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Urban League's annual luncheon honors community leaders

The Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas will honor Willard Stimpson, pharmacist and owner of Cut-Rate Pharmacy and Donald Stafford, retired Executive Assistant Chief of Dallas Police Department for their outstanding contributions in healthcare and civil serv-

ice at its Annual Meeting Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 24 at 11:45 a.m. The event will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. The theme of the luncheon is "I Am Urban League." Willard Stimpson, owner of Cut-Rate Pharmacy, has helped to im-



Willard Stimpson

prove the lives of many residents in the West Dallas community for over 30 years. He has provided valuable healthcare services and frequently helps those who cannot afford those services telling his customers to "take this and

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COVER STORY

Irving ISD Continuing their Efforts to Improve its HUB and D/M/WBE Program



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Historic collaboration between churches seeks to bridge cultures in McKinney

In a historic attempt to erase color lines and bridge the cultural gap between churchgoers in McKinney, First Baptist Church and Restoration Family Church of McKinney will join forces. To kickoff this union, Dr. Richard Mark

Lee, Lead Pastor of First Baptist Church and Reverend Derrick Scobey of Restoration Family Church of McKinney will deliver a joint sermon addressing the topic of unity in the Body of Christ before both congregations on Sunday, March

4th at the First Baptist Church Worship Center. Restoration Family Church of McKinney will begin to hold its own worship service in the theatre beginning on March 11.

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Local celebration of the contribution of women planned by The Turtle Creek Chorale

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Local teen enjoys American Idol experience

Cedar Hill High School Sophomore Isabell Gallegos is relishing in her golden ticket experience to compete on *American Idol*. The sixteen year old was shown on the February 9th and 15th episodes of the hit show that aired on Channel 4 locally.

Now that her group has been eliminated from the

"star-maker" show she can talk about her experience. "It was a lot of fun, but the hardest part was keeping it all a secret. We were sworn to secrecy until we were off the show," said Isabell Gallegos. "It was really hard after people saw the first show, but all I could say was to stay tuned and watch the show.



Isabell Gallegos

Isabell plays saxophone in the Cedar Hill High School Marching Band and Wind Ensemble, but she sang the song *Every Time You Lie* by Demi Lovato, for her talent audition in Galveston.

"I was thrilled when Jennifer Lopez said she liked me and Randy Jack-

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COMMENTARY

Human tragedy and triumph = Ratings magic

BY CHERYL PEARSON-MCNEIL

Knicks, February 10, on ESPN.

I am always fascinated by the impact of human emotions on our consumer behavior – whether those emotions are inspired by tragedy or triumph. Two television broadcasts made ratings history recently, one because of a tragedy and one because of a triumph: the 54th Annual Grammy Awards on CBS and the contest between the Los Angeles Lakers and the New York

Nielsen research has proven Americans love sports and music programming. African-Americans are typically well-represented in both. The Grammy Awards have been a viewing favorite. Research backs up the common sense notion that Blacks tend to gravitate to programming where there are larger numbers of people who

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Dr. Tony Evans

Dr. Tony Evans, a pastor, teacher, speaker, and author known for his philosophy of connecting biblical spirituality with social responsibility, is set to release *Kingdom Man* (Focus On The Family/Tyndale House Publishers) on March 13, 2012, a book about raising the standard and defining manhood as God intended it to be.

"Being a man is the greatest responsibility and opportunity," Evans says, "I want every man to feel that

feeling of what they have been created for and are called to. That is why I wrote this book. There are many false definitions of manhood going around and as a result we have broken families, passive men, fatherless children, prison populations, lack of leadership and single women with no one to marry."

Kingdom Man provides concepts men are able to follow that will help them to actively pursue ways to develop, and maximize, the

character qualities of biblical manhood in their lives. Evans does this through personal stories and reflections of his youth, sports analogies, and biblical teachings in the engaging and conversational manner he is known for.

"*Kingdom Man* is a playbook for life," says Tony Dungy, NBC Football Night in America analyst. "Tony Evans has laid out the game plan to follow if we, as men, want to live a championship life. He not only describes what we need to do, but more impor-



tant, he also shows us how to do it. This book is a must-read for any man who wants to live up to God's design for male leadership of the family!"

According to Evans, "just as a referee in an NFL game is only able to rule according to the rules of the rulebook, a kingdom man is released to rule when he makes his deci-

sions and orders his world according to God's rule."

"We at Tyndale House Publishers are excited to be working with Dr. Tony Evans on his life-changing new book *Kingdom Man*," says Jeff Rustemeyer, Senior Director, Focus Alliance. "Men and women alike will appreciate Dr. Evans's message of redefining manhood as God intended it to be. Men will walk away inspired to be a kingdom man, and women will be thankful for men becoming who God destined them be."

Michael R. Larson

Michael R. Larson has been named the executive director for Good Samaritan Society – Villages of Denton, which includes Good Samaritan Society – Lake Forest Village, Lake Forest Home Care and Good Samaritan Society – Denton Village.

This new position will provide leadership to management teams at each campus. Larson will work with the locations to capitalize on their unique strengths, and on programming, services, cost-saving opportunities and human

resource sharing.

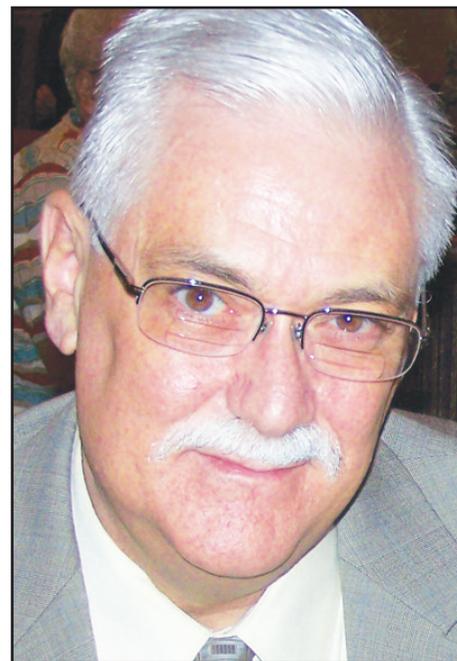
"The Good Samaritan Society has a deep and rich history in the Denton community," said Larson. "Our goal is to be leaders in providing innovative services that will be expected by people who are 55 years of age or older."

Larson has been the administrator at Good Samaritan Society – Denton Village since November 2010. For the past 27 years, Larson has devoted most of his career to opening new long-term care centers and developing

new services for seniors. He is an alumnus of the University of North Texas Gerontology Program, earning a Master of Science in Health Care Administration. Larson started his long-term care career as an Administrator-in-training with Denton Village under Dr. Doug Wuenschel, now an Adjunct Professor of Applied Gerontology at UNT. Larson then worked for Good Samaritan Society early in his career. "I started my career with a wonderful not-for-profit organization – Good Samaritan Society – with a mission and vi-

sion that I passionately embrace. I wanted to return to my roots and spend my remaining career serving others emulating the Good Samaritan Society philosophy of care," states Larson.

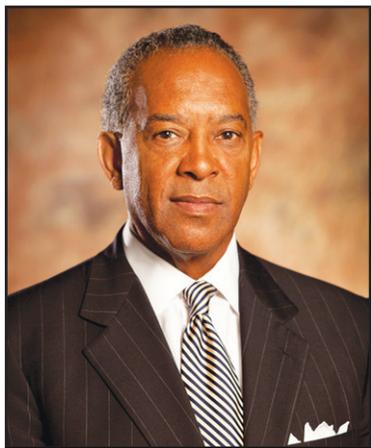
The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society owns and operates



more than 240 long-term healthcare centers and senior living communities across the country, including Good Samaritan Society – Villages of Denton. The Good Samaritan Society's mission is to share God's love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need, believing that "In Christ's Love, Everyone Is Someone." Our vision is to create an environment where people are loved, valued and at peace.

