more information contact Michelle Blakely at 214-452-7835.

2nd Annual Celebration of World Refugee Day - "Return to the Kasbah"

(NDG Wire) On Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. the public is invited to the 2nd Annual Celebration of World Refugee Day. The theme this year is "Return to the Kasbah" and will be hosted at 9850 Walnut Hill Lane (at the intersection of Audelia in the Lakeridge Village Shopping Center).

Experience a kaleidoscope of sensual sights & sounds at an International Bazaar showcasing refugee

cultural and business initiatives.

Enjoy the food tasting featuring exotic delicacies from the Mediterranean and beyond. Shoppers' paradise with items such as hand-woven Ethiopian baskets; delicate embroidery from Burma, hand-crafted African dolls and more available for sale.

A Fashion Show with a cavalcade of traditional and unique contemporary fashions by Congolese Designer

Marie Jeanne will be presented. Then attendees can ask her to create something special for you. Finally, dance to the rhythm of the Burundi Church choir or enjoy hours of fun in the children's activity area.

This event is sponsored by Refugee and Empowerment Services, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. and the Dallas Diocese Black Catholic Network.

Richardson Hosting a Composting Seminar June 13

(Richardson) The City of Richardson is hosting a Composting Seminar on Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.-noon at the Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. The event is free.

Backyard composting helps save landfill space by not allowing grass clippings and leaves to enter the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed from yard waste into valuable nutrients for the yard and flowerbeds.

This seminar is intended for beginner composters, as well as more advanced composters. Participants in this seminar will learn the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques through a series of slides and instruction presented by Mary Tynes.

Tynes is a nationally known expert on backyard composting and is the site editor of www.mastercomposter.com. She also publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper Into the

Pile," which provides helpful tips, information on controlling pests, experiment results, suggested projects for scouts or students, methods for hard-to-compost items, information, book and video reviews. Tynes has also spoken extensively at local and national composting events. Help the environment and help your landscape by attending this free seminar.

Please contact Ryan Delzell at 972-744-4404 to make reservations, as space is limited for this event.

Photos Tell The Story of VNA's 75 Years of Caring for Texans

(NDG Wire) 2009 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Visiting Nurse Association in Dallas and the organization is being honored with a special photo exhibition.

"75 Years of Caring for Texans - A Photographic History of the Visiting Nurse Association" is on display through May 31, 2009 in the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library at 1515 Young Street in Dallas.

The exhibition commemorates the remarkable history of the Visiting Nurse Association that began when a small group of volunteer nurses in 1934 went into the poorest areas of Dallas to provide life-giving care and ease the suffering of thousands during the Great Depression.

The Visiting Nurse Association's Diamond Jubilee celebration honors these nurses, as well as the community support that gave life to an organization

that 75 years later continues to provide needed care to patients all across Northeast Texas.

The photo exhibition is

free and open to the public. Additional information about "75 Years of Caring for Texans - A Photographic History of the

Visiting Nurse Association" can be obtained by calling 214-689-2609 or going online at www.vnatexas.org.

Did your vehicle fail the state emissions test?
or
Is your vehicle drivable and 10 years old or older?

You may qualify for up to
**\$600 in repair assistance or
up to \$3,500 in replacement assistance.**

 AirCheckTexas

 Drive a Clean Machine

Call 800-898-9103
or visit
www.nctcog.org/airchecktexas

**Tired of Living Check to Check?
Earn What You Are Worth!**

Stop Depending on Others to Secure Your Income.
Make Money **IMMEDIATELY!**



Make Your Income "Recession Proof"

Join The #1 Team in North America
With 19 Straight Quarters of Double Digit Growth.

- Fire your boss! Stop worrying about losing your job.
- Make an extra \$500 - \$1,500 per month working part time.
- Spend more time with your family and friends.
- Stop depending on others to secure your income - earn what you're worth!

**FIND OUT MORE
INFORMATION ONLINE AT:**

WWW.MAKEYOUROWNOPPORTUNITY.COM

OR CALL US AT (972) 646-3404

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

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce: Monthly Lunch & Learn - 2nd Thursday of every month, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, 11:00am until 1:00pm at the ZEA Woodfire Grill at the Shops at Granite Park, 8100 Dallas Parkway Plano, Reservations & Info: (469) 424-0120.

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

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

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

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) Learning Over Lunch Series: Monthly workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. 4th

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

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

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

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

May 1 - 27
The Black Academy of Arts and Letters 25th Annual Summer Youth Arts Institute, 650 S. Griffin St. Dallas 8 pm \$50 Institute Registration fee; \$1 Performance fee info@tbaal.org 214-743-2440

May 23
Resume Writing Workshop, Fort Worth Library, 2-4 p.m.

The Latino Cultural Center presents Trío Los Panchos, 5 p.m. Regarded as the best guitar trio of all time, enjoy their unequaled harmonies and captivating performance. Tickets Adults: \$30 Students, Seniors & Military: \$25, 214-671-0045.

May 25
69th Annual Memorial Day observance at Restland Memorial Park, Greenville Avenue and Restland Road beginning at 1 p.m. event. The guest speaker will be U.S. Air Force Colonel Ken Cordier (retired).

May 27
The Urban League of Greater Dallas will celebrate Older Americans Month with a Seniors Healthy Initiative and Community Fest from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. The event will be held at Urban League Headquarters, 4315 South Lancaster Road. There will be refreshments, a variety of health screenings, Grandparent Resources and other information and referral services. Call (214) 915-4616 or (214) 915-4609.

The Genealogy, Local History, Texana, and Archives division of the Plano Public Library System will present a Probate Records Class 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Jeanette Bickley Bland meeting room at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road.

May 30
The Rowlett Fire Rescue's Safe Sitter Class for youth between 11 and 16 years of age. The class will instruct on how to feed, play with, and bathe an infant, infant CPR and other general safety tips. Cost of the class is \$30. Info: call Gloria Adams at 972/412-6230.

Job Interview Preparation Workshop, Fort Worth Library, 2-4 p.m.

The Invisible War Freedom Conference 9AM - 10PM A unique and special event to share with other believers in the study of God's Word concerning the spiritual battles of life. Bring your friends and loved ones who are in need of spiritual freedom and victory. Admission: \$50 per person; \$75 per family; scholarships available, 877-808-8886 or www.theinvisiblewar.org.

