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A renewed Jennifer Holliday performing in Dallas next week

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

"It is one of the proudest things I can ever feel," Jennifer Holliday said during a recent telephone interview about how she feels when young singers tackle her well-known song *And I'm Telling You*,



Jennifer Holliday

I'm Not Going.

Holliday made the song a black woman anthem more 25 years ago in the Broadway production of *Dreamgirls*.

Holliday is performing with The Turtle Creek Chorale during her *One Night Only: An Evening*

with Jennifer Holliday on Wednesday, March 23, at 8 p.m. at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St. in Dallas. Also joining the Turtle Creek Chorale for this concert is The Men's Chorus

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Journaling for Caregivers

Research shows putting pen to paper cuts stress

By Zoe FitzGerald Carter
NDG Special Contributor

Taking care of a sick or elderly loved one can be emotionally gratifying but it can also be exhausting and stressful. This is especially true for those of us in the so-called "sandwich generation" who are taking care of children while si-

multaneously taking care of elderly parents. Working long hours, living far away from our parents, and worrying about their wellbeing also adds to our stress.

One excellent way to take care of ourselves during the times when we feel especially stretched thin is to put pen to paper. Re-

searchers such as James W. Pennebaker, professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, have shown that writing reduces both physical and mental stress. It accomplishes this by giving us a place to release our worries, to regain our sense of stability, and to feel heard

and acknowledged.

Keeping a journal, even if it means writing only 10 minutes a day, can help us deal with feelings of frustration that can arise when we are taking care of sick or aging loved ones. It can also help to give us insight

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DFW Minority Supplier Development Council joins SBA to offer *Emerging 200* training locally

The Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council has joined with nine other business advocacy organizations to partner with the local District office of the Small Business Ad-

ministration (SBA) to offer a free special training program designed to provide the "network, resources and motivation" to build a sustainable business of size and scale beginning in April.

The *SBA Emerging 200*, slated for 20 cities in 2011, will serve as training programs for 18 local minority business owners who have been in business for at least three

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Class size matters

By Judge Greg Mathis

The struggling economy has, unfortunately, forced state and local governments across the country to make cuts in much needed services and programs. The nation's public schools have been hit particularly hard by these cuts. First, some districts reduced or completely eliminated physical education classes and arts programming - programming that has been proven to enhance student academic performance. Then, others began

to eliminate teachers, slowly growing classrooms sizes. Now, it seems even more school districts are looking to reduce the number of teachers on the payroll and combine classrooms...all in an effort to save money.

A recent article in the New York Times shed light on this disturbing movement toward larger class sizes. According to the article, the size of 11th and 12th grade

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Dr. Dennis Kimbro

The National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter announced it will host a wealth creation seminar with nationally-known speaker and author Dr. Dennis Kimbro.

The event is open to the public and will be held on Thursday, March 31 at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business.

Comerica Bank will serve as presenting sponsor. Other sponsors in-

clude the Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants, National Sales Network – Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter, and 100 Black Men of Greater Dallas-Fort Worth, Inc.

Comerica Bank is also partnering with the NBMBA to host a series of monthly Financial Empowerment workshops. Starting in April and running through December, the free community work-



shops will teach participants how to create a solid

financial foundation, reduce debt and grow savings.

"The NBMBA is honored to host a speaker of Dr. Kimbro's caliber," said Clifton Johnson, Economic Development Chair at NBMBA Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter. "With Dr. Kimbro's seminar and the monthly financial empowerment workshops that will follow, area residents will benefit greatly."

"Comerica Bank is

proud to serve as presenting sponsor for this wealth creation seminar and hosting the monthly Financial Empowerment workshops," said Irv Ashford, Senior Vice President of Community Development & External Affairs, Comerica Bank. "Through these initiatives we hope to help more DFW residents achieve financial success."

The seminar will be held in SMU's Crum Auditorium and begins at 6:00 p.m. with a networking hour that will last until 7:00 p.m. Dr. Kimbro will

speak at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and free for members of sponsoring organizations with advance registration. To register, or for more information, email econdev@dfwmbas.org.

