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Senator West applauds DOJ ruling denying Texas' Voter ID law

Monday, March 12, the Texas Secretary of State - Elections Division, received notice from the United States Department of Justice - Voting Rights Division (DOJ), that changes made to Texas elections laws that would require voters to show a state-approved form of photo iden-

tification to vote have been rejected. The notice arrives one day before a 60-day deadline the DOJ had to respond to the state's most recent submission. Senator West (D-Dallas) believes the Department of Justice ruled correctly.

"All along I, along with



Senator Royce West

other opponents of SB14 - the Voter ID bill - remained steadfast in our objections to this legislation that was made one of the top priorities for the Legislature last year, despite the fact that we were facing a \$20 billion budgetary crisis," said Senator West.

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COVER STORY

New Congressional District 33



Rep. Marc Veasey, his wife Tonya and their son Adam

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DART's Rowlett rail station will spotlight local artists

By the end of 2012, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will complete their new Rowlett Blue Line light rail station. The 4.5-mile expansion extends the line from downtown Garland to downtown Rowlett. The effort is part of DART's master plan to further serve the corridor

northeast of Dallas. The Rowlett Station will be adjacent to the existing Rowlett Park and Ride facility.

KAI Texas designed the new Rowlett Station to support and accentuate the arts-in-transit initiative undertaken by DART ("D'Art Gallery"). Their intent is to

elevate cultural pride by weaving artistic cultural narratives into the new station's design.

"The station will showcase artistry inspired by Rowlett culture and history," says Darren L. James, AIA, president of KAI Texas. "The community artwork will extend into the

rail station's 750-vehicle parking lot via a meandering garden art walk." This detail adds depth and personality to elevate the station too more than a train and bus stop. Instead, it provides a unique destination; a sense-of-place distinctive

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Comedian Sinbad coming to Richardson

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COMMENTARY

How Connected Are You?

BY CHERYL PEARSON-MCNEIL

The rapid-fire, head-spinning way in which technology continues to evolve never ceases to amaze me. Nielsen recently released its Nielsen and NM Incite's U.S. Digital Consumer Report, and in it provides a deeper dive into Generation Y - also known as Generation Next, the Millennials, the NET Generation or Boomer Kids. Depending on your information source, these young people were born between 1980 and

2002, making them between 10 and 34-years-old. They are generally well-rounded culturally, having been exposed to diversity all their lives and, are accustomed to "playing well with others."

The media described them as being "pampered, nurtured and programmed with a slew of activities since they were toddlers, meaning they are both high-performance and high-maintenance." Nielsen broke Gen Y into an even smaller subset: Generation C (as in con-

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Rushing Away from Rush

BY JAMES CLINGMAN

(NNPA) Back in 1994 and 1995 I wrote a couple of articles about Rush Limbaugh, both of which were centered on advertisers who bought time on Limbaugh's radio show. How the time flies. One article rebuked the Florida Citrus Commission for giving Rush a \$1 million

contract to be its spokesperson, and the other dealt with censorship and the leverage sponsors have in the marketplace. The way sponsors are running away from Limbaugh now, upset about the names he called a Georgetown student, it looks like some of the issues I wrote about back then are finally taking hold.

First let me say that what is happening to "El Rushbo" could not have happened to a nicer guy. The rotund one has allowed his loose lips to put a hole in his ship, and he is sinking fast. Sponsors are jumping off the ship like rats, gettin' out while the gettin' is good. It's amazing that even now old Rush is defiant as ever, saying, "So what," I

have hundreds of sponsors and more waiting to jump on board. No problem.

That may well be the case; after all, this guy has earned hundreds of millions in the past couple of decades, and he can certainly afford to be as arrogant as he has ever been - toward sponsors or anyone else. A little

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Lady Linda Joshua

First Lady Linda Joshua is the wife of Pastor Isiah Joshua, Jr., and together, they serve the growing membership of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Plano, Texas.

Lady Linda is not only a blessing to her husband and their three adult children: Eddie, Karsten and Cressyda, but she has blessed Shiloh beyond expectations. She served as the Director of their Sparks' Club of the AWANA's Children Ministry at Shiloh for five

years. She sings in the Women's Chorus and participates in other areas of ministry, which includes Women's Mission Bible Study, Heart2Heart Women's Bible Study, and Sunday School. Simply put, Lady Linda is involved in all facets of the church. She is a dynamic, energetic and God-fearing woman who constantly strives to lead by example, feed through speaking God's Word, and seed by making positive deposits in the lives of everyone she encounters.

The same impact that Lady Linda has on her church family was shared for thirty-one years with many students, teachers, and parents as she served as a master educator before retiring in 2007. Lady Linda lives her life to enhance the lives of others.

Shortly after retiring, she realized that God was calling her to a greater work. She is the Founder and Director of Shiloh's Women's Ministry: Sisters Mentoring Sisters. God



desire to lead and direct this women's ministry. Today, this ministry is changing the lives of women of all ages.

Lady Linda is passionate about sharing the Word of God to women outside the walls of Shiloh as well. She has been the featured keynote speaker and small groups' facilitator at women's conferences throughout the Metroplex and was the

featured guest on the "Joy Review and Company" television program which showcased "Leading First Ladies."

The more one knows about Christ, the more he or she will understand Lady Linda. She loves without condition, forgives without remembering and gives without requiring repayment.

When you meet Lady Linda Joshua, the question asked in Proverbs 31:10, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" is answered. For you have found a woman whose price is far above rubies.

Dara Hegar

Three attorneys from the Houston office of The Lanier Law Firm — Dara Hegar, Alex J. Brown and Patrick O'Hara — have been named to the 2012 *Texas Rising Stars* list of the state's top young lawyers.

Hegar and Brown have made multiple appearances on the list, which recognizes the best attorneys in Texas age 40 or under. O'Hara is a first-time honoree.

"Dara, Alex and Patrick represent the future of this firm, and have played a key role in our

success," says firm founder Mark Lanier. "They truly exemplify the excellence and expertise of each and every person here."

This year's *Texas Rising Stars* list appears in the May 2012 issues of *Texas Monthly* magazine and *Texas Rising Stars* magazine.

Each year, researchers with Thomson Reuters' legal division solicit nominations from attorneys across Texas, asking them to identify the best practicing attorneys age 40 or younger, and those who

have been practicing for 10 years or fewer. Fewer than 2.5 percent of all Texas lawyers earn the *Texas Rising Stars* distinction.

Hegar, managing attorney in the Lanier firm's Houston office, represents clients in each of the firm's practice areas with a focus on trial coordination in complex litigation matters. She has been named to the *Texas Rising Stars* list six times.

A Houston native, Hegar brought



her expertise in complex litigation and trial coordination to the Lanier Law Firm in 1999. While Hegar's proficiency spans across all of the firm's practice areas, her specialty is providing specific insight that has resulted in many significant verdicts and settlements.

Admitted

to the Texas bar in 1998, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with honors from Texas A&M University in 1995. She received her Master of Arts degree in International Relations and her law degree from St. Mary's University, where she served with distinction as Associate Editor of the Law Journal in 1998. She further served as briefing attorney to the Honorable Richard H. Edelman at the Fourteenth Court of Appeals from 1998 through 1999, before joining the Lanier Law Firm.

Linda Griffin

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

has served for and with took her advice and celebrated how



GISD Trustee Linda L. Griffin and City of Garland Mayor Ronald Jones

Linda L. Griffin over the years has often encouraged others to give people their flow-ers while they are here to enjoy them. On Sunday, March 11 the community and those she

much she has meant to them. State Senator Royce West, City of Garland Mayor Rev. Ronald Jones, former Dallas Independent School Board Trustee Ron Price (a graduate

of South Garland High School) were among the capacity crowd gathered at St. Mark Baptist Church to celebrate and say a word of thanks to Sis. Griffin.

Along with her husband, the late Reverend Doctor Roosevelt A. Griffin, Sis. Griffin co-founded St. Mark Institutional Baptist Church in Garland. The church began in a storefront on South First Street in April 1976. The inspiration for opening the church was a passion for the children throughout the community, particularly those in East Garland. Together the couple led the congregation for over 33 years, until Dr. Griffin's passing in September 2009.