Eastfield College will host the first ever Dia de la Guitarra (day of the guitar) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The festival will kick off with James Schreffler's Children's Spring Guitar recital in F112. Info: 972-860-7124, www.eastfieldcollege.edu

Creating A Greener Dallas: Public Transportation and YOU! 10am to noon David Elliott and Lawrence Meshack from DART's Community Relations Dept. will present a forum on public transportation and how important it is that people use DART more frequently for environmental and health reasons. RSVP via: <http://tinyurl.com/DART20090530>

May 31
Royale Ballet of Dallas "Phases of Motion" Hill Performance Hall at Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$8-\$30 www.royaleballet.com

June 10
Job Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sponsored by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce with Richland College and Texas Workforce Solutions Richardson Civic Center—50 employers participating.

June 11
Changing the Rules: A Conversation with Harmon and Harriet Kelley and Bob Ray Sanders - 11 a.m. Reservations are required 817.989.5030

June 13
Richardson Composting Seminar, 10 a.m.-noon at Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. Event is free, Ryan Delzell, 972-744-4404

8th Annual Reebok Heroes Celebrity Baseball Game at 6 p.m. at the Dr Pepper Ballpark (7300 RoughRiders Trail) in Frisco Tickets are \$5 - \$10.

"Do the Write Thing" Writing Workshop Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church, 14120 Noel Rd, Dallas, Early registration (through June 1st) is only \$35.00, afterwards \$50 includes meals and workshop materials. Info: www.thewrite thingworkshop.com, 972-533-3543

June 18-21
N'COBRA 20th Annual Conference will convene at Mt. Tabor Family Life Center, 3700 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas. Info: www.ncobrahoo.com; rwashley@yahoo.com.

June 20
Juneteenth Celebration 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano

2nd Annual Celebration of World Refugee Day "Return to the Kasbah" 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 9850 Walnut Hill Lane (at the intersection of Audelia in the Lakeridge Village Shopping Center).

June 23
Goodwill Industries Hiring Fair, 4005 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 9 - 1 p.m.

July 12
Many Voices, Many Visions inspiring vocal concert by one of Fort Worth's favorite music ensembles at 2pm. Please call 817.989.5030 to register; confirmation will be sent.

July 28
Putting America Back to Work Job Fair, New Cowboy Stadium, 925 North Collins, Arlington, TX 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

August 5
Arlington Professional Diversity Career Fair, LaQuinta Inn, 825 N. Watson Road, Arlington, TX 76011, 10-2 p.m.

August 6-9
Mocha Sisters Organization 3rd National Conference. This year's theme is, "Embracing the Vision." The Conference will take place at the Marriott Suites Dallas Market Center, 2493 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, www.mochasisters.org

August 8
The Wiggles! Tour NOKIA Theatre 1:30 & 5:00 PM

August 19
What a Wonderful World fun-filled family day, 1-4pm Amon Carter Museum

September 5-6
2009 City of Bedford Labor Day Blues & BBQ Festival a feast for the senses. The two-day event returns with an entertaining lineup of local talent, blues legends Buddy Guy and The Fabulous Thunderbirds and a \$10,000 barbecue cook-off. Gates open at 2 p.m. each day.

September 15
Fort Worth Professional Diversity Career Fair, Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle (Speedway Club) Fort Worth, TX 10-2 p.m.

October 27
Jobing.com Career Expo - Will Rogers Coliseum, 3401 W. Lancaster, Ft. Worth, TX, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored By:



Proud To Be An Active Partner In The Community

Honoring Malcolm X with "A Frank Discussion of Race in Black & White"

BY RUTH FERGUSON

In celebration of Malcolm X's birth on May 19, 1925, the Malcolm X Birthday Celebration Committee of North Lake College hosted "A Frank Discussion of Race in Black & White" Tuesday evening. The event was well attended with approximately 100 in the audience.

Renowned *Ft. Worth Star Telegram* journalist Bob Ray Sanders served as Master of Ceremonies. The panel engaged in a lively debate with each other and the audience. Panelists for the evening were Irving Mayor Herbert Gears, Dr. Juanita M. Cleaver Simmons, Dr. Raymond A. Winbush and *Dallas Morning News* columnist Steve Blow.

Dr. Simmons, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin is currently an assistant Professor at the University of Missouri in the Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis Division of the College of Education. Her research agenda focused on race and gender in public school leadership.

Blow has written for the *Dallas Morning News* since 1978, beginning as a reporter before moving to a Metropolitan Columnist in 1989. A native Texan, Blow graduated from the University of North Texas.

Dr. Winbush is the Director of the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the author of three books including *Should America Pay?: Slavery and the Raging Debate on Reparations*; and his latest, *Belinda's Petition*, which tells the true story of reparations paid to a former African slave for 50 years of enslavement in Massachusetts.

During his reflections on Malcolm X, Thomas Muhammad, founder of the Dallas African American Read-in, admonished the audience that Malcolm X should be recognized not only for what he was but for what he was becoming following his trip to Mecca.

Bob Ray Sanders reminded the audience that Malcolm X, even now, remains so controversial

that school districts around the country do not allow clothing with his image.

He shared that when he yet wears a t-shirt Sanders has had over twenty years and even today he still receives glares and negative feedback. Sanders believes "If you really understand him—he's a hero;" a sentiment Sanders acknowledged even his parents did not share.

Dr. Winbush stated that he felt Spike Lee's 1992 film, *Sanitized Malcolm X* and was not a true reflection of the man.

A video was shown of a recent experiment by Good Morning America (GMA), which recreated a famous doll experiment. Sixty years ago, sociologists Kenneth and Mamie Clark asked Black children questions comparing a white and black doll. Many were stunned to discover that 63% of the Black children preferred the white doll. They described the white doll as nicer and 44% of the black children said the white doll looked most like them.

The results in GMA's

2009 experiment are better but still intriguing. The nineteen Black children, ranging in age from 5 to 9 years old, in Norfolk, Virginia showed a preference for the black doll at 42% to 32% for white doll. Showing some improvement in self-esteem, 88% of the children identified with the dark-skinned doll.