John W. Thompson

Microsoft Corp. on Monday announced that John W. Thompson, chief executive



pertise, and we are delighted that he is joining Microsoft's board of directors," said Bill Gates, Microsoft chairman.

Thompson currently serves as CEO of Virtual Instruments, a privately held company located in San Jose, Calif., whose products are designed to ensure the performance and availability of applications deployed in virtualized and private cloud computing environments. Since

2009, Thompson has been an active investor in early-stage technology companies in Silicon Valley.

Thompson served as chairman and CEO of Symantec Corp., helping transform Symantec into a leader in security, storage and systems management so-

lutions. During his 10-year tenure as CEO from 1999 to 2009, Symantec's revenues grew from \$632 million to \$6.2 billion, and its worldwide workforce grew to more than 17,500 employees. Thompson stepped down as CEO of Symantec in 2009, and stepped down from Symantec's board of directors in 2011.

Previously, Thompson held a number of leadership positions at IBM, including sales, marketing, software development and general manager of IBM Americas. He was a member of IBM's Worldwide Management Council.

Ballmer, Microsoft chief executive officer.

"I am honored to join the Microsoft board and work with this exceptional team," Thompson said. "Microsoft has been a leader across the entire information technology landscape for decades, and I look forward to sharing my experiences and contributing to the future direction and growth of this global leader."

Thompson currently serves on the board of United Parcel Service, and he has served on a number of government boards and commissions, including the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, the National Infrastructure Advisory Committee, and the Silicon Valley Blue Ribbon Task Force on Aviation Security and Technology. He formerly served on the national board of Teach for America, an organization dedicated to eliminating ed-

ucational inequities for all children.

He received a bachelor of business administration from Florida A&M, and a master's degree in management from the Sloan Fellows program of the MIT Sloan School of Management.

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A pioneer black banker's motto and history lesson: "Tell them we're rising"

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

Each February, communities across the country honor the varied trailblazing contributions of African-Americans. These observances serve as not only as Black History lessons; but also inspiration for this generation's challenges. Whether the issue is triple-digit interest on small dollar loans, or steering consumers into high-cost mortgages when cheaper ones were available, access and management of money is a hot-button topic. It is also a topic that illustrates how our history provides insights for today's times.

Meet Richard Robert

Wright, Sr. who was born a slave in 1855 near Dalton, GA. After enlisting in the U.S. Army, he rose to the rank of major in the Spanish-American War and later became the first black Army paymaster. Following his military service, Wright founded the Georgia State Industrial College for Colored Youth and served as its first president from 1891-1921.

At age 66, he actively prepared for a second career: banking. Following his move to Philadelphia, he enrolled in the esteemed University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. In 1920, Wright founded the

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Local publishing leader passes



Jordan Blair, the publisher of the *Elite News*, who was featured in our People in the News section last week, passed away on Thursday, February 16 following an extended battle with cancer.

Thurman R. Jones, Pub-

lisher of the *North Dallas Gazette*, shared "Mr. Jordan Blair was someone over the years, I have come to know as a man of integrity and a sense of fair play. His passing is way too soon and the community has lost a valuable asset."

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look like us – but this year, the number of us who watched the Grammys was almost off the charts (no pun intended). The recent 54th Annual Grammy Awards attracted nearly 40 million viewers (39.9 million), which made it the largest Grammy audience since 1984 and the second largest in the history of the broadcast. Of those 39.9 million viewers, African-Americans made up 6.21 million. That means a whopping 60% more Black folks watched the Grammys this year than last (3.7 million out of a total viewership of 24.7 million in 2011).

Some people like me may tune in to see who's wearing what. How fabulous will our favorites be, or how outrageous? Others are true music aficionados. While the why for this year's phenomenal success of the Grammys has not yet been officially analyzed, I suspect that the tragic news of the sudden death of beloved music icon Whitney Houston the night before piqued the increased interest. If you were like me and my friends, we were reeling

with disbelief. Tuning into the Grammys seemed to offer a kind of solace and comradery in our collective desire to pay homage to a musical phenomenon who was one of our own.

Now, in the interest of full disclosure, the show didn't hold my attention for long beyond the luscious LL's prayer for "our fallen sister" (a very nice touch). But after his intro and having glimpsed the outrageous outfits of Nicki Minaj, Gaga and the sweet acknowledgements from Alicia Keys and Bruno Mars, I begged my Facebook friends to wake me up when they got to the Whitney tribute.

Someone from Ft. Wayne, Ind. (my hometown) actually alerted me when Glen Campbell's tribute came on. (You couldn't grow up in the Fort without being inundated with his music back in the day). So I loudly and proudly sang along to the tribute. My son watched me with his mouth hanging open in disbelief. "Really, mom?! Seriously, you LIKE this country music?" (If he reacted like this to my Glen Campbell tribute,

he does NOT want to be around when my sister, his Aunt Natalie, goes berserk over Kenny Rogers). Following Jennifer Hudson's moving tribute of "I Will Always Love You," and after fighting back tears, I clicked off.

On the flip side, Americans love to cheer on an underdog, a "Rocky," a champion who rises from the ashes of obscurity to achieve victory. In two words: Jeremy Lin. It was my basketball-playing son who turned me onto the phenomenon that was taking place with the undrafted 23-year old, Harvard-educated Asian-American from California and his fortuitous match-up against the New Jersey Nets. Lin has averaged 27 points per game – launching him from bench warmer to global superstar. In addition to a 73 percent increase in viewership of Knicks games on MSG and ESPN in New York, nationally the February 10 game between the Knicks and the Lakers on ESPN was the most-watched Friday night regular season NBA game on the network, so far this

season - with just over 3 million viewers.

On top of that, NM Incite (a Nielsen McKinsey company) reports that social media buzz has also hit a frenzied pitch around the world since the first February 4 game. Even the phrase "LinSanity" has been coined. The online chatter about Lin has surpassed conversations about the Knicks, LeBron James and Kobe Bryant combined. Now, that's powerful. And so are you. Because, if you follow these ratings stories, you know these surges in increased viewership are a result of people just like you and me tuning in. It's great news for the networks as well as the advertisers. Those advertisers are dedicated to reaching us – the consumers. Which brings me to my mantra, "Knowledge is power." The power is in your hands, and so is the remote control.

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NIH finds vaginal gel in 'VOICE' HIV prevention study not effective

A large-scale clinical trial evaluating whether daily use of an antiretroviral-containing oral tablet or vaginal gel can prevent HIV infection in women is being modified because an interim review found that the gel, an investigational microbicide, was not effective among study participants.

Last fall an independent data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) recommended that the Vaginal and Oral Interventions to Control the Epidemic (VOICE) study evaluating daily use 1 percent tenofovir vaginal gel be discontinued because there was no difference in effect demonstrated between the drug-containing gel and a placebo gel. The

DSMB found a 6 percent HIV incidence rate among participants in the tenofovir gel group and the placebo gel group.

The study was conducted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded Microbicide Trials Network (MTN). As the trial's primary sponsor, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of NIH, concurred with the DSMB's recommendation and has requested that the MTN discontinue use of tenofovir gel (and placebo gel) in the VOICE study. Because the trial is continuing, all other study data remain confidential, so NIAID cannot speculate about why tenofovir

gel showed no benefit among VOICE study participants. Factors that may have contributed to this outcome are being further investigated.

Importantly, the DSMB found no major safety concerns with either the tenofovir gel or oral tablets containing tenofovir and emtricitabine given to women in a different arm of the study. Oral tenofovir and emtricitabine, a combination drug called Truvada that currently is used to treat HIV infection, will continue to be investigated in the VOICE study to determine whether it can prevent HIV infection in women in this trial.