A tireless educator, author, and B-school professor, Dr. Kimbro is universally characterized as one of the most insightful and scholarly writers in the field today. As a lecturer and researcher in the field of management, entrepreneurship and human po-

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Nhaieemah Horne

(NDG Wire) Nhaieemah Horne, a junior at North Mesquite High School and is a member of the varsity girls basketball team, received an invitation from International Sports Specialist (ISSI) to compete on the Texas girls basketball team as part of the North Central Conference traveling to Australia this summer. Horne needs your help to get there.

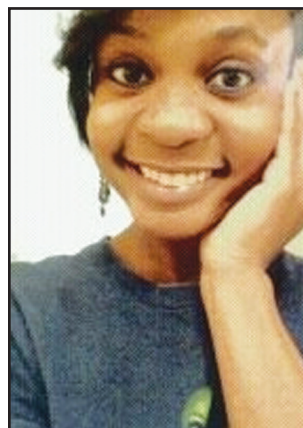
Horne's mother, Torsha McCarty, said her daughter hopes to participate in this

international tournament, and she is looking for sponsors to make donations toward the cost of traveling to and competing in Australia. A major source of funds comes through voluntary contributions of family, friends and business sponsors. The contributions will go to help cover the cost of airfare, hotel, meals and tournament fees.

This conference consists of 12 athletes representing 13 different states that travel and compete in

Australia.

McCarty said Horne hopes to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime international tournament referred to as the "Mini Olympics of high school sports. Those who have participated in this tournament in the past have had an unforgettable and life-changing experience. They have had the chance to compete in Australia, sign autographs, and interact with the locals. They not only see a part of the world that is truly fascinating, but they also act as Ambassadors for America as they exemplify the great



sporting traditions we love.

Rob Morris who played for the Indianapolis Colts, said in his NFF Hall of Fame Induction Speech:

"I'm so thankful for football, it gave me a chance to win a Super Bowl and play (in the Down Under Bowl) in Australia."

Donations can be made to Nhaieemah Horne online at www.DownUnderSports.com, select sponsor. Donations can be mailed to: Nhaieemah Horne 4351 San Marcus Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150. If a check or money order is sent, please make it payable to International Sports Specialist, Inc. - include Nhaieemah Horne's name on the memo line.

As a way of saying

thank you, McCarty said sponsors will be entered into a drawing to win a trip for two to Australia and Hawaii giving a potential sponsor the chance to share in the experience of Down Under and the beautiful beaches of Hawaii.

"Nhaieemah is very grateful and appreciative of whatever financial support that some one feels comfortable contributing," McCarty said. "My daughter appreciates any support that will be given to take advantage of this unique opportunity."

Dr. Carolyn Meyers

After 133 years of academic excellence, Jackson State University for the first time has a female as its chief executive officer.

The state College Board voted unanimously in favor of hiring Dr. Carolyn Meyers, 64, as JSU's 10th president, ending the stro-

any particular pressure to succeed in what is considered a male dominated field," Meyers recently shared with The Mississippi Link.

Meyers, who describes herself as a "researcher," a "collaborative leader" and a "thinker," replaced interim president Leslie McLemore, a political science professor appointed when Ronald Mason left in June 2010 to lead the Southern University System based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Meyers began her tenure at JSU in January. She has more than 30 years of experience in higher education, most recently serving as president of Norfolk State University.

Prior to working at Norfolk State, Meyers was provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at

North Carolina A&T.

Meyers has been praised for her spirited personality, sometimes bragging about students as though they were her own children. She is also known to be data driven, which brought criticism from those who thought she moved too slowly but accolades from those who appreciated her analytical view.

Her hiring at Norfolk State in 2006 was seen as a coup: a female scientist with degrees in mechanical and chemical engineering who completed postdoctoral work at Harvard University.

Meyers is ready to ensure the masses know about JSU. She plans to start in an unlikely place... Mississippi. "I want to take Jackson State to the people, create listening tours and forge new and build upon old relationships," she said. "We must get a buy in from everyone across this state and I'm

excited about getting out and meeting the great people of Mississippi."