For over thirty years, together the couple poured their time and resources into the lives of the children and families of St. Mark, Garland and surrounding community. The continual message from Dr.

and Mrs. Griffin was the necessity of developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the importance of education.

Never your typical First Lady inclined to merely sit back and observe, Sis. Griffin has worn many hats — figuratively and literally over the years — at St. Mark. In the early years of the church she was the pianist and for several years the choir director for the adult and youth choirs. She served as Sunday School Superintendent and the teacher for the high school students and young adult classes, as well as, spear-headed the annual Vacation Bible School held in early July. Her positions and activities in St. Mark are too numerous to list. With wit, humor and grace Sis. Griffin has long served the church and remains very active today.

Even those who have known Sis. Griffin for many

years had an opportunity to learn more about her far-reach-

ing involvement in the com-

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"Doing Business with FEMA" conference a success in Dallas

Earlier this week, local small business owners learned what it takes to do business with federal and state entities such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the U.S. General Services Ad-

ministration (GSA) and the Texas State Procurement Division.

Dozens of business owners attended the "FEMA Small Business Conference" in Dallas. They received critical information about contracting with federal and state agen-

cies, as well as ways they and their employees can prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

"SBA is working diligently to help more eligible small businesses win more government contracts. We are working with federal agencies to open up con-

tracting opportunities, and that work continued here today as has been proven for the last two years. Federal agencies have awarded government contracts worth nearly \$100 billion annually to small businesses which

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nected), Americans age 18-34. They make up 23 percent of the U.S. population but an outsized portion of consumers using technology.

Born between the introduction of the VCR and the commercialization of the Internet, this group has taken media consumption to a whole other level. They have redefined their personal connections with new devices and experiences like no other demographic group, watching online video (27 percent), visiting social networking/blog sites (27 percent), owning tablets (33 percent) and using a smartphone (39 percent). Their ownership and use of connected devices makes them incredibly unique consumers, and highly coveted by advertisers and marketers. They represent both a challenge and opportunity for marketers and content providers alike.

But how about the rest of us, how do we stack up technologically?

- For television viewers: 21 percent are 35-49, 20 percent are 50-64 and 13 percent are Black.

- Online video viewers: 28 percent are 35-49, 22 percent are 50-64 and 11 percent are Black.

- Social networking/blog visitors: 28 percent are 35-49, 22 percent are 50-64 and 10 percent are Black.

- Tablet owners: 29 percent are 35-49; 21 percent are 50-64 and 11 percent are Black.

- Smartphone users: 30 percent are 35-49, 20 percent are 50-64 and 12 percent are Black.

- Tablet ownership is the only male-dominated digital category (53 percent vs. 47 percent).

- 274 million Americans (as of the end of 2011) have internet access. That's more than double the 132 million of connected Americans in 2000.

- Flash back: remember the VCR?! (please don't tell

me you're still using yours)? It seems like eons ago, but it was just 10 years ago, in 2002, when the DVD knocked out the VCR as the champ in the home video market, and accounted for 2/3 of all videos sold.

- In 2007, a mere 3.2 percent of mobile subscribers owned a smartphone. According to a Nielsen study released this January of more than 20,000 mobile consumers, smartphone penetration is now a whopping 48 percent.

- Smartphone ownership splits evenly, 50-50, between men and women. Those in the 25-34 age group (Generation C again) showed the greatest proportion of smartphone ownership, at 66 percent penetration.

Apparently we like to multitask while we watch TV. Well, I don't because I like to concentrate specifically on what I'm watching. But, once

again, I seem to be in the minority. Because while watching TV:

- 57 percent of smartphone and tablet owners checked email.

- 44 percent visited a social networking site.

- Advertisers will like this one: 19 percent searched for product information and 16 percent looked up coupons and online deals.

All of these cool technological gadgets are creating a new generation - kids who are growing up with all things digital. Another Nielsen study of adults with children under 12 in tablet-owning households in Q4 2011 shows that seven out of every 10 children in tablet-owning households used a tablet computer. Seventy-seven percent play downloaded games. Fifty-seven percent use them to access educational apps. And, parents

report that tablets entertained their children while traveling (55 percent) or eating in restaurants (41 percent). So much for spending quality time together while at the dinner table, huh? Phones and electronic devices aren't allowed at the table once food arrives at my house. But that's just me.

You may not be a Gen Y or even a Gen C, but according to these facts, you are still connected technologically. And everyone knows no technological connection can work without a power source. In this instance, the source of power is YOU. So what's my mantra? Use your power wisely.

Cheryl Pearson-McNeil is senior vice president of Public Affairs and Government Relations for Nielsen. For more information and studies go to www.nielsenwire.com.

Going prospecting

As the high price of gas spurs demands to exploit an increasing number of environmentally fragile areas to petroleum exploration, Matt Davies suggests that there are more fruitful ways to go drilling and cut costs.



Spring Recipe: Three Pea Salad for Dialysis Patients

Fresenius Medical Care North America (FMCNA), the nation's leading network of dialysis facilities, and Chef Aaron McCargo, Jr., star of Food Network's "Big Daddy's House," have partnered to develop tasty, satisfying and new dialysis-friendly recipes throughout the year as part of FMCNA's Healthy Lifestyle initiative, aimed at helping people with chronic kidney disease live a better life on dialysis. Chef McCargo has created the following Three Pea Salad

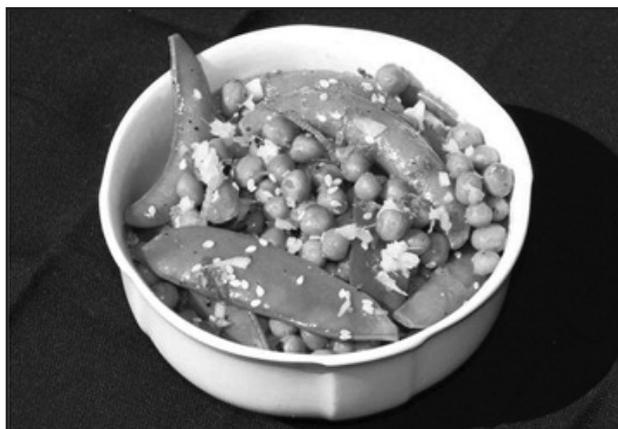
with Ginger Lime Vinaigrette recipe for dialysis patients to make as a refreshing dish as everyone heads into the warmer spring months.

For more information, visit www.ultracare-dialysis.com. To get information on the clinic and local dialysis treatment options, call 1-866-434-2597.

Three Pea Salad with Ginger Lime Vinaigrette

Ingredients:

- 1 cup snow peas
- 1 cup fresh blanched peas or frozen thawed sweet peas



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Vinaigrette:

- 2 tsp chopped fresh ginger
- ½ cup canola (option to use grapeseed oil instead)
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- 1 tsp fresh lime zest
- 1 tbsp coarse fresh cracked black pepper
- 2 tbsp hot sesame oil
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds
- 1 tsp low sodium soy sauce

Preparation:

Blanch all 3 types of peas for 2 minutes, then shock in cold water and drain thoroughly.

Whisk soy sauce, black

pepper and lime juice with zest for 1-2 minutes or until well blended. While still mixing, add ginger and slowly drizzle in canola or grapeseed oil, then sesame oil until well incorporated. Mix salad dressing with pea mixture and toss with sesame seeds, and then serve.

Serves 6

1 serving = ½ cup

Recipe by Fresenius Medical Care North America and Chef Aaron McCargo, Jr.

Texas leads the nation in tornados – be prepared

With tornado season approaching, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reminds us that, while tornadoes are inevitable, there's plenty we can do to lower our risk of injury or death.

First, a note about weathercaster lingo: A tornado watch tells you current conditions favor tornado formation. This means stay tuned to weather news and prepare for quick response. A tornado warning means at least one tornado has been witnessed or detected by radar. Be ready to seek shelter immediately.

But don't wait for tornado warnings to create a safer environment and a plan for severe weather response. Check your home now, paying close attention to the walls and roof. A professional building inspector can tell you if you need im-

provements such as walls bolted to the foundation or "hurricane clips" between roof rafters and wall studs.