The VOICE study, or

MTN-003, began in September 2009 and originally enrolled more than 5,000 HIV-uninfected women in South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The trial was designed to test the safety, effectiveness and acceptability of two different, daily HIV prevention strategies. One was an investigational microbicide gel containing tenofovir. The other involved oral tablets containing tenofovir either alone (Viread) or co-formulated with the drug emtricitabine (Truvada). The tablets were designed to be taken by HIV-negative women in an approach known as pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP.

The study was first modified in September 2011,

following the DSMB recommendation to discontinue evaluating oral tenofovir tablets based on interim data demonstrating that the study would be unable to show a difference in effect between tenofovir tablets and placebo tablets in preventing HIV infection. No safety concerns with oral tenofovir were found. Since that time, the study participants who were taking oral tenofovir have been informed of the discontinuation of this arm of the trial, and currently they are undergoing their final study-associated tests and procedures.

Although it is disappointing that the study first found oral tenofovir and now daily 1 percent teno-

fovir gel to be ineffective among the VOICE participants, NIAID recognizes the scientific importance of having clear outcomes and is pleased that the trial will continue to examine the question of whether oral Truvada is a safe and effective HIV prevention measure for women in this study. NIAID thanks all VOICE study participants and site staff for their significant contribution to furthering HIV prevention research. This study is an important component of NIH's comprehensive HIV prevention research program articulated in the HHS National HIV/AIDS Strategy Operational Plan.

DFW Airport partners with EPA to save energy and resources

Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport has entered into a Sustainability Partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Officials from DFW Airport and the EPA signed a Memorandum of Understanding during a ceremony at the airport this week. The airport's objective is to extend its leadership role in sustainable, cost-effective business prac-

tices by making a voluntary commitment to further reduce its resource and energy usage under its Terminal Renewal and Improvement Program (TRIP).

"Sustainability has landed at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and the airport is leading the way with this commitment," said EPA Regional Administrator Al Armentariz. "Minimizing en-

ergy and resource use through smart and sustainable business practices creates jobs and provides for healthier places to work and live."

DFW International Airport is the world's eighth busiest airport with 57 million passengers per year. The airport's Terminal Renewal and Improvement Program (TRIP) currently underway is a \$1.9 billion, seven-year project to

renew the airport's four original passenger terminals. The project will add approximately 2,000 jobs during the course of design and construction.

"Our airport has long demonstrated an industry-leading commitment to sustainability, including more than a decade of investment in enterprise-wide sustainable practices ranging from alternative fuel vehicle fleets to re-

sponsible management of emissions, water and energy," said Jeffrey P. Fegan, CEO of DFW Airport. "This new partnership with the EPA will formalize our efforts and allow

us to share our lessons learned as more airports and public organizations adopt sustainability initiatives across all phases of their operations."

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Author Bridgette Collins hosting Wellness Fair to launch new book

Motivational Speaker, Author and Fitness Guru Bridgette Collins officially launches the release of her new book, "Broken In Plain Sight" with a Wellness Fair on March 3 at 11 a.m. The fair will take place at the Dallas Farmer's Market (Shed 2), Collins will sign copies, while guests will receive information on how to enhance their health and lifestyle. The event will also feature a healthy cooking demonstration by Private Chef H.D. Harris of Chef Services, Inc. and fitness consultations by Fitness Expert Angela Collier.

Collins takes readers on a journey of accomplishing peace through truth, healing and love in her self-help novel *Broken In Plain Sight*. Her candid descrip-

tions of how this family is destroyed by years of poverty causing a spiral of hurt, neglect, incest, physical abuse and betrayal will have readers clinching their seats.

The story begins when fitness coach, Trevor MacEloy reluctantly has dinner with his Uncle Bert, a successful and influential businessman and state representative in Texas to discuss his regret over the family's self-destruction and ask for his help to turn things around. Trevor utilizes his life coaching experience to push his cousins into a self-developing and healing program educating readers on the importance of overcoming years of hurt mind, body and spirit.

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Local arts community leader dies

Bandeley Tyehimba, who, with his wife Akwete, owned Pan African Connection, a 23-year-old South Dallas art gallery and meeting space, died in his sleep Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012. He was 58 years old.

A Revolutionary Pan-Africanist, Organizer with the United States of Africa Revolutionary Party (USARP), and formerly 30 year member of the All African People's Revolutionary Party (AAPRP),

owner of the Pan-African Connection Bookstore, Art Gallery and Resource Center a 22 year old institution of African Culture and Political Education in Dallas. Tyehimba was an ideological father and friend to many in the community.

"We will miss him," says Akwete his wife, "he fought imperialism until his eyes closed for his final nap. Bandeley, like Garvey would say, 'Look for me in the whirlwind or

the storm, look for me all around you, for with God's grace, I shall come and bring with me countless millions of freedom fighters, who have died fighting the exploitation, and oppression of working people and the millions in Africa to aid you in the fight for Liberty, Freedom and Life."

The service was held on Wednesday at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Statewide warrant round-up starts Feb. 25

Representatives of law enforcement agencies and courts from more than 250 jurisdictions across Texas, have announced combined efforts to host the sixth annual Great Texas Warrant Roundup beginning Saturday, February 25.

The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, city ordinance, penal code and higher charge warrants from par-

ticipating jurisdictions. It is believed to be the largest joint operation of its kind with arrests expected to continue for several days. Hundreds of thousands of notices were recently mailed statewide by participating entities.

Numerous counties, justices of the peace, constables and municipalities of all sizes will participate in the roundup. Specific information as to the number of

outstanding warrants, how to take care of warrants prior to arrest, and any other special roundup activities or events may be obtained by contacting the representative for each agency.

Affected persons are urged to contact the appropriate jurisdiction or jurisdictions to dispose of their cases voluntarily to avoid the inconvenience of arrest at home or work.

McKinney Fire Department Celebrates 125th Anniversary

The McKinney Fire Department celebrated the 125th Anniversary of its creation on February 15, 2012. The history of the McKinney Fire Department is multi-faceted and it is impossible to mention all of the milestones and achievements. McKinney has seen the Mississippi Store collapse, the square burn three different times, moving from hand-pulled carts to the 72,000-pound trucks we drive today, the 1948 tornado, the Spanish Flu in 1918, the end of World War I, World War II, Korean conflict, and Vietnam, the Great Depression, the list goes on and on.

The men and women of the McKinney Fire Department know and understand

the sacrifices made to begin this wonderful organization and want to keep the history alive. The McKinney Fire Department formed a committee to research and compile an in-depth history; and, subsequently, an historical museum is located at the Central Fire Station. The museum is full of pictures, equipment and stories.

A brief history of the department, from its roots as a volunteer operation, to the growing, dynamic, high-tech department of the 21st Century includes:

On Jan. 27, 1887, the McKinney Square was burned to the ground. We lost 15 businesses that day, and the town was devastated. One month later, on

Feb. 15, the McKinney Volunteer Fire Department was organized. This included two companies; The H. C. Herndon Hook & Ladder and the Throckmorton Engine & Hose. The Chief of the Department was C. T. (Todd) Warden. He was presently the City Marshal and was appointed for a one-year term as Fire Chief in 1887. He left after 11 months, and A. L. Jones became the second Fire Chief. He was chief from 1887 to 1890.

Two more companies were organized as McKinney grew. The Fred & Roy Hook & Ladder (January 2, 1892) and the Sam Burks Hose Co. #2 (Jan. 18, 1894). During that time, Sam Burks was ap-

pointed Fire Chief as well as City Marshal. He remained Fire Chief until he was accidentally shot on June 11, 1902, in the line of duty. He died of his wounds the following day.