Community members and staffers alike are excited to have Meyers at the helm of JSU.

Dr. Donna Antoine Lavigne, associate director of the JSU Heart Study Program recently told members of the media that Meyers "seemed like she was a big force in a tiny package. Not only being a scientist and being able to look at evidence based on data but also to have compassion for knowing the university must have a role in the community is very positive."

Meyers said she's excited to be at JSU because it is a benchmark school. "As a leader among HBCUs, Jackson State was one of the institutions against which other institutions benchmark," she said. "The growth, scholarly productivity, and solid reputation made Jackson

State University attractive to me.

Meyers made it clear that together, students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the community would

shape the vision for JSU. "This is not Meyers State University, this is Jackson State University and together we win," she said.



ngehold of male leadership.

"I've had a history of being the first in a lot of situations; either the first Black this or the first woman that so I don't feel

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Advertisers love that we love celebrities

By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil
NDG Special Contributor

I don't remember exactly when it happened, but it is pretty well documented: we are a society that is almost obsessed with "celebrities." It doesn't even matter if they are "crazy as a Betsy bug," as my Grandma used to say (to this day I don't know what a Betsy bug is). But I do know we like to watch "crazy" unfold right under our noses. As of this writing, who has been in the headlines on all the news shows for two weeks now? Does the name Charlie Sheen sound familiar to anyone? (Did he not learn anything from Mel Gibson about how a rant can and will impact your earning potential?)

As you all know by now, this year's Oscars were relatively lackluster (And that's not just my opinion. Viewership was down 12% this year from last.). Beyond the red carpet, celebrities, made their mark during the broadcast's commercials. I know this because I work for The Nielsen Company, the leading market research company in the world and we track, measure and analyze trends and consumer behavior around the globe. Even though I am always fascinated by our behavior as consumers in all areas, and the conditions and trends that influence that behavior, I always especially love that which has to do with advertising. Because this is where you -- Joe and Josephine Average Consumer -- can most effectively wield your power. It is after all you who marketers and advertising agencies are try-

ing to reach. It is your choice to purchase a product -- or not. And, our love of all things celebrity-driven inspired this year's prominent trend of celebrity ads.

For advertising Nielsen surveys a representative sample of TV viewers to obtain a "Recall Score," which determines which brand of an ad that viewers were exposed to during a particular program can be recalled within 24 hours. According to Nielsen not only did brand recall for this year's Oscars jump 9 percent over last year, those celebrity ads stood out. The strongest celebrity ad in terms of brand recall was the Best Buy's Buy Back Program ad hyping 4G, 5G and 6G phones featuring Ozzy Osbourne and Justin Bieber. (Did you know that the old hippie-looking guy at the end was Bieber in disguise? Don't feel bad, neither did I!)

According to the report, consumers also remembered the Venus razor spot featuring Jennifer Lopez singing, dancing and chasing her children on the beach. (What I remember is how amazing over-forty Jennifer looked! This ad inspired me to refresh my "If Jennifer Can Do It So Can I" New Year's resolution to hit the gym more regularly. Originally inspired by Jennifer Hudson, I'm adding Lopez to my mantra too.) The American Cancer Society commercial featuring Celine Dion singing "Happy Birthday" was the sixth recalled spot. In the spirit of full disclosure, the most recalled ad was an M&M's commercial where a robber threatens to eat the an-

imated M&M during a convenience store holdup (but aren't those little M&M guys sort of "celebrities," too?).

Viewers might have actually recognized the Best Buy ad and Stella Artois beer spot (where Adrien Brody's serenading of a beer moves women to tears) from their debut during this year's Super Bowl broadcast (which, as you already know, was the most-watched U.S. telecast of all time, according to Nielsen ratings). Spokesperson Joan Rivers is responsible for GoDaddy.com being singled out as the company enjoying the largest increase in post-Super Bowl traffic of any other site -- a 41% increase in U.S. visitors during the week following the game compared to the week before. That ad certainly raised awareness. I don't know about you, but before Super