If don't have a reinforced above-ground safe room or underground storm cellar, find the safest place in your house and designate it as your storm shelter. Your best bets are windowless interior rooms, closets or a crawl space under a staircase. An existing room also can be reinforced to serve as a safe room.

Mobile homes are never secure shelters during storms. If you live in one, identify a nearby sturdy building where you can go during a tornado. If no suitable building is available, go to the lowest ground you can find and lie flat on the ground with your hands covering your head. Don't seek shelter under overpasses; wind speeds actu-

ally can increase in these spaces.

In schools and office buildings, go to a designated shelter. If one isn't near, the next safest place is the basement or an interior hallway on the lowest floor. In a mall or shopping center, stay as far as possible from glass doors and windows.

If you're in a building with a large-span roof (such as an indoor arena or gym), seek shelter elsewhere. These roofs are prone to collapse during tornadoes. And, although the instinct may be overwhelming, never try to out-drive or out-run a tornado.

After the Storm

Half of all tornado-related injuries happen after



the storm has passed, so don't let your guard down until normal conditions are restored. Before you leave your shelter, look outside and assess potential hazards. Once you're out of the

shelter, remember:

•Even if lights are off in the area, don't touch downed power lines or anything that's touching them. Call 9-1-1 or the electrical utility company to report

lines down.

•Wear sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves and gloves when cleaning up, and look out for debris such as broken glass and exposed nails. If you get a nail puncture, ask your doctor if you need a tetanus shot.

•If you're entering a damaged home or other building, shut off the electricity and gas to avoid electrocution, fires and explosions. If you smell gas, turn the main gas valve off and call the gas company. Open windows and doors, and don't smoke, light candles or use matches.

For more information on readiness for natural disasters of all types, visit DSHS' at www.texasprepares.org.

Nurturing the brain

The hippocampus section of our brains is important for memory, learning and stress hormones. New research on 7- to 10-year-olds shows a direct connection between parental nurturing and growth of the hippocampus. Children and parents were videotaped during mildly stressful tasks that required support.

Joan Luby is a professor of psychiatry at Washington University.

"We should be paying



more attention to parental nurturance. It validates something that I think is intuitive that we've known throughout history, that just how important nurturing parenting is to create adaptive human beings." (14 seconds)

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4th Annual Spring Flower Fundraiser to benefit Richardson's Network of Community Ministries Dental Clinic

The 4th Annual Spring Flower Fund Raiser to Benefit the Network of Community Ministries Dental Clinic in Richardson is accepting flower orders now. Choose from a variety of flowers including Zinnias, Periwinkles, Potato Vine, and many others in flats of 18 four-inch pots. The benefit sale is hosted at Loveable Smiles, 1410 N. Plano Rd., Suite 200, Richardson.

Contact Loveable Smiles for an order form by phone at 972-231-0585, email info@loveablesmiles.com, or download at <http://www.loveablesmiles.com/2012/03/loveable-smiles-4th-annual-flower-fundraiser-to-benefit-childrens-dental-clinic/>. Pre-order deadline is Friday, April 6.



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Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, April 13, 1—6 p.m., at the Loveable Smiles parking lot.

Deep Ellum Collection Center Recycling Awareness Event 'The Deep Green Revolution'

Deep Ellum is going green! On Saturday, March 24, locally owned and operated recycling company Recycle Revolution is hosting a community-wide green round-up event, The Deep Green Revolution, where it will celebrate the sustainability programs it's helping companies implement in North Texas. The festival will mark the official introduction of Recycle Revolution's Deep Ellum location as well as the first gathering of the community's eco-friendly businesses.

During The Deep Green Revolution, attendees will be able to tour Recycle Revolution's recycling center and see what goes into the process of living green. In addition, guests will have an opportunity to enjoy local artists' latest works while munching on food from area food trucks and listening to live music.

"The Deep Green Revolution is all about connecting individuals with information about the green movement happening right here in North Texas," said Eddie Lott, founder of Recycle Revolution. "All of the vendors attending the event care about Dallas' sustainability efforts and want to see it continue to grow."

In fact, Lott says many times citizens want to recycle, but aren't sure where to



drop off materials. It's one of the things Recycle Revolution hopes to change with the event. "Education is a huge part of what Recycle Revolution does on a daily basis, and we want to share that passion and create a community-wide revolution," said Lott.

In the past year the Deep Ellum community has experienced significant growth as more local businesses and restaurants have opened in the area. As the cultural resurgence in Deep Ellum continues, Recycle Revolution has invited other community organizations to participate in the event, including: The Dallas Zoo, Deep Ellum Community Association, The Deep Ellum Urban Gardens and The Deep Ellum Brewing Company.

Finally, guests will also have an opportunity to support the Deep Ellum Community Association and Deep Ellum Urban Gardens by participating in a gift card raffle. The raffle will feature gift cards, ranging from small to large amounts, redeemable at

Dallas-area restaurants and stores.

The Deep Green Revolution begins Saturday, March 24, at 10 a.m. and goes until 6 p.m. Event specifics and more details can be found online at www.recyclerevolutiondallas.com.

Free Dallas-area seminars to help DIY landscapers

Residents seeking locally-relevant advice on how to plan and plant an attractive landscape in their yards and do so without placing a significant additional strain on their water use are encouraged to attend a pair of free seminars, according to Pamela Clark, water conservation liaison for Prosper.

"The two seminars, both set for Saturday, March 24, follow each other with a lunch break between them. The first one starts at 9 a.m. and goes to 12:30 p.m. and the second starts at 1:30 p.m. and goes to 5 p.m.," she said.

The seminars cover designing landscapes using plants that are either native to the area or have adapted to the North Texas area's soils and dry conditions.

Both are free and open to the public and are being held at Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center Auditorium, 17360 Coit Road in Dallas, just south of the President Bush Turnpike.

Landscape designer and author Bonnie Reese of Beautiful Landscapes will be the speaker at both sessions. The first 100 attendees at each session will receive a copy of Ms. Reese's book, "Common Sense Landscaping." Attendees can also enter a drawing for free bags of Green Sense organic fertilizer from Rohde's Nursery and Nature Store.

The first session is titled, "Water-Wise Landscape Design 101." This program teaches the principles of landscape design with an emphasis on how

to create a beautiful landscape that will save natural resources.

The second session is titled, "Fantastic Plants for North Texas." Using colorful photographs, Reese demonstrates the natural beauty of native and adapted plants that thrive in the North Texas region. Learn when, where and how to plant each of the recommended plants, their size and height at maturity, seasonal color, texture and more. This program provides information on trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, groundcovers and turf grasses.

"Space is limited so making a reservation is necessary. Attendees can log on to SaveDallasWater.com or call (214) 670-3155," added Clark.

TRE adds Google Transit trip planner in website redesign

Customers of the Trinity Railway Express are enjoying a new online ride thanks to a redesign of the website, www.TrinityRailwayExpress.org. Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) launched the redesign of the site on Monday, March 12.

A Google Transit trip planner is among new fea-

tures of website enhancements to improve customer interface and make it easier for TRE riders to plan their trips and take advantage of area attractions and special events near its ten stations from downtown Dallas to downtown Fort Worth. Enhanced features include:

- More direct access to schedules;
- Easier access to Com-

muter Alerts; and

- Large directional maps within downtown Dallas and Fort Worth from their TRE stations

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Museum hosting *The Diary of Anne Frank* book drive for cash-strapped schools

The Dallas Holocaust Museum is launching a new initiative aimed at providing every student in the Dallas-Fort Worth who wishes to read *The Diary of Anne Frank* a free copy of the book, which is a primary resource for teaching the Holocaust.

The Museum's new Anne Frank Initiative will collect and redistribute copies of *The Diary of Anne Frank* through 2012 to students who are 13

and older at schools that do not have resources to purchase copies. The public may drop off donated copies of the book at selected locations.

"Ultimately, we hope the Anne Frank Initiative will refresh the reading and understanding of *The Diary*, enhance the overall education that we can provide to the community, and highlight how fortunate we are in North Texas to have our own

Holocaust Museum," said Maria MacMullin, senior director of advancement for the Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance.