During these first 15 years, many changes came upon the MVFD. The first carts were pulled by hand, but eventually two horses, named Buddy and Ole Glenn, were bought at a price of \$150 each. The "Bucket Brigade" became a steamer engine, and as noted in the local paper at that time, "One of the finest fire engines in the state." The new fire station was built in conjunction with the city offices and located on Kentucky St. across from the Collin

County Prison. It housed all four fire apparatus as well as a bunk room and meeting room on the second floor. A pool table was added to the top room around 1909, which now resides in the Museum at Central Fire Station.

To learn more about the history of the McKinney Fire Department, visit

the museum at Central Fire Station, 301 N. McDonald Street. If you would like to schedule a museum or fire station tour for your group, or for other information on fire and life safety issues, call our Fire & Life Safety Education office at 972-547-2893 or visit www.mckinneyfire.org.



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life, enjoy hands-on activities, and get a taste of careers in the fields of business, computing, engineering, science and art. Choice of two sessions, July 14 - 19 or July 21 - 26, 2012. Registration deadline is April 30. Details are available at

Each program features hands-on activities during the day, social activities in the evenings and accommodations in a college dorm room. The programs are intended to promote interest in specific fields and determine what career options

may interest and motivate the students.

• **Explore Your Future** is a six-day career awareness program for college-bound high school sophomores and juniors who are deaf or hard of hearing. Students experience college

www.rit.edu/NTID/EYF.

• **TechGirlz and TechBoyz** are week-long summer camps held July 28 - Aug. 3, 2012, for deaf and hard-of-hearing girls and boys respectively, entering 7th, 8th and 9th grade who are interested in careers in

science, technology, engineering and math. Campers build computers to take home, discover the secrets of roller coasters, conduct experiments in a high-tech lab and more. Registration deadline is May 31. Details are available at www.rit.

edu/NTID /TechGirlz or www.rit.edu /NTID/TechBoyz.

• **Steps to Success** is a weekend mini-camp on Aug. 3 - 5, 2012, for 7th, 8th and 9th grade African American, Native American and Latino students

who are deaf or hard of hearing. Campers enjoy hands-on career-related activities and meet new friends. Registration deadline is May 31. Details are found at www.rit.edu/NTID/StepstoSuccess.

ExxonMobil Foundation Grant will help 25,000 students

ExxonMobil Foundation announced a \$500,000 grant to Teach For America to help improve math and science education for more than 25,000 students from low-income communities in Dallas, Houston, South Louisiana and Washington, D.C.

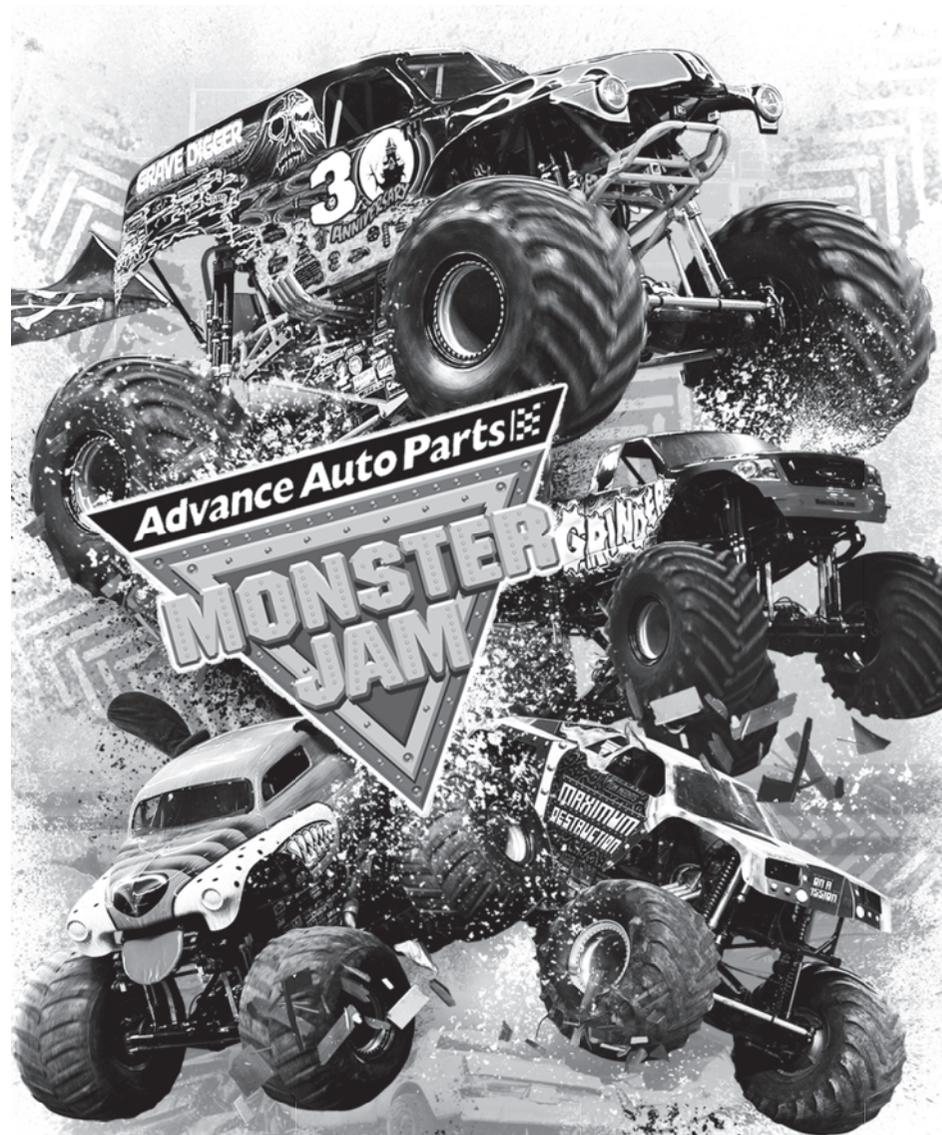
The grant will enable Teach For America to recruit approximately 400 new math and science teachers from top colleges and provide intensive training and career development to enhance high-quality classroom instruction.

These teachers will work in urban and rural school districts with significant numbers of students from low-income backgrounds.

"We are committed to increasing the number of students who are prepared to compete in today's global economy," said Suzanne McCarron, president of the ExxonMobil Foundation. "Teach For America teachers make a significant impact by building core competencies in math and science, which are so critical for our youth."

"The students of today

are the scientists and engineers of tomorrow, and they look to committed and knowledgeable teachers to lead the way," said Wendy Kopp, founder and chief executive officer of Teach For America. "ExxonMobil's partnership over the years has been essential to our work to bring more of these teachers to our nation's urban and rural classrooms, and to develop the leadership of Teach For America alumni in the effort to improve math and science education."



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Every two weeks on Monday the Plano City Council holds its **City Council Meeting** at the Plano Municipal Center, Council Chambers, 1520 K Avenue, Plano, from 7pm – 9:30pm. FREE and open to the public. Info: planotx.org.

Harwood 609, 609 Harwood Street, Dallas, has **Salsa Night** every Thursday night starting at 9:30pm. Info: harwood609jazz.com or 214-740-0609.

Be Fit Frisco presents weekly **Fitness in the Square** sessions Thursday evenings 6:30pm – 7:30pm at Simpson Plaza in front of City Hall, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, Frisco. FREE. Info: friscotexas.gov.

The Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 Harwood Street, Dallas, hosts **Jazz in the Atrium** every Thursday 6pm – 8pm. Performance included with general admission \$10 and under. Info: dallasmuseumofart.org or 214-922-1200.

Harwood 609, 609 Harwood Street, Dallas, hosts an **All You Can Eat Sunday Brunch with Smooth Jazz Sounds of Majik Touch** every Sunday at 11am. Info: harwood609jazz.com or 214-740-0609.