The video shown also included a recent follow-up news report by KDFW Fox TV Channel 4 regarding Broderick Gamble and Silk Littlejohn from Arlington, Texas.

The African American engaged couple is building a home of over 3,000 square feet in Arlington. However, on December 19, 2008, Grace Head, a 66-year-old white neighbor, hit Littlejohn in the head with a two-by-four plank. Head was arrested and the trial is expected to begin in the coming weeks. Two days after the attack, Gamble discovered racist graffiti spray-painted on his garage doors.

Following the news reports, members of the public held a prayer rally at the site of the home, they helped with the landscaping and funds were collected to pay for new garage doors. However, Gamble elected not to replace the doors immediately and ultimately Arlington code enforcement painted over the graffiti.

The couple were in the audience Tuesday, Sanders asked them to respond to the criticisms he has heard regarding their decision, which included arrogance and "Enjoying the lime-light." Gamble dismissed those claims and said that what he realized during the ordeal was the concern and angst over the word Nigger painted on his garage door. Yet, "No concern about our family;" sharing that according to doctors, Littlejohn suffered severe nerve damage.

Speaking with the couple after the event, when asked how will he ever have peace in his new home, Gamble remained confident he would be-cause of his faith.

"I have peace in my mind because, 'For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind,'" Gamble said quoting 2 Timothy 1:7. He hopes to move into his house in the coming weeks.

Littlejohn stated that when the assault case goes to trial; Head is slated to plead not guilty by reason of insanity. Not only does Head have an expert witness scheduled to testify on her behalf regarding the insanity plea, but according to Littlejohn, the state is providing two expert witnesses for Head. When asked if the woman is insane, why is she still allowed to live alone? Littlejohn said she was told, "That's just the way it is."

Steve Blow feels one impediment to improved communications between the races is the fact that whites feel "Gun shy." "Gotcha type of words have evolved;" he said that even though whites might sit next to a Black co-worker they fear, "What if I use a word accidentally," that ultimately offends their Black counter part.

Blow said one of the most hurtful things is to be called or condemned a racist. He cited John Wiley Price finding offense when Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield, who is white, described ticket payment collections by saying it "has become a black hole" because of lost paperwork as an example of a "gotcha" moment.

Dr. Simmons said such fear is racially oriented. "We don't have this dialogue more often because you [Blacks] are penalized," referring to descriptions of

"tone" denoting violence when describing Blacks. Responding to Blow's comment that white co-workers do not know if the term Black or African American is preferred, Dr. Simmons suggested, "You simply ask what is your preference."

Mayor Gears did not agree with Sanders suggestion that Hispanics feel unwelcome in Irving as a result of news that the Irving police last year began turning over illegal immigrants to Federal authorities who arrested Hispanics in Irving for any offense. He countered that this was not simply an Irving decision but that the federal government is going into the jails in all cities and confirming the legal status of immigrants.

The Irving Mayor acknowledged the adjustment from an 85% white population to one of the most diverse cities in America has not always been smooth for Irving; however, he and other city officials take pride in what they call their international community, which is rich in diversity. The city is working to change the traditional ways of doing things in Irving, but resistance remains in the city.

Dr. Winbush pointed out that in the minds of most the term "Illegal Immigrant" equals Mexicans.

However, he suggested the first illegal immigrant in America was the pilgrim, saying he has a t-shirt that asks, "Was Columbus a terrorist or an illegal immigrant?"

When asked to define racism, Dr. Winbush said, "Power plus prejudice." He feels that while Blacks can be prejudice they cannot be racists. "Show me Black people who control the economic, educational and entertainment system, then I will say those Blacks are racists."



Steve Blow, Bob Ray Sanders, Dr. Juanita Simmons, Carla Ranger, Thomas Muhammad, Mayor Herbert Gears and Dr. Raymond Winbush (Photo credit: Wallace Faggett)

Amon Carter Museum Exhibits Esteemed Private Collection of African-American Art

(NDG Wire) The works of more than 50 African-American artists from the late 1800s to the present will be on view at the Amon Carter Museum from June 6 through



William Henry Johnson (1901–1970)

Jitterbugs V, ca. 1941–42

Courtesy of Landau Traveling Exhibitions

August 23, 2009, in the special exhibition *The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African-American Art: Works on Paper*. The Kelley collection is one of the most esteemed private collections of African-American art, and the special exhibition features more than 90 works on paper by artists such as Elizabeth Catlett, William H. Johnson, Alison Saar and Charles White.

Admission is free to all special exhibitions at the Amon Carter Museum.

Two significant eras are the focus of the exhibition: the 1930s and 1940s, a period which saw the birth of African-American regionalism, and the 1960s and 1970s, which saw the rise of politically motivated and African-inspired themes; subjects range from racism and its related hardships to family, music and religion.

"An array of fascinating, vivid imagery makes this exhibition particularly compelling," says Jane Myers, senior curator of prints and drawings. "Virtually every work clearly emanates from the artists' own powerful, personal narrative."

The Kelleys have been collecting art since the mid-1980s, when they saw the exhibition *Hidden Heritage: Afro-American Art, 1800 – 1950* at the San Antonio Museum of Art. Realizing they did not recognize any of the artists' names, they vowed to educate themselves about this aspect of their heritage and built a collection to advance the legacy of African-American art.

"We are delighted the Amon Carter Museum has chosen to host this exhibition," Harmon Kelley says. "Placing our drawings and prints in the context of the museum's rich holdings of American art is a wonderful and unique opportunity."

Concurrent to this exhibition, the one-gallery exhibition *African-American Art: Selections from the Amon Carter Museum's Collection* is on view. This exhibition showcases some of the museum's landmark prints and drawings from the same era as those in the Kelley show. Artists featured include Charles Alston, Grafton Tyler Brown, Elizabeth Catlett, William H. Johnson, Jacob Lawrence, William E. Smith, Dox Thrash, Charles White and John Wilson.

The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African-American Art: Works on Paper was organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions, Los Angeles, California. *African-American Art: Selections from the Amon Carter Museum's Collection* was organized by the Amon Carter Museum.

Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.

Changing the Rules: A Conversation with Harmon and Harriet Kelley and Bob Ray Sanders

Join the discussion as seasoned Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Bob Ray Sanders interviews Harmon and Harriet Kelley about their esteemed collection of African-American art. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Please call 817.989.5030 to register; confirmation will be sent.