Bowl XLV, I did not even know what GoDaddy was, which is exactly what advertisers hope for when shelling out the millions to produce and broadcast these commercials: awareness. Volkswagen and travel site HomeAway.com also saw double-digit gains (27 percent) in web traffic during the week following the game. Mercedes-Benz saw an increase of 9 percent in web visitors. Even FOX, which broadcast the Super Bowl, benefited with an 11 percent increase in traffic to its site following the game compared to the week before the annual "de facto TV watching American holiday." So just when you think your guilty pleasure of tracking celebrities is no big deal...think again. For advertisers counting on cele-

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Letter to the Editor

With the 2011 NFL season in jeopardy now, the biggest question in my mind is which group of people will be hurt the most. Will it be the billionaire owners supporting the idea of a new longer schedule? Will it be the millionaire players rejecting such an idea, fearing the possibility of long-term injury? Or how about the die-hard fans that are used to watching their teams play four to five months out of the year? To me, it will be the fans, for during the afternoons on Sunday they will have to find something else to

enjoy. And perhaps something less exciting than a nice clean hit or a touchdown that will thrust these people from their seats and shout with all their might.

There is a famous line in the poem "Casey at the Bat", in which Ernest Lawrence Thayer wrote "there is no joy in Mudville." That phrase, though meant for baseball, will directly apply to each and every football fan in America if there is indeed a work stoppage this coming fall.

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classes in Los Angeles has increased by more than 40 students. Detroit is considering increasing the size of its high school classes to 60 students. Though school officials there say its unlikely classes will grow that large, it's disturbing the conversation has even turned in that direction. It doesn't end there. Georgia, Nevada, Ohio and Wisconsin have all relaxed their restrictions on class size. Idaho and Texas are deciding whether

or not they are going to grow their classrooms.

Those who see cutting back on teachers and increasing class sizes as a solution to budget woes are the same people who don't believe class size matters when it comes to student achievement. However, multiple studies have shown us that class size does matter. Research shows that, overall, students perform better in smaller classes. Poor and minority

children seem to do best in smaller classes and improve at twice the rate of the average student when the student-teacher ratio is low. But who needs research? Common sense tells us that more students mean more distractions for the teacher and less individual attention for the students.

During his State of the Union address, President Obama called on America to invest in education. By putting our resources to-

ward our children, we will, in effect, be putting a down payment on a more prosperous future for America. School districts should not sacrifice student performance during a time of education crisis. America has fallen behind other countries when it comes to producing skilled workers; our nation is no longer a nation of innovators. To jeopardize our children's future is to jeopardize our nation's future.

Is juicing healthier than eating whole fruits or vegetables?

By Jennifer K. Nelson, M.S., R.D., L.D.

(NNPA) Juicing probably is not any healthier than eating whole fruits and vegetables. Juicing extracts the juice from fresh fruits or vegetables. The resulting liquid contains most of the vitamins, minerals, and plant chemicals (phytonutrients) found in the whole fruit. However, whole fruits

and vegetables also have healthy fiber, which is lost during most juicing.

Proponents say that juicing is better for you than is eating whole fruits and vegetables because your body can absorb the nutrients better and it gives your digestive system a rest from working on fiber. They say that juicing can reduce your risk of cancer, boost your



immune system, help you remove toxins from your

body, aid digestion, and help you lose weight.

But, there's no sound scientific evidence that extracted juices are healthier than the juice you get by eating the fruit or vegetable itself. On the other hand, if you don't enjoy eating fresh fruits and vegetables, juicing may be a fun way to add them to your diet or to try fruits and vegetables you

normally wouldn't eat. You can find many juicing recipes online or mix up your own combinations of fruits and vegetables to suit your taste.

If you do try juicing, make only as much juice as you can drink at one time because fresh squeezed juice can quickly develop harmful bacteria. And, when juicing, try to keep some

of the pulp. Not only does it have healthy fiber, but it can help fill you up. If you buy commercially produced fresh juice from a juicing stand or store, select a pasteurized product. Note that juices from some fruits and vegetables can contain more sugar than you might realize, and this can add unwanted calories and lead to weight gain.