The book has a universal appeal for teens, as Anne shares her struggles with adolescence, her relationship with her mother and her desire to find a friend she can relate to in a meaningful relationship.

New or used copies of *The Diary of Anne Frank* may be dropped in special collection bins at:

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Anne Frank

Dallas White Rock Marathon announces move to Downtown

The Dallas White Rock Marathon (DWRM) board of directors announced a new race date and a new start and finish for the 43rd running of the MetroPCS Dallas White Rock Marathon. The marathon, half marathon and five-person relay is Sun., Dec. 9, with a start and finish in Downtown Dallas.

"Moving the marathon course downtown allows us to partner with the City of Dallas to promote the city's newest landmarks," said Kevin Snyder, chairman of the DWRM board

of directors. "Downtown provides a platform for our race's continual growth in participation and the support of our mission to improve the health and fitness of the DFW community."

Marathon officials are working with city administrators to designate new courses for the marathon, half marathon and relay races. The full marathon course will still include familiar landmarks White Rock Lake and the nation's largest urban arts district while also incorpo-

rating Dallas's newest attractions, Klyde Warren Park and the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge. Race start and finish lines are expected to be near the Omni Dallas Hotel, with pre- and post-race activities hosted in the Dallas Convention Center.

"Our goal is always to put on the best race possible for our 25,000 participants and 300,000 spectators," said DWRM race director Marcus Grunewald.

Along with the course changes, the DWRM board of directors also an-

nounced a date change, moving the marathon back one weekend to Sun., Dec. 9. Downtown will now

play host to two of Dallas's largest spectator events – the Children's Medical Center Holiday

Parade on Sat., Dec. 1, and the Dallas White Rock Marathon – on consecutive weekends.



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community during the celebration service. Escorted and serenaded by her son, the talented Ruben Lael Griffin, the program featured insight from those she has served with and inspired over the last three decades. The theme of the afternoon was "Faithful to the Heavenly Vision." A video tribute was a "This is Your Life" look at Sis. Griffin's life and achievements. It featured photos of her as a young girl, student, corporate executive, bride, and public official.

Sen. West and former Trustee Price discussed her efforts throughout Dallas and the State of Texas to improve public education in her role as a Garland Independent School Board (GISD) Trustee. Despite losing in her first attempt two years earlier, in 1998 Sis. Griffin became the first African American female to serve on the GISD board. Fourteen years later, she is currently the Asst. Secretary, but during her tenure she has also served as the first African American GISD Board President.

City of Garland Mayor

Ronald Jones indicated Sis. Griffin was one of his inspirations for seeking public office after retirement as Garland's Assistant City Manager. Despite being warned his career would die in Garland, which was not well known for embracing diversity at the time, Hon. Jones made the transition anyway. Watching African American women (Sis. Griffin and Mrs. Annie Dickson) take leadership roles in public service, he ran and became the first African American Mayor of Garland, the 10th largest city in Texas.

Mrs. Dickson, the first African American female to serve on the Garland City Council was in the audience. She along with B.J. Williams, Garland NAACP President has served on the Advisory Board of the *North Dallas Gazette*. Williams is a candidate for

Garland City Council, District 4 in the upcoming elections.

Rev. Leonard Leach, long-time Pastor of Mount Hebron Baptist Church in Garland delivered a rousing sermon about a New Testament woman – and Sis. Griffin – women who did their best for Christ. Also providing brief remarks of encouragement was St. Mark's interim Pastor Rev. Dr. George Duncan.

Griffin, born in Lakeland, Florida to Joseph and Helen Reed, Sis. Griffin received her Bachelors from Tennessee State University and her Masters of Business Education/Business Administration from Columbia University in New York. Her career a corporate executive and consultant has taken her throughout the U.S. and Europe over the years. Sis. Griffin is the CEO of LINDCO Management Consulting.

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Plano middle school student 3-time spelling bee champion

Chetan Reddy, a student at Plano's Rice Middle School won the Collin County Spelling Bee for the third consecutive year. As the county winner, Chetan will represent the county in the Dallas Morning News Regional Bee to be held on March 24. The regional bee will be broadcast live from the WFAA-TV studios in Dallas.

Lindsey Julia Ladines, Schimelpfenig Middle School and YingYan Ho, Rice Middle School were the other two Plano Middle School spelling champs.

If Reddy once again wins the regional title, he



Chetan Reddy, Plano's Rice Middle School (Photo credit: PISD)

will travel to Washington, D.C., in June to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and a third bid for the national title.

Skip Murphy and Company reteam for new show

BY JOSEPH GREEN-BISHOP
NDG SPECIAL
CONTRIBUTOR

When legendary radio personality Tom Joyner needed a temporary replacement during his weeks of convalescing from surgery, he quickly turned to another radio legend to host his national morning show.

Joyner asked Skip Murphy, a radio legend in Dallas for fifteen years, to entertain his listeners. This was not difficult for Murphy, a North Carolina native, who has once again teamed up with broadcast partners Nanette Lee, Sam Putney, Wig and Chris Arnold. They have reassembled the team for a daily two-hour broadcast online.

"We want people to know that we are back," said Skip while sitting in the North Dallas studio where the team broadcasts their internet radio show

five days each week. "We are the same great show, now in social media, he said.

"It was God who led us back together as a team," said Putney, a native of Houston who spent many of his early radio years in Los Angeles. "I worked with some wonderful people on the west coast, but I have never worked with a team of professionals like the one that we have assembled. We are more than a radio show. We are a family whose broadcast presence is crucial to the lives of all of those who listen to our show."

The five of them ended their first collective radio run in 2007. All of them went their separate way, sometimes not communicating with each other for months. In 2010, they decided to make a demo in June.

Encore Entertainment is the group's brand name,



Skip Murphy and Company: Wig, Sam Putney, Nanette Lee, Skip Murphy and Chris Arnold

according to Chris, a native of Memphis. "Even though our show is one the internet, there are advertising and investment possibilities available for companies, large and small."

"While we believe that we are excellent radio personalities," Nanette, a nationally known comedian said, "Our faiths are the foundations of what inspires us to do what we do. God has not brought us this far to leave us," she said.

As Skip said, "We have

returned to do what we are best at doing, giving from our hearts to those who share their mornings with us."

Fans can enjoy the show live each morning from 9 – 11 a.m. (Central). Listeners can reach the show any time of the night or day online at www.smacdfw.com or www.skipmurphyandcompany.com and also via a free app can be downloaded on smart phones.

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humility would be a better choice for Rush, but he doesn't do contrite very well at all. You can tell by that weak apology he made to the college student. I guess if Imus can come back after what he said, Rush can too. But then again Imus insulted Black girls. Rush committed the unforgivable sin; he insulted a white girl.

The bottom-line in all of this is that beneath everything lies economics. The lesson for us is the fact that money talks, and it is speaking quite loudly in the Limbaugh case. The money is saying, "Abandon Ship!" And no one had to boycott or solicit the sponsors to leave. Corporate sponsors know who makes the primary purchasing decisions in most households. That's right. Women. They know better than to be associated with a Limbaugh or anyone else that insults women, especially young white women. It took a while for the Imus fallout, but Rush's sponsors got their hats in a New York minute.

Rush and others of his ilk are always espousing the

virtues of the free market, saying let the market take its course, and now he is seeing the market do its thing against him. In my 1995 article there was a quote from our buddy Newt Gingrich in reference to National Public Radio, which he wanted defunded, and the Rush Limbaugh Radio Show. Following is an excerpt from the article.

"Newt appeared on television recently and asked for more Limbaugh [on the radio], also citing the fact that Limbaugh has sponsors who pay for his radio time. He questioned why NPR could not do the same thing if everyone likes it so much? 'Why not let market forces take over,' he asked. The marketplace will determine the fate of NPR." Well, here in 2012, market forces are definitely taking over in Rush's case.

I really couldn't care less about Limbaugh and his sponsors; he is probably close to being a billionaire, which is why he seems not to care either. But it is fun to watch the sponsors scurry

and do their Peter (The Apostle) act on Rush, as if he just started this stuff. Heck, he's been at his game for thirty years and now, all of a sudden, his sponsors say he crossed the line. What a joke. It's not that he crossed any line they had drawn; it's just that so many people were watching this time, especially women.