Sunday, July 12, 2 p.m.

Many Voices, Many Visions Performance

Of Many Colors, Fort Worth music ensemble

Connect to the exhibition *The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African-American Art: Works on Paper* and the Carter's permanent collection during this inspiring vocal concert by one of Fort Worth's favorite music ensembles. The performance features music from the late 1800s into the 20th century and works of art by more than 50 African-American artists. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Please call 817.989.5030 to register; confirmation will be sent.

Sunday, August 9, 1–4 p.m.

What a Wonderful World

Family Funday

Through looking and art-making activities, discover how artworks share stories, connect communities, and inspire our imaginations. Artworks by African-American artists in *The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African-American Art: Works on Paper* exhibition and the Carter's permanent collection will be featured during this fun-filled family day. Family Fundays are made possible by Alcon.

Free public tours for this special exhibition occur at 3:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. No reservations are required.

NFL Star Vick Leaves Prison

(AP) Suspended NFL star Michael Vick left a Kansas prison before dawn Wednesday to begin home confinement in Virginia.

Vick, who turns 29 in June, slipped past waiting cameras and reporters to leave a federal penitentiary in Leavenworth after serving 19 months for financing a dogfighting ring. He was headed to Virginia by car to begin two months of home confinement at his five-bedroom house in Hampton before a scheduled release from federal custody on July 20.

Ultimately, Vick's goal is to rehabilitate his image and return to the NFL, but Woodward said his first pri-

ority "is spending time with his children and his loved ones."

Vick, once the NFL's highest-paid player, will be allowed to leave the house to work a \$10-an-hour job as a laborer for a construction company and for other limited purposes approved by his probation officer. He will be handed a new set of rules when he begins serving three years of probation after he is released from federal custody.

The transfer from the federal penitentiary will allow Vick to begin rebuilding his life, repairing his image and working toward his goal of reinstatement to the NFL.

Goodell has said he will review Vick's status after his criminal case is concluded. He has said Vick will have to persuade him and the public that he is genuinely sorry for his crime, that he has been changed by his experience and that he is committed to leading a different life.

Even if he is reinstated, Vick's future in the league is uncertain. He and the Falcons have parted ways, agreeing to a contract settlement that will allow Vick to sign with another team - if there is one willing to endure the wrath of some fans in exchange for the services of a player who was perhaps the NFL's most

electrifying performer.

A public backlash isn't the only risk. By all accounts, Vick has tried to stay in good physical shape, but there's no telling how much his skills have eroded after two missed seasons.

Retired defensive tackle Warren Sapp knows people remain upset with Vick, but he thinks the former Falcons star has been punished enough.

"To err is human. Let's just take the venom out of it. That's the thing I say. ... This is a human we're talking about. This man went from on top of the world to you can't go any lower," Sapp said.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr Story Heads to Big Screen

DreamWorks Studios plans to tell the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. story on the big screen in a film to be co-produced by Steven Spielberg, the studio announced.

DreamWorks said it has acquired the civil rights leader's life from The King Estate.

Officials are touting the project as the first theatrical motion picture authorized by the estate using King's intellectual property, including copyrighted speeches and

other works, as the basis for the film.

"We hope that this will be the definitive film on his life and legacy," King Estate Chairman Dexter King said.

Several movies about King's life have been televised, however the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner has been on the silver screen only in the documentary "King: A Filmed Record ... Montgomery to Memphis." It was shown March 24, 1970.



**Roger D
Behymer**

Time to Boost Your College Savings?

Do you have school-age children? If so, the end of the school year means that your kids are now one year closer to college. That means you have even more incentive to launch a college savings strategy — which is essential these days.

During a tough economy, states are scrambling to meet budget shortfalls. As a result, state legislatures may be forced to scale back their support to public colleges and universities, which in turn may raise their tuition. Furthermore, college endowments have been hit hard by the financial crisis; from July through November 2008, endowments suffered more than \$94 billion in investment losses, according to a survey by the National Association of College and University Business Officers and Commonfund Inc. Private colleges and universities, which are especially dependent on endowment income, are slashing budgets and warning that continued endowment declines could lead to financial aid cutbacks.

Obviously, you can't control the economy, state legislators' actions or the fortunes of endowment funds. But here are some things you can do to help

prepare yourself for those future college bills:

- Contribute to a Section 529 savings plan. In a 529 plan, you invest money in specific securities, managed by professionals. Contribution limits are high, and all withdrawals are free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for qualified higher education expenses. Withdrawals for other types of expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes plus a 10% penalty. In addition, contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you will want to consult with your tax advisor.

Of course, if you already have a 529 plan, your savings probably took a pretty big hit last year and in the first few months of this year, as well. In response to the downturn in the financial markets, the IRS has ruled that, for 2009 only, 529 plan account owners can make investment changes twice in the calendar year, rather than just once. This gives you more opportunities to rebalance your 529 plan investments in a way that could help reduce the effects of volatility.

- Open a Coverdell Education Savings Account. Depending on your income level, you can contribute

up to \$2,000 annually to a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA). Your Coverdell earnings and withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. (Any non-qualified withdrawals from a Coverdell ESA may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10% penalty.) You can fund your Coverdell ESA with virtually any type of investment — stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

- Open a custodial account. You can place assets in a custodial account — a UGMA or UTMA account — for your child's college education. Although your child will own the account as soon as it is established, you have control of it until the child reaches the age of majority, usually 18. At that point, your child can collect the assets — which again can be in the form of almost any type of investment — and use the money for college.

Whichever vehicles you choose to create a college fund, start soon. In building your savings to meet the high costs of higher education, time is your greatest ally.

Please contact me at roger.behymer@edwardjones.com or 972-542-7045 if you have any questions.

VBS, continued from Page 1

VBS will nightly Monday June 8 through Thursday June 11, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. To accommodate the anticipated 200 students, VBS will be held at Fanny Finch Elementary School located at 1205 South Tennessee Street in McKinney.

Classes begin with Pre-K youth and include studies for Adults. Saint Mark is also providing nursery for younger children so volun-

teer and adult students can participate knowing their children will be fine.