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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce general membership event, Monthly every 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at various locations within Collin

County. Speakers, Power Networking, Business Referrals, and more! www.ccblackchamber.org or call 469 424-0120.

Through April 2 Intermediate Sign Language Classes will be offered on Monday nights from 5:30-6:45 p.m., in the Britain library, 631 Edmondson. Classes are free to families of deaf students, \$10 for district employees and \$20 for all others. For more information, call 972-600-3821

Through December 8 New Life Skills Certificate program for African Women each Saturday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Audelia Branch Library located 10045 Audelia Rd. (at Church St.) in Dallas. Info: hellen.fissihaie5@gmail.com

Through April 16 AARP is offering free tax assistance 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every Monday at the Lewisville Senior Activity Center, 1950A S. Valley Parkway. Info: 972-219-5050.

Through April 29 Texas Discovery Gardens' gallery space unveils a new exhibition, **"Echoes of Remembered Gardens,"** by Dallas artist Susan Lecky; admission applies. \$8/adults, \$6/ages 60+, and \$4/ages 3 to 11. Free for members or on Tuesdays (butterfly house admission regular price).

Through February 26 The Secret Lives of Girls on stage at the Dallas Children's Theater Center www.dct.org

February 23-26 Dallas Black Dance's Cultural Awareness Series at Dee and Charles Wily Theater, Tickets: www.dbdt.com

February 25 Fine Arts Chamber Players' FREE Bancroft Family Concert at the Dallas Museum of Art at 3 p.m. at 1717 North Harwood, Dallas. Info: 214.520.2219 or www.fineartschamberplayers.org

Biology of Butterflies is 10 a.m. to noon - Go beyond the butterfly basics at Texas Discovery Gardens Cost: \$15; \$10 for TDG Members; Info: [http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/ev](http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/events_and_classes.php)

African American Read-In at 2:30 p.m. at the Irving Central Library at 801 W. Irving Blvd., for readings and activities based on famous African American children's authors.

The Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest will host the **19th Annual Trout Lily Tour**. The free tours will begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1770 Holford Road, Garland.

February 26 House of Blues Gospel Brunch at 2200 N. Lamar in Dallas 12:30 – 2 p.m.

The Lewisville Lake Symphony's Family Popcorn Concert, Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," at 3 p.m. at the Frederick P. Herring Recreation Center, 191 Civic Circle.

February 28 The North Texas Tollway Authority's Vendor Outreach Symposium in Denton from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center, 1300 Wilson Street. Info: 972-447-3333 or VendorOutreach@NTTA.org

March 1 FREE screening of *Harry Belafonte SING YOUR*

SONG at 7 p.m. at Studio Movie Grill, 225 Merchant Row in Arlington

March 1 **Matt Wadsworth is the guest speaker at the Visiting Nurse Assn.** on "How to Ride the Grief Waves"

March 1 – 24 Garland Civic Theatre will present *Love from a Stranger* Tickets: 972-205-2790, www.GarlandCivicTheatre.org or 972-485-8884

March 2 – 22 GISD Senior Art Show at Granville Arts Center Gallery in Garland

March 2-3 FREE screening of *Harry Belafonte SING YOUR SONG* at 7 p.m. at Dock Cinema, 6637 Meadowbrook Dr. in Fort Worth

March 2-4 **Opening celebration of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge**

Camp Dragonfly is a community-based grief camp for children at All Saints Camp on Lake Texoma, info: www.homehospice.org/events.

March 3 Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez's **Wine and Cheese Fundraiser** from 4- 6 p.m. Info: msnilknarf22@att.net

March 4 The Turtle Creek Chorale's Madonna to **Madonna - The Ageless Strength of Women** at 8 p.m. at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center (2301 Flora Street, Dallas).

March 8 **The DBA Democratic Forum** at 5:30 p.m. at the Pavilion at the Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Avenue in

downtown Dallas St. Philip's upcoming **Destiny Award Luncheon**, featuring Olympian Jackie Joyner Kersee at the Belo Mansion.

March 11 **"Preach Woman Preach" & "The Pastor's Wife"** at 7:30 p.m. at the Plaza Theatre in Garland Bridgette Monroe's two-in-one gospel music stage tickets available at www.JabezEntertainment.ws are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Info: 214-259-6052 or 214-607-2363.

March 15 **The DBA Republican Forum** at 5:30 p.m. at the Pavilion at the Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Avenue in downtown Dallas

March 16-17 Lewisville Summer Musicals season will kick off with **"His Eye in on the Sparrow: The Ethel Waters Story."** This powerful musical drama by playwright Larry Parr is based on the heart-wrenching tale of Ethel Waters and her early life in Philadelphia. Tickets and info: www.Texasfamilymusicals.com or 800-547-4697

March 17 Dallas Observer and House of Blues Entertainment, a Live Nation Company are presenting **St Patrick's Day Concert** featuring RYAN BINGHAM AND THE DEAD HORSES with JONATHAN TYLER AND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS. Info: www.DallasStPats.com

March 24 **"Sharia: Threat or Hype?" - Open House** at Islamic Center of Irving from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at 2555 Esters Road in Irving. Food and refreshments will be served. Also includes mosque tour. This event is

FREE and OPEN to the public of all faith backgrounds. Pre-registration at <http://outreach.irving-masjid.org> or call 972-812-2230, ext. 1005.

March 29 **"Elections, the Law and Languages at the Border"** discussion by Luis Fraga, director of the Diversity Research Institute and political science professor at the University of Washington; Luis Plascencia, social and behavioral sciences professor at Arizona State University; and John Lipski, professor of Spanish linguistics at Pennsylvania State University. 5:30–7:30 p.m., SMU McCord Auditorium, 306 Dallas Hall

April 1 **2nd Annual Academy of McKinney & Plano Theatres 2012 AMP Awards** at The Courtyard Theatre located at 1520 Avenue H in Plano.

April 2 **"What is New About Immigration in the United States?"** Nancy Foner, a Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York, will present SMU's 2012 George and Mary Foster Lecture in Cultural Anthropology. 5:30–7:30 p.m., SMU McCord Auditorium, 306 Dallas Hall

April 4 **"Screening of El Norte, with Commentary by SMU Distinguished Anthropology Professor Caroline B. Brettell."** The 1983 documentary *El Norte*, directed by Gregory Nava, is the story of two Guatemala Mayan peasants, a brother and sister, who flee their country because of political persecution and head north. 6:30–8:30 p.m., SMU McCord Auditorium, 306 Dallas Hall

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Irving ISD Continuing their Efforts to Improve its HUB and D/M/WBE Program

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Irving Independent School District (Irving ISD) is gradually moving forward on the recommendations made by the Irving Education Coalition (IEC) on the development of its Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) and Disadvantage Minority and Women Business Enterprise (D/M/WBE) program.

In 2008, a memorandum of understanding was signed and submitted to the Department of Justice Community Relations Service where the Irving ISD and the IEC agreed to work together to resolve perceptions of inequality and excluding of people based on race, color, gender, and ethnicity.

Anthony Bond, IEC chairperson, said Irving ISD has made strides in satisfying many of the recommendations documented in the memorandum. Bond said he is pleased with the district fulfilling the following recommendations: join North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency; adopt a D/M/WBE policy; and work toward an active D/M/WBE program where one of its goals will be to offer outreach initiatives in the effort of increasing participation of D/M/WBE's.

"I can honestly say for the first time that I believe the Irving Independent School District has the superintendent and an assistant superintendent whose over finance and procurement that is really committed along with our board to ensure they put an active M/WBE program in place,

and I believe they are working feverishly to accomplish that," Bond said.