If we could ever get a full understanding and then utilize the leverage and power of our dollars, Black folks could move from our current state of affairs in this country to a higher level of respect and prosperity. Blacks spend too much money each year to be mistreated in any way by the marketplace. But unless we use the collective leverage of that money, we will continue to suffer individually at the hands of corporations and be insulted by folks like Rush Limbaugh. He made one slip-up with the young white girl and is paying dearly for his transgression. How many times has he insulted Black people and never paid a price?

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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.

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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.fissahaie5@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 March 24

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

Through March 22

GISD Senior Art Show at Granville Arts Center Gallery in Garland

March 15

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

Urban League 2012 Career Fair - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Radisson Hotel Dallas Central University Park, 6070 North Central Expy.

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.Texasfamily-musicals.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 JONA-THAN TYLER AND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS. Info: www.DallasStPats.com

Fine Arts Chamber Players invites you to free Bancroft Family Concert at the Dallas Museum of Art at 3 p.m. Info: 214-520-2219 or www.fineartschamberplayers.org

March 19

How to become a US citizen - in Plano Learn about the United States and Becoming an U.S. citizen. It is being held on March 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm and March 24, 2012 at 10:00 am - 11:30 am in room 208. First United Methodist Church Plano, 3160 E. Spring Creek in Plano 6:30 - 8 p.m.

March 23

The Next Step in Technol-

ogy Innovation *What it could mean for North Texas*, featuring Dr. Wesley Harris, Professor, MIT at The University of Texas at Dallas - Galaxy Room, 800 W. Campbell Rd, Richardson at 11:30 a.m.

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.irvingmasjid.org> or call 972-812-2230, ext. 1005.

The 2012 Miss Blue Revue Scholarship Program 7 p.m. to 12 midnight at The Westin Park Central located at 12720 Merit Drive, Dallas. The cost is \$45 + \$2 online service fee

March 25

LegoMania! from 2 – 3 p.m., at the Lewisville Public Library located at 1197 W. Main Street in the Bennett Program Room. Creating with Legos takes place on the fourth Sunday of each month. Children under 6 years must be accompanied by an adult in the program.

North Dallas Community Baptist Church celebrates its 12th Anniversary with **"Serving in Unity for the Glory of God"** (Roman's 15:6) at 1718 Trinity Valley Drive, Carrollton, TX starting at 11am. Info: 972-484-1185.

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

March 30

UT Arlington's annual **World-Class Glass Art Show and Sale** at the Studio Art Center, 810 S. Davis Dr., Arlington from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with silent auction bids accepted 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 31

25th Annual Funny Bunny Festival from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park, 1301 Railroad St., Lewisville. Admission is \$1 per person, free for children younger than 3.

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

April 13

4th Annual Spring Flower Fundraiser to benefit Richardson's Network of Community Ministries Dental Clinic at Loveable Smiles, 1410 N. Plano Rd., Suite 200, Richardson. Info: 972-231-0585 or email info@loveablesmiles.com

April 19

DFW International Dinner with the Mayors at the Fairmont Hotel - 1717 North Akard Street Dallas at 6 p.m.

April 21

2012 March for Babies at White Rock Lake in Dallas; Info: www.marchforbabies.org, 972-669-3463

April 26

"Environmental Justice and the Maquilladora Murders" presented by Daisy L. Machado, dean of Academic Affairs and professor of church history at Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Evelyn Parker, associate professor of practical theology at SMU Perkins School of Theology. 6:30–8 p.m., Prothro Hall at SMU Perkins School of Theology, 5901 Bishop Blvd.

May 19

First Time Homebuyer Workshop at Farmers Branch Manske Library, 13613 Webb Chapel Rd, 2 - 4 p.m.

June 8-9

Democratic State Convention in Houston

2nd Annual Glam Galore Shopping Soiree at The Richardson Civic Center Grand Ballroom from 5 - 10 p.m.

May 26

Dallas International Festival is a free event at the Dallas Arts District along Flora Street from Pearl to Routh from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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New Congressional District 33

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Last week, the Federal District Court in San Antonio released the interim congressional map to be used for the 2012 elections and set the Texas primary date for May 29th with run-offs scheduled for July 31st (court order on congressional map). Candidate filing in the new districts has begun and will continue through March 9th.

Today, the Lone Star

new minority opportunity district in North Texas.

New CD33 is the only truly new minority opportunity district in the Court-ordered map. The other "new" minority districts simply replace existing districts where minority citizens had already elected their candidate of choice.

New District 33 includes large parts of both Tarrant and Dallas counties. It is anchored in the

•Bill White and Linda Chavez-Thompson both received approximately 65 percent of the vote in 2010 (source: Texas Legislative Council).

Democratic Primary Winner Must Build a Coalition

The likely winner of a Democratic primary in CD33 will be a candidate able to gain support from a coalition of African American, Hispanic and some

support from the relatively small number of Anglos who vote in the Democratic primary could impact a close election. It is clearly a coalition district where every vote in the primary will matter.

In fact, when commenting upon District 33 during court deliberations, Nina Perales, the legal council for the Latino Task Force, refused to characterize the district as a Hispanic opportunity district, saying instead it is "just a district" (source: Perez v. Perry, pg. 118). More recently, in a Texas Tribune guest column, she conceded that African Americans and Hispanics had an equal opportunity to elect their candidate of choice (source: Texas Tribune).

A candidate from Tarrant County has an advantage

The advantage may be more regional than racial. Demographics, turnout and voter history appear to favor a candidate with a Tarrant County political base.

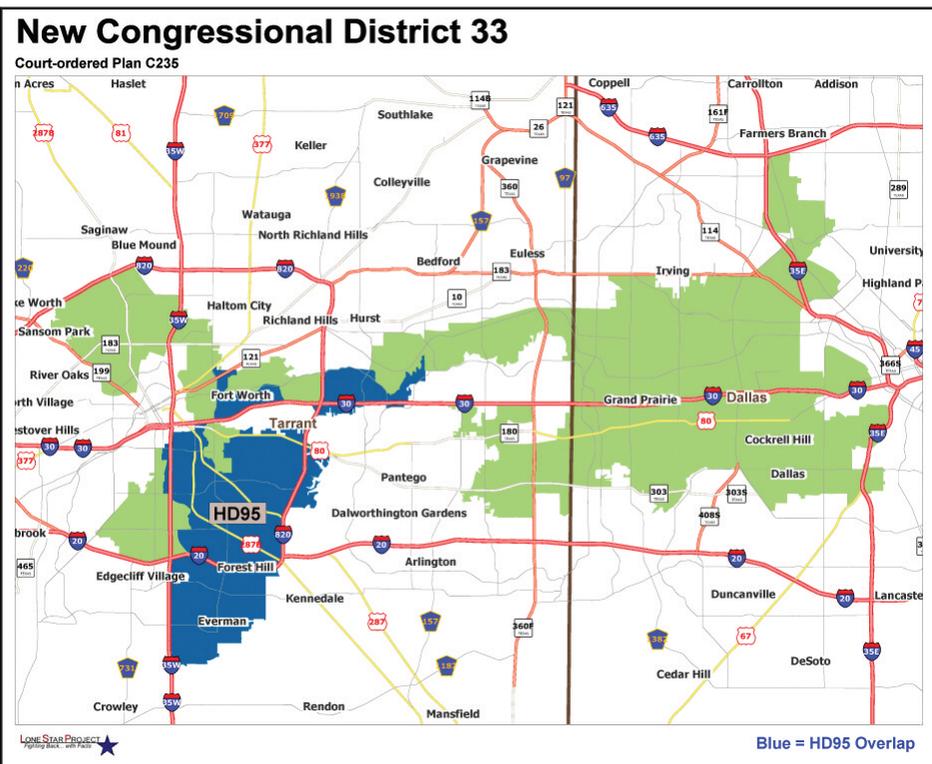
•In the 2004 and 2006 Democratic primaries, Tarrant County outvoted Dallas County in CD33 (source: Texas Legislative Council).