This weekend Saint Mark will be conducted a Pre-Registration event for youth and volunteers. They will be going door to door to reach out to the community and invite everyone to attend VBS.

Parents and volunteers can also register by visiting the church website:

www.saintmarkbc.com.

Volunteers are still needed for the various positions on the VBS faculty including following positions:

- Teachers
- Assistant teachers
- Food service workers
- Craft aides
- Bus monitors
- Room monitors
- Hall monitors

Please note ALL VOL-

UNTEERS MUST submit to a background screening.

The final volunteer training meeting will be held Saturday May 30 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church which is located at 1308 Wilcox Street in McKinney.

Transportation will be provided and should be requested when you register. PARENTAL CON-

SENT IS REQUIRED if your child will ride the transportation provided by the Citywide VBS Sponsor.

If your child is under age 5, he/she will not be allowed to ride the transportation provided during VBS. In addition, if your child is between ages 5-7

years, he/she will not be allowed to ride the transportation provided unless accompanied by an individual who is age 13 years or above.

If you have any questions, please call Minister Henry Moore at (972) 952-5737.

NBA, continued from Page 1

the NBA is pleased to announce it will host a Vendor Diversity Information Session in the fall of 2009. At this session NBA representatives from across the organization and primary vendors will come to Dallas for a unique opportunity to meet and exchange information with woman and minority-owned businesses.

In order to register for the Information Session you will first need to complete the Vendor Diversity Application located at www.nba.com/allstarvendordiversity. Within the application is a listing of the products/services that are typically sought. Requirements for participation in the Vendor Program include: certification as an MBE/WBE through one of the listed Certifying Agencies, ability to provide the needed goods/services and a business location in the greater Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area.

Vendors who complete the application and meet the program requirements will be registered. All registered vendors will receive follow-up information. Specific date, time and location details for the Vendor Information Session will be disseminated in the next few months. Vendors can also check back to the vendor webpage for periodic updates.



IRVING

Want to do business with the City of Irving?

City of Irving Business Forum for M/WBE
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
4:00 to 7:00 pm

Irving Civic Center Complex (City Hall)
825 W. Irving Blvd.
Irving, Texas 75060

- Hear about upcoming projects, annual bids, professional services, and other purchases including City of Irving Convention Center Updates
- Learn about competitive bidding laws
- Meet the City representatives from such areas as Purchasing, Parks and Recreation, Information Technology Public Works, etc...

For more information, call 972.721.3753.

AIR CONDITIONER PARTS

ATTENTION A/C TECHNICIANS

Ignition Control (Two Stage Spark)
For Sale

Part #CNT04717x13651111-010
Paid \$200 – Will Take \$100

972-606-3891

HEALTH CARE

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR
HEALTH CARE COSTS?

I'M HERE TO HELP

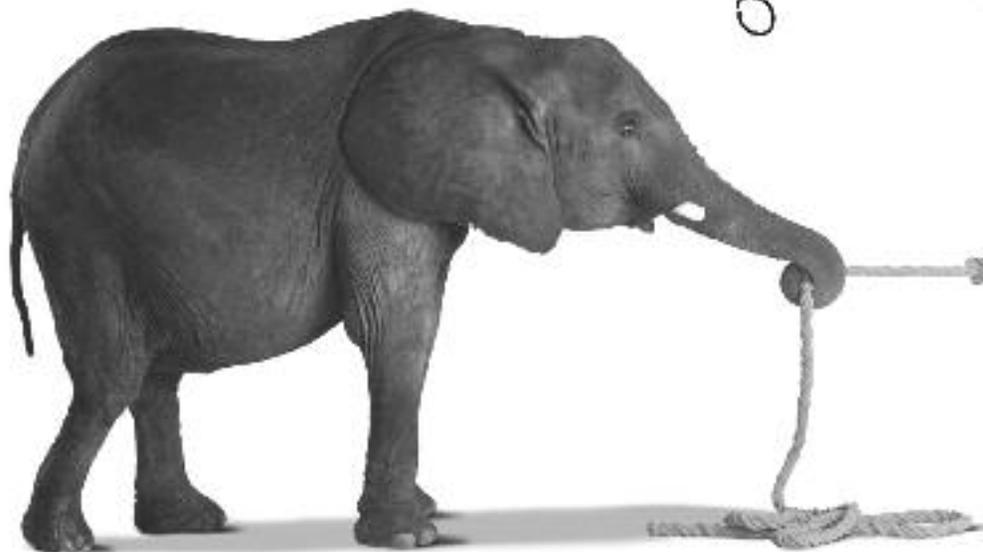
To learn about Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans, please call me.

ANTHOINETTE ADAMS

Secure Horizons

817-861-2023 | aanthoinette@yahoo.com

It's big. Really big.



Half a BILLION in total prizes!
 PLAY THE NEW \$500,000,000 BLOCKBUSTER SCRATCH-OFF
 FROM THE TEXAS LOTTERY.

- 40 prizes of \$1,000,000
- 10 prizes of \$2,500,000
- More than a million prizes between \$100 and \$500

**MAYBE
 IT'S YOUR
 LUCKY DAY.**

--TEXAS LOTTERY--

www.texasblockbuster.com

Overall odds of winning any prize, including break-even prizes, are 1 in 2.77. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. For detailed game information, visit txlottery.org or call 1-800-376-LOTTO. Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education. © 2009 Texas Lottery Commission. All rights reserved.

FAITH, continued from Page 3

ever been about issues of choice and faith. ing us another way. And that's a good thing.

Has race got anything to do with this? I happen to think the lower bar in respect has some correlation with the President's race but that just happens to be my opinion. Initially I was frustrated at the way President Obama seemed to turn the other cheek at fools, but as I listened to and reread the Notre Dame speech, I concluded, instead, that he is not turning the other check, simply show-

**CITY OF
PLANO, TEXAS**



CAREER EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
www.plano.gov
AA/EOE/ADA

Advertising Account Manager

Must be

- Able to telemarket effectively
- Willing to coldcall efficiently
- Skilled in Microsoft Word and Outlook
- Able to demonstrate good people skills
- Able to accept Draw against Commissions
- Willing to work in Plano and surrounding areas

Interested candidates please email your resume to trj1909@tx.rr.com

ROUTE PERSONS

Oak Cliff/Downtown Dallas/
Irving/Carrollton/North Dallas

**\$100 per day
plus \$25 for gas**

**Call(972) 606-3132 or Fax
Resume to 972-509-9058**

Please leave a message!