Lack of communication regarding upcoming contract opportunities continues to be a complaint among minority business owners and vendors. Gregory Lee, president of DFW Fire Protection Inc., a local minority owned business who won a \$5.2 million contract with the city of Irving to design and install commercial fire sprinklers for the new Irving Convention Center, suggest district representatives need to get out more in the community (i.e. Hispanic, Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce) and give an outline on what is coming down the pipeline to ensure businesses – specifically within the minority community – are given ample opportunity to bid on upcoming contracts.

"The worst thing is there are projects going on that I might see and it never went out on the street," Lee said. "The high school is being renovated, and I haven't heard anything about it and when I go to the Black Contractors Association or any get-togethers where normally you have someone from the school district speaking about upcoming projects — we haven't heard anything about these projects."

According to Irving ISD's goals for participation, "20 percent of all qualified D/M/WBEs and HUB vendors and of which, a goal of 10 percent will be certified of annual controllable procurement expenditures which are defined as agreements between the IISD and a contractor to provide or procure labor,



Gregory Lee

materials, equipment, supplies, and services to, for or on behalf of the district."

In 2010, the district conducted an internal audit to determine a baseline participation level of HUB and D/M/WBE vendors based on data from the Texas Comptroller's Office list of HUB's from the Centralized Master Bidders List, NCTRCA and South Central Texas Regional Agency Certification. Debbie Cabrera, associate superintendent of business services, said the district is unable to provide current-to date numbers on the purchasing activity of its HUB and D/M/WBE program because the software application it has in place is in its infancy stage. Once minority vendors are registered on the Munis® Vendor Self-Serve, Cabrera said they will be able to provide accurate data based on, but not limited to the parameters reflected in the internal audit report.

According to the internal audit review obtained by *North Dallas Gazette*, 6.6 percent of the \$73,391,580 total expenditures – excluding non-bidding operating expenditures and vendors who were paid under \$1,000 – were allo-

cated to certified HUB and D/M/WBE vendors. Expenditures were calculated to \$4,836,673 in contracts awarded to minority vendors with the largest participation of procurement activity falling under capital outlay and supplies/materials.

It is noted in the report, due to time constraints, the internal auditor was unable to confirm the certification status of approximately 12 percent of the expenditures comprising to \$10,052,176, equaling to about 840 vendors as well as complete the research of 2009-10 HUB and D/M/WBE vendors who were paid in excess of \$1,000 estimating to approximately 1,600 vendors totaling to \$10,360,000.

The categories and percentage breakdown of expenditures made to HUB and M/WBEs according to

the internal audit review reported the following: professional and contracted services with 5 percent; supplies and materials at 27 percent; capital outlay at 67 percent; and other operating cost equating to 1 percent.

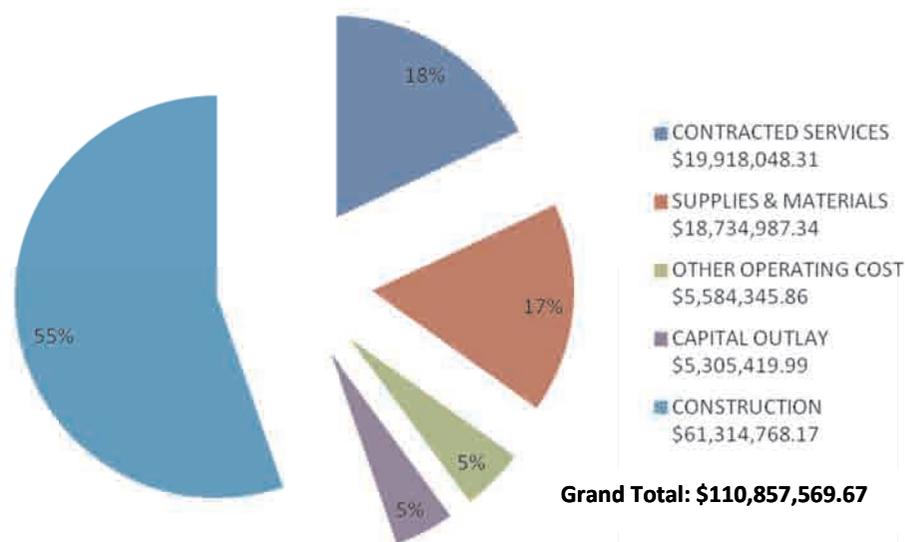
The internal audit also reflected the district's construction activity provided by Charter Builders Inc., a company that specializes in construction management-at-risk, design-build and general contracting for public and private owners, with a primary emphasis on educational facilities. Based on the report, approximately 24 percent of construction jobs were subcontracted to HUB and D/M/WBE vendors from May 2008 through May 2010, translating to \$23,205,572 of the \$95,408,281.75 total amount of projects subcontracted to other vendors

during that specified period of time.

Leveling the playing field is what many minority residents, leaders and community activist feel is a long time coming within Irving ISD. The perception of unfair practice for awarding contracts is a perception many minority business owners and residents have felt in years past.

"We're not asking for quotas, we're not asking for set-asides, we're not asking for Affirmative Action. All we are asking them to do is treat us like every other human being that walks through those doors that have the goods, the services or professional skill set that can do business with the Irving Independent School District ... just open the doors and equal the playing field," Bond said.

IISD Percentage Breakdown of Appropriation of Funds By Category (2009-2010)



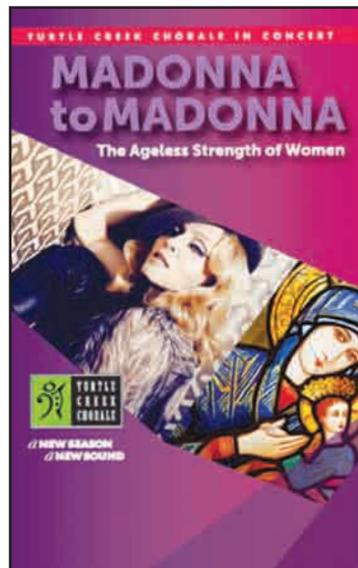
Source: Irving ISD, Public Records Office

Local celebration of the contribution of women planned by The Turtle Creek Chorale

The Turtle Creek Chorale's *Madonna to Madonna - The Ageless Strength of Women* as an one-night only performance on Sunday, March 4 at 8 p.m. at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center (2301 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201).

Through all ages and time, women have shaped the world. This concert features a program of music and words to celebrate the women who have touched our lives throughout history and changed the world. From music inspired by the Virgin Mary, to music by pop icon Madonna - and the 2000 years in between, this powerful evening will weave song, movement and words through history highlighting women who have left an indelible impression on our world.

The diverse musical se-



lections include Rachmininoff's "Rejoice, O Virgin" to Madonna's "Like a Prayer" and "Vogue" as well as pieces inspired by Rosa Parks, Mary Queen of Scots and even Patsy Cline. Actors and singers Patty Breckenridge, Sally Vahle, and Nisha Asnani will join the Chorale

on-stage and will give voice to the featured women through quotes and song. The evening will include dancers with choreography by John de los Santos.

Turtle Creek Chorale's Interim Conductor Trey Jacobs says, "This concert will be a truly unique experience. While it may seem out-of-the-ordinary for a men's chorus to be performing an evening of music celebrating women, I think you'll find that the heart, joy and passion that the Turtle Creek Chorale is known for unites with the sensitivity, emotion and zeal embodied in these songs (and in the women they celebrate) to form a divine musical collaboration."

Tickets range from \$20-65 and may be purchased online at www.turtlecreek.org, or at 214-526-3214.

Love From A Stranger onstage by Garland Civic Theatre

Garland Civic Theatre will present "Love from a Stranger" March 1-March 24. One of Agatha Christie's rarest and most unknown jewels, is a love story threatened by darkly veiled intentions and terrifying secrets that lie waiting for revela-

tion in the unknown shadows.