• Tarrant Democrats cast 56 percent of the votes in the high turnout Barack Obama vs Hillary Clinton race in 2008. The two counties broke about even in the very low turnout Democratic primary in 2010 (source: Texas Legislative Council). The 2012

Democratic primary will likely be somewhere between the two, so it is fair to anticipate an advantage in turnout for Tarrant.

• The Dallas portion of the district has a fewer number of so-called "likely voters" who participated in both the 2008 and 2010 primaries. In short, there is a smaller hard base of Democratic voters.

• A Tarrant-based candidate has a larger natural base and can benefit from the turnout of both African Americans and Hispanics who already have a history of voting regularly. In short, the needed coalition is somewhat easier to build when starting from Tarrant rather than starting from Dallas.



Project will look at north Texas Congressional District 33 (CD33), the only true new minority opportunity district in the court's plan.

New North Texas District 33

With over 2.1 million African Americans and Hispanics living in Tarrant and Dallas counties, a compelling case was made in court by Lone Star Project supported plaintiffs, the NAACP and national LULAC that the size and compactness of the minority population in Tarrant and Dallas counties warrants the creation of two additional minority opportunity districts in the area. As a result, it is not surprising that the court decided to locate at least one

African American and integrated neighborhoods in the City of Fort Worth and then extends east to include part of Arlington and then further east to include part of Grand Prairie, part of Irving and the north Oak Cliff area of Dallas.

CD33 is overwhelmingly Democratic

While some Republicans may consider running in new District 33, they have no chance. District 33 is safely Democratic. Every Democratic candidate on the general election ballot in 2008 and in 2010 carried the district easily.

•President Obama and Rick Noriega both received almost 70 percent of the vote in the 2008 General Election (source: Texas Legislative Council).

Anglo voters.

• While the district has a majority Hispanic voting age population of 61 percent, the Hispanic citizen voting age population is only 39 percent – well short of a majority – and the black citizen voting age population is 25 percent (source: Texas Legislative Council).

•A disproportionate number of Anglo voters will participate in the Republican primary, so African Americans and Hispanics will comprise the majority of Democratic primary voters.

The winner in CD33 will probably not be able to prevail by relying only on Hispanic or only on African American support. They will have to win support from both. Further,

Representative Marc Veasey appears well positioned to build a winning coalition in CD33

While the quality of his opposition and specific decisions made in his campaign matter most, given the dynamics described above, Fort Worth State Representative Marc Veasey is in position to benefit from the configuration of CD33.

• Veasey's House District 95 is the most diverse of the other overlapping state House districts. It's voting age population is 45 percent African American, 30 percent Hispanic, and just over 21 percent Anglo (source: Texas Legislative Council).

• More likely Democratic primary voters from HD95 are included in the new district than from any other state House district within CD33 (source: Texas VAN).

• The precincts in current House District 95 included in Congressional District 33 made up over 32 percent of the primary turnout in 2008 and an even higher percentage in 2010.

• Primary turnout in HD95 was 21,405 in 2008 while the primary turnout in Dallas-based HD103 and 104 combined was

only 14,841.

• The 2008 Democratic primary turnout in the entire Dallas County portion of CD33 was only 6,000 votes more than in Veasey's HD95 alone.

• Veasey defeated an established incumbent when he was first elected in 2004 and has won wide support from both Hispanic and African American supporters since then.

• Veasey has an even temperament and a practical nature. He cut his teeth in public service working for and learning from former Congressman Martin Frost who always had broad and diverse voter support.

• Veasey is only 41 years old but has already represented Fort Worth-based House District 95 for almost a decade.

Finally, and perhaps most important for many frustrated North Texas De-



Rep. Marc Veasey, his wife Tonya and their son Adam

mocrats, Veasey has worked diligently since 2004 for the creation of a new minority opportunity district in North Texas.

While some other potential candidates are acting upon the opportunity to run for Congress now that it has presented itself, Veasey has done the heavy lifting required to make sure the new district was created. He has spent both personal and political capital pursuing bruising legal battles fighting the worst the Republicans have to offer. No other person considering the race can match Veasey's tenacity, consistency or courage in standing up to divisive mean-spirited partisanship.

Sinbad performing at Eisemann Center

Eisemann Center Presents closes out their Main-Stage Shows for the 2011-2012 Season with the appearance of SINBAD on Thursday, March 29 at 8 p.m. SINBAD's name recalls the literary legend that symbolizes strength, adventure and optimism and that is what he strives for. Born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, SINBAD grew up telling jokes to his three brothers and two sisters. The image sticks: SINBAD the wild child, off-the-wall SINBAD who would do anything for attention, free as the wind, an unpredictable force that can't be harnessed, and always willing to pay any price, looking for laughs.

SINBAD doesn't tell jokes – "I don't know any," he admits – instead, he stalks the stage, telling real-life stories. He doesn't deliver payoff lines; he slam-dunks them! His comedy is large, physical,

and impetuous. Psychologically, he jams us, poking holes in our lifestyles. His stories mirror our foibles. His is the explosive energy of the neighborhood; his phrasing is manic, musical and right on time. He doesn't write his material, he relives it as he remembers it.

SINBAD made his big screen debut in the 1991 gridiron comedy Necessary Roughness, appearing with another Eisemann Center favorite, Larry Miller. His other motion picture credits include starring roles in Houseguest, First Kid, Jingle All The Way and a cameo in Coneheads. He was the voice of the canine Riley in Homeward Bound II. On television, he starred in the title role of the "Cherokee Kid" on HBO, and was the star and executive producer of his own acclaimed Fox TV sitcom, The Sinbad Show and Sinbad's Summer Jam Weekend II airing on HBO. Sin-

bad's Summer Jam won the prestigious NAACP Image Award consecutively for two years in the "Most Outstanding Variety Series/Special" category. He is currently starring with his wife and two children on We tv in the reality hit: SINBAD: It's Just Family. "When you get the opportunity to get into business with someone like SINBAD, you don't pass it up," said Quincy Jones. "He is a veteran performer known for his unique comedic voice and larger than life personality."

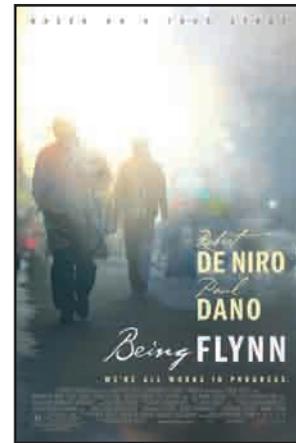
Tickets are \$44-\$62 and are available online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. The Ticket Office is open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday – Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts for 10 or more are available by calling 972-744-4657.

Being Flynn examines family and self-discovery

By RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

Sometimes you see a movie and when you walk out of the theater the mood and issues of the film go with you. Being Flynn is that type of movie. There are moments of levity which coming from writer and director Paul Weitz can be expected. However, the movie addresses serious issues so it is not a laugh a minute flick. Weitz's (best known for American Pie and About A Boy) screenplay is based on Nick Flynn's 2004 book Another Bulls**t Night in Suck City: A Memoir.

Primarily the film reminds you of how hard self-discovery can be when you feel you don't have all the pieces of the puzzle. Are we the products of our environment or controller of our destiny? How much is our life shaped by our parents – even in their absence?



The son, Nick Flynn portrayed by Paul Dano (There Will Be Blood), who manages to hold his own fairly well opposite Oscar winner Robert De Niro who plays his racist, alcoholic, suddenly on the scene father, Jonathan. Also delivering a solid performance is Julianne Moore (Crazy, Stupid, Love.) as Jody, Nick's dead mother.

Imagine getting a phone call from a man who says he

is your father. Not only is the call out of the clear blue sky from a man you never met, but also it comes with a request for help. After ticking off his music playing neighbors, Jonathan calls Nick asking him to rush over quickly. Upon arrival, the nude Jonathan immediately puts Nick and friends to work on moving his possessions out of his one room apartment as he has been evicted. Without even a real thank you, poof "Dad" is gone again, but not before telling Nick – several times – what a great writer he is and that as his son, Nick should be a talented writer as well.