Dallas County

Dallas County is recruiting for the following positions:

Field Nurse Supervisor
LVN II
Registered Nurse II
RN Supervisor

Qualifications vary for each position. To apply visit www.dallascounty.org and complete the online application. *Starting salary is based on education and experience.*

Join Us. Make a Difference. Every Day.
EOE



IRVING

**DO YOU WANT AN EXCITING
AND REWARDING CAREER?**

PURSU A CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER OR FIREFIGHTER!

- Competitive wages
- Array of benefits
- Education incentive pay
- . . . and more

**SIGN UP TO TAKE
THE CITY OF IRVING'S NEXT
CIVIL SERVICE ENTRANCE EXAM.
CALL (972) 721-2532 TO REGISTER.**

The City of Irving does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.
www.cityofirving.org

GARLAND
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Suppliers of Goods, Services and Construction

Review Competitive Opportunities at
www.bidsync.com
www.garlandpurchasing.com

TISEO PAVING COMPANY

**419 E. Hwy. 80, Mesquite, TX 75150
Tel: (972) 289-0723 Fax (972) 216-5637
www.tiseopaving.com**

Performing Concrete Street Paving
in the Metroplex Area
We Accept Subcontracting Bids
For All Public Works Projects
in the Dallas Area.
We Are Accepting Applications for
Concrete Mixer Drivers and Heavy
Equipment Mechanics

Equal Opportunity Employer

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Dallas
Contract 0918-45-643 for CONSTRUCT HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL ROUTE in DALLAS County
will be opened on June 09, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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

NPO: 29830

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Dallas District
District Engineer
4777 E. Hwy 80
Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643
Phone: 214-320-6100

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.



CARROLLTON
TEXAS

Where Connections Happen

CITY OF CARROLLTON

Activity Leader - Part Time

Alternate School Crossing Guard

Student Intern 1 - PW Maintenance

Student Intern 1 - Craft Tech

Student Intern 1 - Summer Camp

Student Intern 2 - Police/Detention

Student Intern 2 - PW Maintenance

Workforce Services 1945 E. Jackson Road
Carrollton, TX 75011-0535

Direct Line: (972) 466-3090

Website: <http://www.cityofcarrollton.com>

•Your must apply online via our website
Equal Opportunity Employer

Church Happenings

AVENUE F CHURCH OF CHRIST May 30, 2 pm

Join us at a Citizenship Information Workshop @ The Sockwell Center, 6301 Chapel Hill in Plano, TX 75093, hosted by Plano Multicultural Outreach Roundtable.

Brother Ramon Hodridge,
Senior Minister
1026 Avenue F
Plano, TX 75074
972-423-8833

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN "THE SHIP"

ON GOING, 9 am-4 pm
Monday-Friday
Prayer Lines for those in need are 972-649-0566 and 972-649-0567.

May 2009

Wednesdays, 7 pm
Get your praise on, Wednesday Night Live (WNL) @ our main campus, 200 Belmont Drive in Allen.

June 26 - 27, 2009

Registration is underway for our 2009 Men Empowered By Christ Empowerment Conference. Theme: Step Into Position. Call 972-359-9956 for fees on 2009 Men's Conference and details for any event.

Rev. W. L. Stafford, Sr.
M. Div., Senior Pastor
1550 Edelweiss
(Service Location)
200 Belmont Drive
(Church Address)
Allen, TX 75013
972-359-9956

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK May 24, 10:30 am

Join us for our 9th Annual Baccalaureate Service as we honor our seniors and praise God.

June 6, 11:30 am - 1 pm
You're welcome to fellowship with us at our Leaving A Legacy Luncheon. Call 972-235-4235 for detail on events above.

Dr. Gregory Foster,
Senior Pastor
Rev. Anthony Foster
Pastor
300 Phillips Street
Richardson, TX 75081
972-235-4235

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, THE COLONY May 24, 11 am

Come and help us celebrate our Youth Church Graduation.

May 31, 2009

This is our Stamp Out Stroke Day, a day of information for preventing strokes, sponsored by our Health Ministry. Don't miss our Taste of Friendship following our 11 am Service. Call 972-625-8186 on above events.

Dr. C. Paul McBride
Senior Pastor
4396 Main Street
The Colony, TX 75056
972-625-8186

GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH May 24, 10 am

You're invited to our Memorial Tribute Service. Wear your favorite sports-team's T-Shirt with jeans. After 11 am service join us for an all-church picnic and a day of fun @ Camp El Har. Call the church for details.

May 31, 10 am

Come hear this man of God, Pastor Jackson Senyonga of Christian Life Church in Kampala, Uganda, bringing us the Word straight from the Throne of God. And come back to our 6 pm service for an all-church Pentecost NOW Rally. Call 214-331-6516 for detail on events above.

Rev. Gregg Hadley,
Senior Pastor
5525 W. Illinois Avenue
Dallas, TX 75211
214-331-6516

SAINT MARK BAPTIST CHURCH MCKINNEY, "THE MARK"

June 7, 1 pm
Join us for our Annual Church Picnic @ Old Settler's Park in McKinney; call 972-542-6178 for details.

Rev. Charles Wattleby
Senior Pastor
1308 Wilcox Street
McKinney, TX 75069
972-542-6178

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD May 23, 10 am - 4 pm

Come to a Health Fair for nutritional information, blood donations, blood pressure checks, vision screenings and physical fitness. We are addressing the health needs of individuals and planting the seeds for a healthier future. Sponsored by the Men of Valor, a Department of the Voice of Jesus Parish.

Voice of Jesus Parish
514 North Elm Street
Denton, TX 76201
940-387-3355

TRUE WORSHIPERS May 29-31, 2009

FREE registration to our Glory Explosion 2009; an intimate Odyssey to the Throne Zone @ the Westin Galleria Dallas, 13340 Dallas Parkway in Dallas. Hostess is Apostle Margelee Hylton with guest speakers Doctors Cindy Trimm and

Barbie Breathitt. Worship Leaders are: David & Nicole Binion, Apostle Melessa Brown and Minister Ursula Wright.
Apostle Margelee Hylton
3068 Forest Lane
Dallas, TX 75234
972-247-7133

Sister Tarpley Thinks You Should Share Your Milestone Events With The Community....