Call the Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 for tickets. All tickets are \$22. There are discounts available for KERA members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the preview on

January 19 are \$17. Note that Thursday performances are at 7:30 PM, Friday and Saturday evenings are at 8:00 Pm, and matinees are at 2:30 PM. Visit www.GarlandCivicTheatre.org or call 972-485-8884 for additional information.

Cougars Cruise – yes, Cougars Cruise

Just in case cougars and cubs do not have enough opportunities to hook-up on dry land, they now have the 2012 International Cougars Cruise.

Cougars (women who are attracted to younger men) and Cubs (men who are attracted to older women) are invited to party non-stop on a 5 night Western Caribbean Cougar Cruise, December 8-13, 2012, aboard Royal Caribbean's *Jewel of the Seas*. The ship departs

from Tampa, Florida and visits Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico.

The cost per person starts at nearly \$500 for an inside cabin, based on double-occupancy, including government fees, taxes, and port charges. Cruise includes:

- 5 nights accommodation aboard ship
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come back and see me when you are feeling better." He is also an advocate for the survival of independent community pharmacies.

A native of Plano and a highly respected leader in the community, Stimpson has served as president of the Dallas County Pharmaceutical Association and the Dallas Pharmacists Association. His positive actions and dedication to his community have earned him numerous awards including an appointment by former President George Bush and Governor Rick Perry to serve on the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission. He is also an avid speaker at local middle and high schools throughout the Metroplex. He says he always finds time to mentor young people and urges them to "Dream big...get educated, get involved, be happy and make the world a better place for someone other than you."

Donald A. Stafford, retired Executive Assistant Chief in the Dallas Police Department was the highest-ranking African-American for most of his 31 years at the Department. A highly respected, prestigious and well spoken community leader, Stafford joined the Dallas Police Department in 1960 after being honorably



Donald Stafford

discharged from the United States Air Force. He served in the Narcotics Division and as a patrolman at the Central and Southeast Patrol Division. Five years later he was promoted to the rank of Detective. He earned ranks from Sergeant to Executive Assistant Chief of Police. Stafford has commanded the Crimes Against Persons, General Investigations, Special Investigations and Youth and Family Crimes Bureau as well as the Personnel, Training and Education, Community Services and Psychological Services Units.

He has earned many awards and commendations including a Certificate of Merit, Certificate of Civil Achievement, the Police Commendation Bar and a 25 year Perfect Attendance Award. The Donald A.

Stafford Media Conference Room at the Police Department Headquarters is dedicated to Stafford in honor of the excellent service he provided to the Dallas Police Department. A native of Rusk, Texas Stafford received a Bachelor of Science Degree with Cum Laude honors from Butler College.

"We are truly honored to recognize our legendary honorees for their contributions to the community," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League. "They demonstrate how the challenges that individuals face daily can be conquered."

A highlight of the luncheon will be a presentation of client success stories told in their own words and Dr. Brooks' annual *Report to the Community* which details the outcomes and impact of the investments of League supporters who contribute their time and funding. New members of the Board of Trustees will also be recognized.



The local barbershop topic of conversation recently was which is the best sport town in Texas. The contenders are Dallas, San Antonio and Houston. There was a time when the Dallas Cowboys were America's Team and you knew it. Yes, the Cowboys and its fans were the toast of the town, during the early eighties and then again in the early nineties. Unfortunately, now they are just another NFL team playing on Sunday afternoon.

Then there are the Texas Rangers, reaching the World Series the last two years season and was merely one out away from being crowned World Champions. The Dallas Mavericks were the new kid in town when it comes to sport teams in North Texas area after being born in 1980 as an expansion team. Now, they have grown into adulthood with a

The best sports town in Texas

NBA Championship in 2011.

On paper you would think these teams and the Dallas Stars hockey team, who won a championship in 1999, make a strong case for Dallas as the best sport town in Texas. But, the folks in Houston may have something to say about that even though they have not enjoyed a championship since the Houston Rockets won a NBA championship in 1994. Also, the Houston Astros only championship appearance was a lost to the Chicago White Sox in 2005. And we cannot forget the Houston Texans, who are still in the infant stages on becoming a contender.

Both cities have hosted a Super Bowl and both will be hosting the Final Four in 2014 (Dallas) and 2016 (Houston). Both are sport driven towns. The question is it about bringing in the most events or the number championships banners that hangs in the arena or stadium? Maybe.

These two cities have a legitimate argument but the best sport town in Texas is San Antonio. They have not only the championship banners for the San Antonio Spurs, but the loyal fan base. Their fans stick by their team through thick and thin. Also, their facility is the best place hosting sporting events with its River Walk and proximity to restaurants and retail.

The ego-driven athletes do not fill the evening news in San Antonio with negative press. Nor do the fans jump ship when their team loses a game in the last seconds. Yes, it has its ups and downs like other cities, but San Antonio is the city where you can relocate to and fit right in.

You can listen to Donald "Spider" Willis on Sport Talk with Spider each Sunday from 7-9 p.m. CST on fishbowlradionetwork.com

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EPA Region 6 will:

- Provide support to help reduce the airport's environmental footprint.

- Establish a single point of contact to discuss sustainable strategies.

- Provide tools to quantify economic and environmental benefits.

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son commented on how young I looked. Stephen Tyler did not say much, but they all gave me a yes!" Her entire group was eliminated from the show that aired February 15.

Isabell says her family

encouraged her to try out for *American Idol* and drove her to Galveston for the audition last August. She says she will try out for the show again. She plans to study music when she goes to college.

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North's then only black-owned bank, Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Company. After only two years of operations, the bank amassed 4,000 depositors and \$100,000 in assets. By 1930, its depositors swelled to 11,000 and \$2.5 million in deposits.

To forge even more financial opportunities for black banks and their customers nationwide, in 1927 Wright organized the Negro Bankers Association, an alliance that began with 14 black-owned institutions. Together, these black bankers focused on building their respective communities and member institutions. By 1934, 134 black banks were in operation. In communities across the country, loans from these banks benefited aspiring black businesses often turned down for loans from white institutions. Faithful deposits of black churches and their congregants bolstered the growth and success of black banks.

Although the 1930s

Great Depression led to numerous bank closures, under Wright's leadership, Citizens and Southern survived; so did 11 other black-owned banks. In 1934, Citizens and seven other black-owned banks qualified for membership in the then, newly-created Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). In response to the financial devastation of the Great Depression, FDIC was created to protect depositors from future losses.

Wright remained president of his bank until his death in 1947. Ten years later 1957, Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust and its \$5.5 million in assets were sold.

Today, the Georgia school he founded survives as Savannah State University with a 173-acre campus serving 4,100 students. It also holds the distinction of being the oldest public HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in Georgia.

The black bankers' organization founded by

Wright also survives today as the National Bankers Association with members comprising an ethnic rainbow that now includes Americans of African, Hispanic, and Native and Asian descent. Together, these banks serve three million depositors in 29 cities with combined assets of \$15 billion.

In his youth, Richard Robert Wright and his mother withstood a 200-mile journey to an Atlanta classroom where General Oliver Otis Howard, a retired Union Civil War soldier, was visiting. He gave the war hero a message for Northerners, saying "Sir, tell them we are rising."

It seems that those words became both Wright's life-long motto and a Black History lesson for succeeding generations.

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For young people, jobs on national wildlife refuges can stimulate learning and personal growth. In some cases, the experience can even be life-changing, say

some with firsthand experience:

•Kiara Ford, a sophomore at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, was a summer 2011 Career Discovery Intern at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland. Among the agriculture/ business major's responsibilities: greeting visitors, building a trail and monitoring the growth of marsh plants used by tundra swans—a measure of sea-level rise. "I loved everything about [the experience]," she said. "It really broadened my horizons."