Nick actually is trying his hand at writing. He journals and creatively completes his daily-required log reports during the staff meeting at the homeless shelter where he works. It is through the homeless shelter that father and son meet again,

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Design Dept. issues a call to action for small business owners

Design Dept. is hosting a free Media Marketing Mixer on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 10am-1pm at the University of Texas at Dallas.

With more than 20 years of experience, the Design Dept. is equipping small business owners to "Get Movin' in 2012" in order to keep up with large corporations.

"The big guys have their own marketing team and design departments to ensure that their brand is recognizable in this changing economy," Wendy Mayfield from Design Dept. said. "We want to give small business the opportunity to branch out into a market

where they can compete on an even playing field."

It used to be that a good product or service would sell itself, but it does no good if customers can't find it or remember it. Information is but a fingertip away from the keyboard or touch screen. Small business owners need to work this angle and not against it. The world of marketing has changed drastically in the last decade, but it still remains grounded in the same principles – identity, visibility and branding.

"When you are building a business, you also need to be building your brand," Mayfield

said. "The Media Marketing Mixer brings accessible and affordable access to the 4 P's of media (Photography, Professional video, Product creative design and Printing) in one central location at fantastic prices."

"This event allows us to give small business owners an edge in the market place by optimizing their exposure and their budget," Mayfield continued.

The Media Marketing Mixer provides the opportunity for small business owners to enhance their marketing collateral using their website, social media, email marketing and

brand image to create one cohesive, recognizable and effective message for their consumers.

Keynote speakers will be featured that will help integrate the old with the new, including video, social media and photography to enhance the brand of small business owners.

Design Dept. is a Dallas

based advertising and graphic design company that provides result-driven creative advertising design. Their team has more than 20 years of experience in developing marketing solutions for small to large companies.

For more information about Design Dept. and the upcoming Media Marketing

Mixer, visit yourdesigndept.com. The event is free, but photo and video shoots are limited so RSVP as soon as possible.

The Media Marketing Mixer is proudly sponsored by Design Dept., Leslie Scott's Photography, North Dallas Gazette, KHVN Heaven97AM and Dimaco.

Financial empowerment series scheduled for UT Dallas

The EMPOWER (Empowering Minorities to Plan and Organize for Wealth and Education Within Reach) series, presented by Comerica Bank, will feature authors, Dr. Charles Richards and Dr. Thomas Shapiro. Dr. Charles Richards will speak on Saturday, March 17 at 10 a.m., and Dr. Thomas Shapiro will speak on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Both of the events are free and open to the public and will be held at the Naveen Jindal School of Management at UT Dallas.

"Comerica Bank is proud to continue our sponsorship of the 2012 EMPOWER series. Through these financial literacy and wealth management workshops, we have helped provide tools, resources and access to nationally-known experts to hundreds of members of the DFW community," said Irv Ashford, Senior Vice President of Community Development & External Affairs for Comerica Bank. "We're looking forward to the upcoming events with Dr. Richards and Dr. Shapiro, and to continuing to help empower minorities to achieve success."

Author of *The Psychology of Wealth*, Dr. Richards will share how our psychological relationship with money influences whether we reach our financial goals. He will address your family's money management system, psychological strategies to improve prosperity and the warning signs of "unconscious debt." All pre-registrants to this event on March 17 will receive a free copy of Dr. Charles Richards'

book *The Psychology of Wealth*.

Author of *The Hidden Cost of Being African American: How Wealth Perpetuates Inequality*, on March 22, Dr. Shapiro will focus on the importance of family wealth and the central role it plays in passing down racial inequality from

generation to generation in the United States. Drawing from interviews with 182 black, white and Latino families, Shapiro argues that there continues to be a substantial racial wealth gap in the United States.

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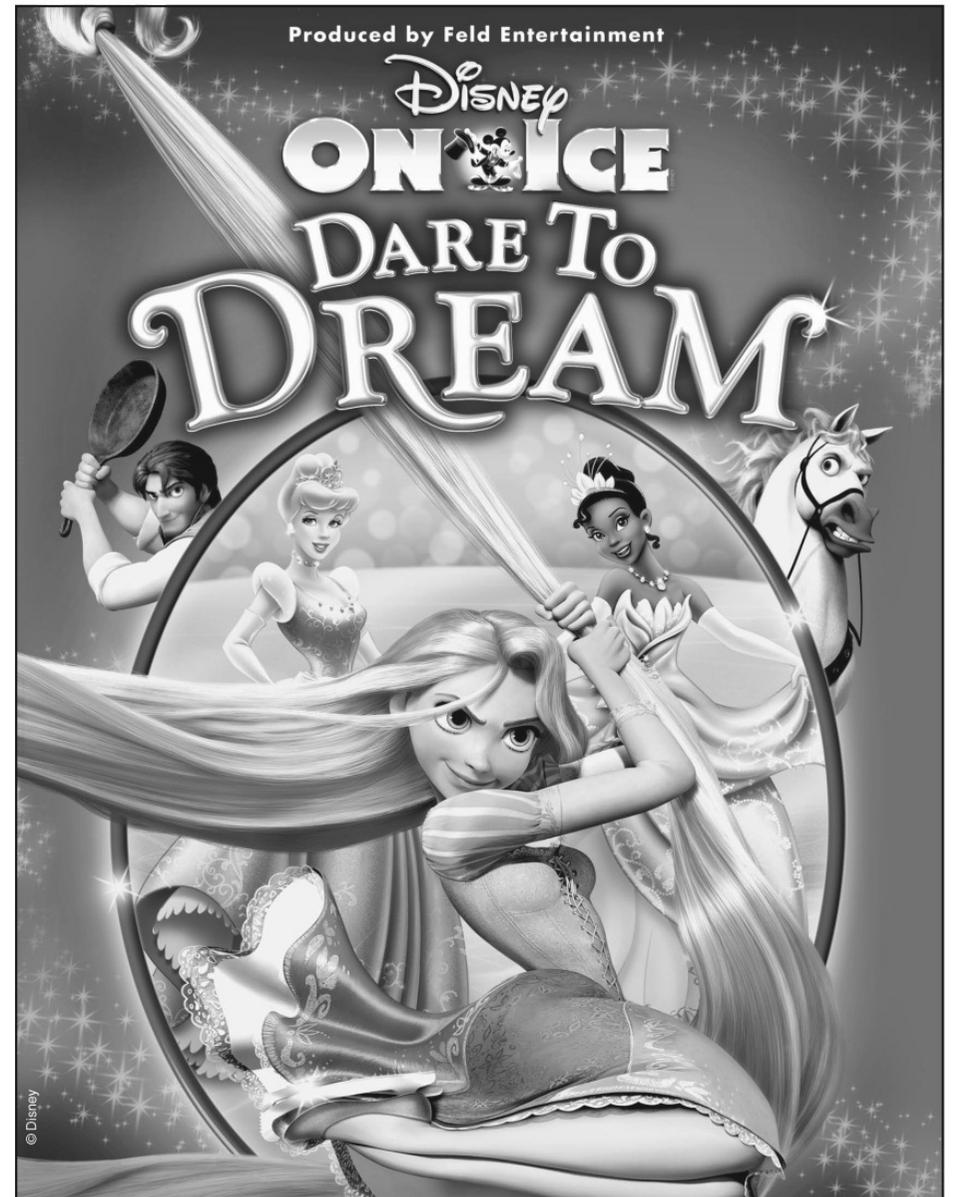
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“What the Justice Department said in its ruling was that Texas failed to prove that the changes in law would not have a retrogressive effect on minority voters. In other words, the new law would make it harder for minority citizens to vote than the existing requirements already set in state law.”

Under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act, Texas is one of 15 states - many in the South - that must submit changes to voting laws to the Justice Department for pre-clearance due to their past histories of voter discrimination. Although SB14 was passed by the Legislature during the first weeks of the 82nd Session, its provisions could not go into effect without DOJ approval. The law would have

gone into effect January 1, 2012 had it gained pre-clearance. In addition, the Justice Department wrote that the state failed to make its case that laws already in place to prevent “significant in-person voter impersonation” were insufficient.