Take advantage of our special 1-time advertising rate to advertise your:



Church Anniversary
Pastor's Anniversary
Women's Day
Men's Day
Special Events (Personal or Community)

Special Promotional Advertising Rate Of:
\$117⁰⁰ Ad Size - 2 Column X 6"

Call Our Marketing Department Today!

(972) 606 - 7498

PRIME BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE

One, two or three lots for sale at Restland in North Dallas; located in the beautiful and peaceful Serenity Gardens Section (Southeast corner of Greenville Avenue & Restland Road.) Market value \$3450 each, but selling price negotiable. View plots by appointment only. Call 972-606-3878, 972-416-6109, or 469-235-5808.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

For Kingdom Building
200 BELMONT DRIVE - ALLEN, TX 75013
(972) 359-9956 - www.fbofallien.org



Sunday Morning Services:
8:15AM Story Elementary
10:45AM Story Elementary
15:50 Edelweiss - Allen, Tx

Wednesday Night Live
Wed Prayer Service / Bible Study
7:00 PM
200 Belmont Dr - Allen, Tx



Pastor W.L. Stafford Sr.
Lady Teasha Stafford

The New Light Church

ENCOURAGING, EMPOWERING, EVANGELIZING
"Taste and see that the LORD is Good."

Sunday School 9:30AM
Sunday Worship Service 11:00AM
Thursday Night Live At The Light 7:00PM

Come, Experience
The Light!

www.newlightchurchdallas.org
9314 Elam Rd. | Dallas, TX 75217
214.391.3430

Shaun Rabb, Senior Pastor



WOCOP MT. OLIVE CHURCH OF PLANO (MOCOP) 308 Chisholm Place Plano, TX 75075 872-833-6511

Pastors Sam & Gloria Fenceroy

His Night

Last Sunday, Every Month
7:00 pm
Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 am
Wednesday Nights
7:15 pm



Call Pastor Sam on:

"Vision & Truth Live" Radio Program
Broadcasted on KWRD 100.7 FM THE WORD
(Sundays 9 pm - 10 pm)

Hear Pastor Sam on: "Truth Made Simple"
KGGK 1040 AM, Monday - Friday @ 5:25 pm - 5:30 pm



Hill Chapel

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
1113 Ave. I, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 423-4090
Rev. Clarence J. Ford, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night- 7:30 P.M.
Community Bible Class:





The One Flaw In Women

As the month of May comes to an end and on the heels of Mother's Day 2009, this is a tribute to Godly women. Godly women with children and children that God has placed in your life for you to be a role model; in a church, a community or a neighborhood.

By the time the Lord made a woman, He was into his sixth day of working overtime. An angel appeared and said, "Why are you spending so much time on this one?" And the Lord answered, "Have you seen my spec sheet on her? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have over 200 movable parts, all replaceable and able to run on diet drinks and leftovers, have a lap that can hold four children at one time, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart—and she must do

everything with only two hands."

The angel was astounded at the requirements. "Only two hands?" No way! And that's just on the standard model? That's too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish." But I won't, "The Lord protested. "I am very close to finishing this creation that is incredibly close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can work 18 hour days."

The angel moved closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord." "She is soft," the Lord agreed, "but I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish." "Will she be able to think?" asked the angel. The Lord replied, "Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason and negotiate."

The angel then noticed something, reached out and touched the woman's

cheek. "Oops, it looks like you have a leak in this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one." "That's not a leak," the Lord corrected, "that's a tear!" "What's the tear for?" The angel asked.

The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her love, her loneliness, her grief and her pride." The angel was impressed. "You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything! The woman is truly amazing." That she is! Women have strengths that amaze men. They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous. They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice. They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe

there is a better solution.

They go without things so that their family can have. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding. Their hearts break when a friend dies.

They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart. Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors. They'll drive, fly, walk, run or email you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning. They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. Most women have vital things to say and everything to give.



First Lady Tina Johnson at New Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett, Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr., Senior Pastor

However, if there is one that she will from time to time forget her worth.

Reading Roundup: Wagons West

(NDG Wire) Parents and kids age 3 to 6 can learn how pioneers made their way to Texas from staff at the A.W. Perry Homestead Museum (1509 North Perry Road, Carrollton).

The museum staff will

host Reading Roundup: Wagons West from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, June 4. Registration ends May 28; the cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call the Museum staff at 972-466-6380.

Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church
The Rock
 Still standing.... Est. June 1864
 A Kingdom Building Church offering DELIVERANCE, RESTORATION, FELLOWSHIP and PROSPERITY



Robert Townsend, Pastor

Come Experience A Church that Believes in Giving God Excellence Without Excuse

Worship Services
 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 11:00 am
 Sunday School 9:45 am - 10:45 am
 Wednesday Bible Study ... 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

Office Hours
 Monday & Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday ... 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Saturday & Sunday Closed

Contact Info
 Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church
 11611 West Chapel Road • Dallas, TX 75229
 Office: 972-241-6151
 Email: info@dallasmtpisgah.org
 Website: www.dallasmtpisgah.org

Dear Readers:

Dr. William (Bill) Cosby once said that an education was one of the best ways to change your status in life.

Due to numerous requests for North Dallas Gazette to offer a special-rate promotion to honor 2009 Graduates, we are offering for a limited time only, a 2C x 6" Black/White graduation ad for the reasonable price of \$117.

Hair Stylist Trina Stoker took the opportunity to congratulate her daughter (see our April 30 edition.) Call me today @ 972-606-3878 (Voice Mail) to get an ad for your special graduate to cherish for years to come.

In Christ,
 Sister Tarpley

Temple of Faith Christian Chapel C.M.E. Church

"Where Jesus is the Main Attraction"



Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., Pastor

Sunday Worship Experience - 8:00 am & 10:45 am
 Wednesday Bible Study - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

14120 Noel Road • Dallas, TX 75254
972-239-1120 (Office) • 972-239-5925 (Fax)
templeoffaith_cme@sbcglobal.net (Email)

Healthy Beginnings Child Development Center - 972-404-1412

Casual Contemporary Fresh

THE Eirene! EXPERIENCE

Come see for yourself!