•Isaac Coleman from Atlanta helped protect nesting sea turtles as a 2011 Career Discovery Intern at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge in coastal Alabama. "By the second week I felt part of the team," he says in a Youtube video. He adds, "I feel lucky to actually have this experience."

•Lionel D. Grant, who works as a park ranger at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in Illinois

while earning a masters degree in forestry at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, first crossed paths with the Service in 2008 as an SCA intern at Cape May National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. He tagged horse-shoe crabs, surveyed bats and helped visitors.

The experience got him thinking: "I really like work-



Lionel D. Grant, a Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) hire with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center in Minnesota where he worked as a park ranger in summer 2011. (Photo by Russ Aguilar, Student Conservation Association intern)

ing with animals, I love working with people and I love being outside. With a

career with the Service, I can do all three." He has pursued that since, as a Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) hire at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (summer 2010), Prairie Wetlands Learning Center in Minnesota (summer 2011) and Crab Orchard Refuge (fall 2011-2012). "The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) is a great way to get your foot in the door," he says. "SCEP is a great way to secure your career." Learn about other 2012 conservation jobs and intern-

ships with the Department of the Interior (DOI) at <http://www.youthgo.gov/> and <http://www.youthgo.gov/employment-program/internships>. Read about DOI's Youth in the Great Outdoors program. Listings are for both permanent and temporary jobs. DOI manages the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and other bureaus and offices.

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P. Johnson invented the eyes protector on November 2, 1880 which comes in many types depending upon the threat that is to be reduced. The threats can be particles, light, wind blast, heat, sea spray, some type of ball or puck used in sports.

Joseph W. Winters, an abolitionist and inventor, patented a wagon-mounted fire escape ladder for the city of Chambersburg, PA in 1878; T. Marshall invented the fire extinguisher in 1872; Robert Flemming, Jr. invented the guitar in 1886

A.C. Richard invented an Insect-Destroyer Gun on February 28, 1899. L.A. Burr invented the lawn mower in 1889. J.W. Smith invented the lawn sprinkler in 1897; F.J. Loudin invented the key chain in 1894; W.A. Martin

invented the lock in the 1800's (no exact year was given.)

Paul L. Downing invented the mailbox on October 27, 1891. J. Standard, the refrigerator on June 14, 1891; W.D. Davis, the riding saddles on October 6, 1895; (Ft. Worth had its Stock Show celebration recently; I know a lot of people should be thanking W.D. Davis. Edmond Berger the sparkplug in 1839. The Automatic Transmission by R.B. Spikes.

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The Institute for Colored Youth (now known as Cheyney State University) founded in Philadelphia in 1832 is the first Historically Black college. It began as a private school, but was taken over by Pennsylvania in 1921 and became part of the state's system. Longer than any other American college, Cheyney served the educational needs of the Black community. However, Middlebury was another college teaching African Americans during this time; it was the first col-

lege to grant a degree to an African American (Alexander Lucius Twilight) in 1823.

Inventions: Shoe Lasting Machine by H.E. Matzelliger on September 22, 1891. Sugar Refinement by Norman Rillieux on December 10, 1846. Thermostat Control by Frederick M. Jones on February 23, 1960. Egg Beater by Willie Johnson on February 5, 1884. Dough Kneader by L. Bell on December 10, 1872. Fire Extinguisher by T. Marshall on October 26, 1872. Folding Bed by L.C. Bai-

ley on July 18, 1899. Folding Chair by Purdy & Sadgwar on June 11, 1889.

The Automatic Gear Shift by Richard Spikes on February 28, 1932. Chamber Commode by T. Elkins on January 3, 1897. Horseshoes by J. Ricks on March 30, 1885. The Lock by W.A. Martin on July 23rd in the 1800's. The Stove by T.A. Carrington on July

25, 1876. The Helicopter by Paul E. Williams. Multi-stage rocket by Adolph Shamms. The Urinalysis Machine by Dewey Sanderson.

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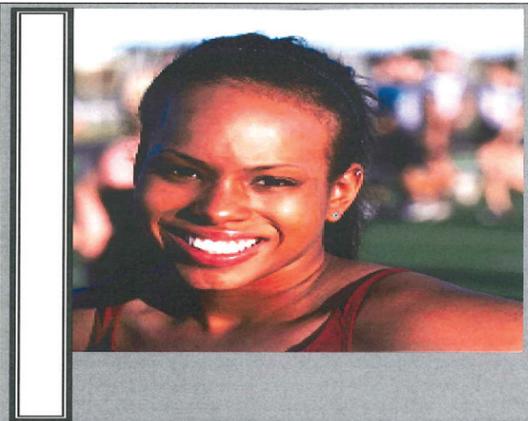
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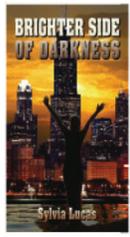


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"First Baptist McKinney embraces and welcomes Restoration Family Church. We are on the same team. For too long we've segregated on Sundays and hindered our witness to this upcoming generation. Today's kids don't see color. The communication of the Gospel is advanced or hindered based on our treatment of race," says Dr. Lee.

Rev. Scobey states that the goal of this collaboration is, "To make the Gospel message clearer to an unbelieving world by living life together in unity as Christians from different cultural backgrounds." Both churches believe that by working and worshipping together, they will be able to unite existing members and draw both Christians and non-believers who wish to be a part of a diverse fellowship and community. "We do everything else together--work, school, sports, friendships...we can do 'church' together as well," says Rev. Scobey.

First Baptist Church, lo-

cated at 1615 West Louisiana Street, is a large church that began in McKinney over 136 years ago and offers both classic and contemporary services. First Baptist Church is a missional church that seeks to impact both the people within the church and the community of McKinney through family-focused ministries and events.

Restoration Family Church of McKinney first began services at the Scobey's home in 2008, and has since expanded its membership into the ballroom of the Quality Inn. The growing church is thankful for the expanded space and resources First Baptist Church will provide its members. The mission of Restoration Family is "Loving, Saving, Reconciling, Growing and Keeping Families Together in Christ." The collaboration with First Baptist Church is an exceptional fit, as both churches focus on family and seek diverse membership.

"The Bible is clear nei-

ther Jew nor Gentile... Therefore we want to become more like heaven on Earth—red, yellow, black and white – they are precious in His sight! So in this next chapter we are going to come alongside one another and learn from one another as we become more racially and ethnically diverse. It's a part of our initiative to become more like heaven on Earth," says Dr. Lee about the collaboration with Restoration Family Church of McKinney.

Says Rev. Scobey, "Red and yellow, black and white, we know all are precious in God's sight. Each of these should be precious in our sight as well."

Those who wish to participate in the joint service are welcome to attend either the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services at First Baptist Church on March 4. For more information about either church please visit their respective websites at www.fbcmckinney.com and www.rfcom.org.

NAACP collects and shares stories of the unsung heroes of Black history

In honor of Black History Month, the NAACP launched "Unsung Heroes of Black History", a project that collects and shares the untold stories of African Americans who have helped to shape black history and American history. Stories are submitted and viewable at <http://www.naacp.org/campaign/heroes>.

"Our nation's success is not derived solely from the work of a handful of recognizable names, but from the actions of tens of thousands of people who did their part to bring about change," stated NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "This project gives us the opportunity to hear about so many of the untold stories and unsung heroes who have shaped our culture and country."

Since the campaign launched on February 1, the NAACP has collected hundreds of stories of unsung heroes. Submissions range from an advocate who stood up against attacks on voting rights to a military officer who spends his free time raising awareness about

Sickle Cell disease. Other heroes include the son of a Tuskegee Airman who helped bring his father's story to life as a storyboard artist for the film *Red Tails*, and the first black female

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This is the third year the NAACP has organized the Unsung Heroes project for Black History Month.

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