“The Justice Department raised the same objections in its rejection that we did in the Senate and the House last year,” said Senator West. “We argued that poor people and minorities would be made to pay for the right to vote - a de facto poll tax. We argued that there are many places in Texas where it is more difficult to obtain a drivers license or state-issued ID card. And we argued that the Voter ID bill would do more to suppress

minority voters that prevent rare proven cases of voter impersonation. Now, unless the court says otherwise, Texas voters will be able to use their voter registration cards as the primary form of identification just as they have for years.”

In January, Texas Attorney General sued the federal government so that the SB14 could go into immediate effect. The case, now in a Washington D.C. District Court has not been decided. According to the Texas Secretary of State, Texas the items required for voter identification to be able to vote in the May 12 local elections and the May 29 Primary elections will remain the same as those required to vote last year before the photo ID law was passed.

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Texas unemployment rate drops to 7.3 percent

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 7.3 percent in January, down from 7.4 percent in December, and down from 8.1 percent in January 2011. The Texas unemployment rate is one full percentage point below the national unemployment rate of 8.3 percent. Texas has remained below the national unemployment rate for 61

months. January's is the lowest unemployment rate in Texas since April 2009.

Texas added 67,200 nonfarm jobs in January for a total of 258,200 jobs added over the year. Private employers added 73,800 jobs over the month, totaling 332,600 private sector jobs added over the year. Texas has experienced positive annual job growth in

nonfarm jobs for the last 21 consecutive months.

"We're seeing substantial economic growth here in Texas," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "I am encouraged that Mining and Logging, which includes oil and gas employers, has added more than 38,000 jobs over the past year. This industry has

grown at a faster rate than any other in Texas, at a 17.6 percent annual growth rate."

"When the majority of industries in Texas add jobs over the year, that's a positive sign," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Texas continues to have diverse job opportunities for a diverse workforce."

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when Nick looks up to help the next person in line and finds himself face to face with Jonathan. After his eviction from the apartment, Jonathan's life has spiraled out of control and he is seeking solace from the winter cold nights.

From there the viewer receives an unvarnished, unromanticized, but not crusading view of life for those who work at shelters and those who need their help. It is through the simplicity of the storytelling, that the

movie finds its power.

Perhaps feels like he has returned to the home of his Taxi Driver glory, De Niro's performance takes you into the mind of his crazed character. With his self-centered racist ways, you hardly feel overwhelmed with sympathy but you come to care. Thus is the struggle of his son Nick as well.

The journey to the answers for Jonathan and Nick Flynn are uneven, but in the end a journey moviegoers will enjoy. Being Flynn is

rated R for language and subject matter at a lean 102

minutes the film is showing at the Angelika Dallas.

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March 23-24

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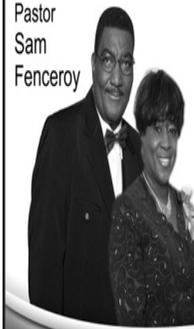


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Sister Tarpley

Bessie Blount, a physical therapist who worked with soldiers injured in WW II, invented a device allowing amputees to feed themselves in 1951.

Born in Hickory, Virginia and initially attended Union Junior College. She received nurse's training at Community Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. She then went on to Panzer College of Physical Education and Hygiene in East Orange, New Jersey. Along the way, she studied physical therapy in Chicago.

During World War II, Blount, as part of her work with wounded soldiers, she devised an apparatus to help amputees feed themselves. Blount invented an electronic feeding device in 1951, a feeding tube that delivered one mouthful of food at a time, controlled by biting down on the tube. The American Veterans Administration did not accept her invention, so she sold it to the French government.

She became friends with Theodore Edison, son of famed inventor Thomas Edison and while in his home she invented the disposable cardboard emesis basin. This invention was also not accepted by the American Veterans Administration, so she sold it to Belgium.

In 1969, Blount went into law enforcement as a forensic scientist, at the Vineland police Department and the Norfolk Police Department. In the mid-

1970s, she became the chief document examiner at the Portsmouth Police Department. In 1977, she trained and worked at Scotland Yard in England. She was the first African-American woman to work there. She studied slave papers and Civil War documents as well as verifying the authenticity of documents containing Native American-U.S. treaties.

Doctor Patricia Bath, an ophthalmologist from New York is the first Black female doctor to patent a medical invention. She was living in Los Angeles when she received her first patent – a method for removing cataract lenses that transformed eye surgery by using a laser device making the procedure more accurate.

Her passionate dedication to the treatment and prevention of blindness led her to develop the Cataract Laserphaco Probe. The probe patented in 1988, was designed to use the power of a laser to quickly and painlessly vaporize cataracts from patients' eyes, replacing the more common method of using a grinding, drill-like device to remove the afflictions.

With another invention, Bath was able to restore sight to people who had been blind for over 30 years. Patricia Bath also holds patents for her invention in Japan, Canada, and Europe.

Bath graduated from the Howard University School of Medicine in 1968 and completed specialty training in ophthalmology and corneal

transplant at both New York University and Columbia University. In 1975, Bath became the first Black woman surgeon at the UCLA Medical Center and the first woman to be on the faculty of the UCLA Jules Stein Eye Institute. She is the founder and first president of the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness.

Lyda Newman, a Black female from New York, New York, patented a new and improved hair brush on November 15, 1898. While she was not the original inventor of the hair brush, Newman's improvements to the brush made her a significant contributor to its evolution. Granted a patent for her invention in 1898, Newman's brush was the first hairbrush with synthetic bristles (prior to that brushes were made from animal hair, such as boar's hair).

Newman's brush also had several other unique innovations; it was easy to keep clean, very durable and easy to make, and provided ventilation during brushing by having recessed air chambers. Most notably, it was

designed to promote ventilation and provide storage for excess hair or impurities.

Dr. Shirley A. Jackson, a leading scientist in America, is one of the greatest contributors to the "true voice" abilities of the telephone system. During her childhood, she had an interest in science and math and she conducted many different experiments. On the honors program throughout school, she enrolled into MIT, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and became the first Black woman to receive a doctorate degree in the field of particle physics, an area of science that deals with matter and motion. Dr. Jackson also founded the first Black Student Union at MIT.

After college, Dr. Jackson became a leading scientist conducting successful experiments in theoretical physics. While working at Bell Laboratories, the research division of AT&T, Dr. Jackson advances in the field of telecommunications. This includes the development of the touch tone telephone, portable fax, solar cell and the



Sister Tarpley with daughter, Author (Without Fear or Favor) and Minister, Sheila Tarpley Lott and granddaughter, Tyanna Donnise Lott

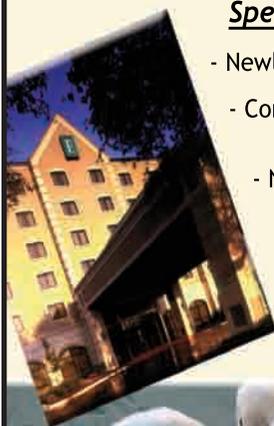
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Gospel recording artist Vanessa Bell Armstrong performing at North Dallas Church 150th anniversary celebration

Multiple Grammy and Stellar Award Winner Vanessa Bell Armstrong is performing at the Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church's (CCTOF) 150th anniversary. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 6 p.m. The church is located at 14120 Noel Rd. in Dallas.

Known for gospel classics "Peace Be Still," "For God So Loved the World," "Pressing On" and "You Bring Out the Best in Me," Vanessa Bell Armstrong

brings her inspirational style of traditional and contemporary gospel to the North Texas area.

Other artists ministering at this event include The Unified Voices Choir CCTOF and Apostle Darrell Yancey. This concert is one of many events planned for the yearlong celebration of CCTOF's 150th Church anniversary. In addition, part of the proceeds will benefit the non-profit group *Say No to Drugs Incorporated*.

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Vanessa Bell-Armstrong

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can Church established in Far North Dallas and is believed to be the first such establishment for African Americans in the North Texas Area.

CCTOF moved to its sanctuary, the Temple of Faith, in January of 1999. The congregation currently has a membership of over 6,000. Under the leadership of Dr. Jerome McNeil, Jr., CCTOF continues to serve the community through

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