701 E. Centennial Blvd
 Richardson, TX 75081
 972.991.0200
 www.followpeace.org



Two Sunday Worship Times
8:00am & 10:30am
 Wednesday Night Bible 7:30pm

Friendship Baptist Church
 4396 Main Street The Colony, Texas 75056
 (972) 625-8186
 website: www.fbc-online.net

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



Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

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

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

"The Church with a Vision"

Chick-fil-A Restaurant in Collin Creek Mall Offers New Look, Enhanced Customer Service Following Remodel

Since first opening its doors in 1985, the team at the Chick-fil-A® restaurant in the Collin Creek Mall food court has built a loyal base of customers as a result of its commitment to providing great food, unmatched customer service and solid support for the Plano community. The Collin Creek Mall restaurant will continue that commitment with renewed energy, having recently reopened after undergoing a restaurant remodel.

The newly renovated restaurant features kitchen upgrades, new tile walls, a

larger front counter and an updated décor.

To celebrate the occasion, the restaurant will host three Customer Appreciation Days and a Mall Carnival:

Friday, May 22, 2 – 5 p.m.: Free Chick-fil-A® Chicken Sandwich

Saturday, May 23, 2 – 5 p.m.: Mall Carnival – Join the Chick-fil-A “Eat Mor Chikin®” Cow for a mall carnival, featuring the Cow Toss and Spinning Wheel games and more

The Collin Creek Mall restaurant has established strong roots in the Plano

community, generating hundreds of jobs over the past 24 years and awarding more than \$11,000 in scholarships to its restaurant team members. In addition, the Collin Creek Mall restaurant is actively

involved with many area schools and churches, including Chase Oaks Church, First Baptist Church of Wiley, Plano Independent School District and John Paul II High School.

“During the past 24 years, we have created a strong base of loyal customers here in Plano. Our newly remodeled restaurant is our gift to them,” said Matt Webber, franchise Operator of the Collin

Creek Mall restaurant. “I’m particularly thrilled that the renovations will enhance our ability to provide the excellent food and outstanding service our customers have come to expect from Chick-fil-A.”

ROCKBRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH

Meeting at Fellowship Bible Church of Allen
200 W. Belmont | Allen, TX 75013
214.263.8590 | www.RockBridgeBC.com
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

“Bridging the gap between God and man through Jesus Christ”



Senior Pastor, Timothy Jones & First Lady, LaTonya Jones

NORTH DALLAS COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
“A Spiritual Oasis for a Thriving World” Isaiah 55:1

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

972-437-3493

1014-1020 South Stroman Street • Richardson, TX 75081
www.ndcbf.org



Dr. Leslie W. Smith, Senior Pastor

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

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

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

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



Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr., Senior Pastor

A Praying Church Family
“Watchmen on the Walls”

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

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

Avenue F Church of Christ
1026 Avenue F • Plano, TX 75074
972-423-8833
www.avefchurchofchrist.org

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



Ramon Hodridge, Minister

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

The Inspiring **Body of Christ Church**

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

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

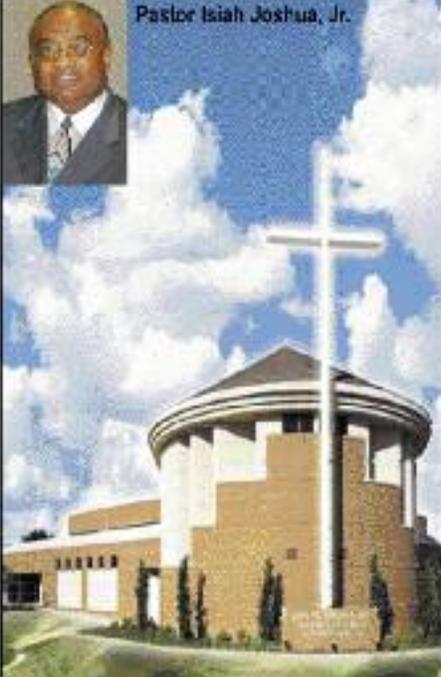


Pastor Robin S. Reed

Website: www.ibccjoy.org

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
920 E. 14th Street Plano, TX

Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr.



FANNING THE FLAMES OF OUR FAITH

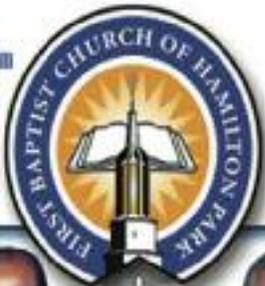
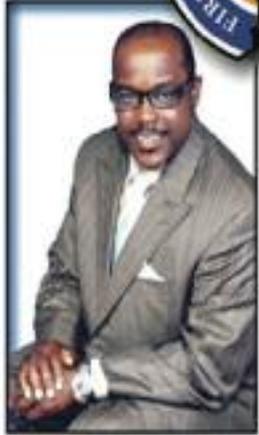
Sunday Worship Services 8AM & 11AM

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

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

Worship Services
7:30am & 10:30am
Sunday School
9:30 am

Wednesday
Night Service
8:00 pm

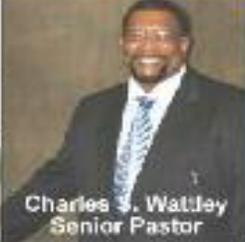

Dr. Gregory Foster Senior Pastor
Rev. Anthony Foster Pastor

Our Mission
To fulfill The Great Commission until Christ comes.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK
300 Phillips Street • Richardson, TX 75081 • 972.235.4235 • www.fbcjcp.org

PromiseLand Television Network Broadcast – KTDQ-TV
“WALKING IN THE WORD”
Weekly 30 minute broadcasts, each Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 4pm

the mark *praying toward*



Charles S. WatJey Senior Pastor

SUNDAY
Education Ministries
9:30 a.m.
Worship Celebration
10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Family Ministries
7:00 p.m.

*Friendly Fellowship
With a Family Focus!*

SAINT MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1305 Wilcox Street • McKinney, TX 75089 • 972-542-8173
Visit us on the web at www.saintmarkbc.com