Frisco blood lead exposure investigation

(NDG Wire) In response to community concerns, staff from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be conducting an exposure investigation March 24-27, 2011 in Frisco, Texas. The purpose of this investigation is to determine the blood lead level for Frisco residents. DSHS will offer free blood lead testing for any resident (including children) that would like to

be tested.

Blood collection will take place at the McCallum Room on the 4th floor of City Hall/Library Complex located at 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. (Come in the front or back doors of City Hall/Library and take the elevator to the 4th floor. The room is directly across from the elevators on the 4th floor.)

Thursday, March 24 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, March 25 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 26 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

If you have any questions, you can email questions to epitox@dshs.state.tx.us or call Carrie Bradford, PhD or Tina Walker with the Exposure Assessment, Surveillance, and Toxicology Group.

South Dallas AIDS Walk slated for March 19

(NDG Wire) On March 19, help individuals who are battling HIV/AIDS by participating in the annual South Dallas AIDS Walk.

Registration for the walk begins at 8 a.m. The actual event is slated to begin at 10 a.m.

The South Dallas AIDS Walk will be a 2.1 mile- walk through South Dallas beginning at the South Dallas Cultural Center located at 3400 South Fitzhugh Ave.

Phill Wilson, founder and CEO of the Black AIDS Institute in Los Angeles will act as the ambassador for the annual South Dallas AIDS Walk, scheduled for Saturday. Wilson



will speak Friday during a town hall meeting at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1819 Martin Luther King Jr. in Dallas.

The route for the walk begins on Fitzhugh & Robert B. Cullum Avenue,

then down MLK Blvd., pass Malcolm X Blvd., to Edgewood, turning left at Edgewood and over to Pennsylvania Avenue, then back to Robert B. Cullum Avenue and Fitzhugh and the finish line at the South Dallas Cultural Center.

The South Dallas AIDS Walk is an initiative of the Anthony Chisom AIDS Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization established in Dallas

with the mission of bringing support, health and medicine to people living with HIV/AIDS around the world.

For more information on the walk, visit www.southdallasaidswalk.org

The Potter's House hosting resource session for Alzheimer's caregivers

(NDG Wire) The Potter's House of Dallas will host *Suffering in Silence, Part 2*, an information session to provide resources for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's and dementia. Sessions will include information on the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's and dementia, obtaining insurance for aging parents, and elder law.



The event will be held on Saturday, March 19th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The

Potter's House, 6777 W. Kiest Blvd., Dallas, TX in the Sports Center/Palace room. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP with Tasha Davis at 214-467-4943 or ortadavis@tdjakes.org.

One day Type-1 diabetes seminar for families at Texas Lions Camp

(NDG Wire) Texas Lions Camp, in cooperation with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center – Permian Basin, is conducting an exclusive advanced diabetes education seminar for the entire family, including siblings and grandparents on Saturday, April 16th in Ker-ville, Texas. Caring for young people with diabetes is a challenge for the whole family, and can be intimidating for grandparents or extended family caregivers. Attending this seminar will provide knowledge, understanding, and confidence

for the entire family. Grandparents will spend a portion of the day in sessions specifically designed for their unique situations, and siblings will have a break out session of their own. More details are available at www.lionscamp.com.

While children with diabetes and their non-diabetic siblings enjoy the professionally supervised activities of Texas Lions Camp's state-of-the-art facility, a team of internationally recognized diabetes experts, led by Dr. Stephen Ponder,

will provide a day-long seminar on how to apply advanced diabetes care skills. The goal of the seminar is to increase levels of advanced diabetes care knowledge and skills. The cost for this opportunity, including all meals, snacks and presentation materials, is \$75 per family (includes grandparents) or \$25 per individual. Register online at www.lionscamp.com.

The focus of the this seminar is to enhance the advanced diabetes care skills and working knowledge of parents of children

with type 1 diabetes and adults with type 1 diabetes in a relaxed and unhurried atmosphere. Participants receive a basic review of current goals of diabetes care and review core diabetes care concepts which are vital for anyone with type 1 diabetes to master. The seminar concludes with an open forum question and answer session for any topic. A course syllabus will be provided to each family or individual attending with educational materials complementing each presentation.

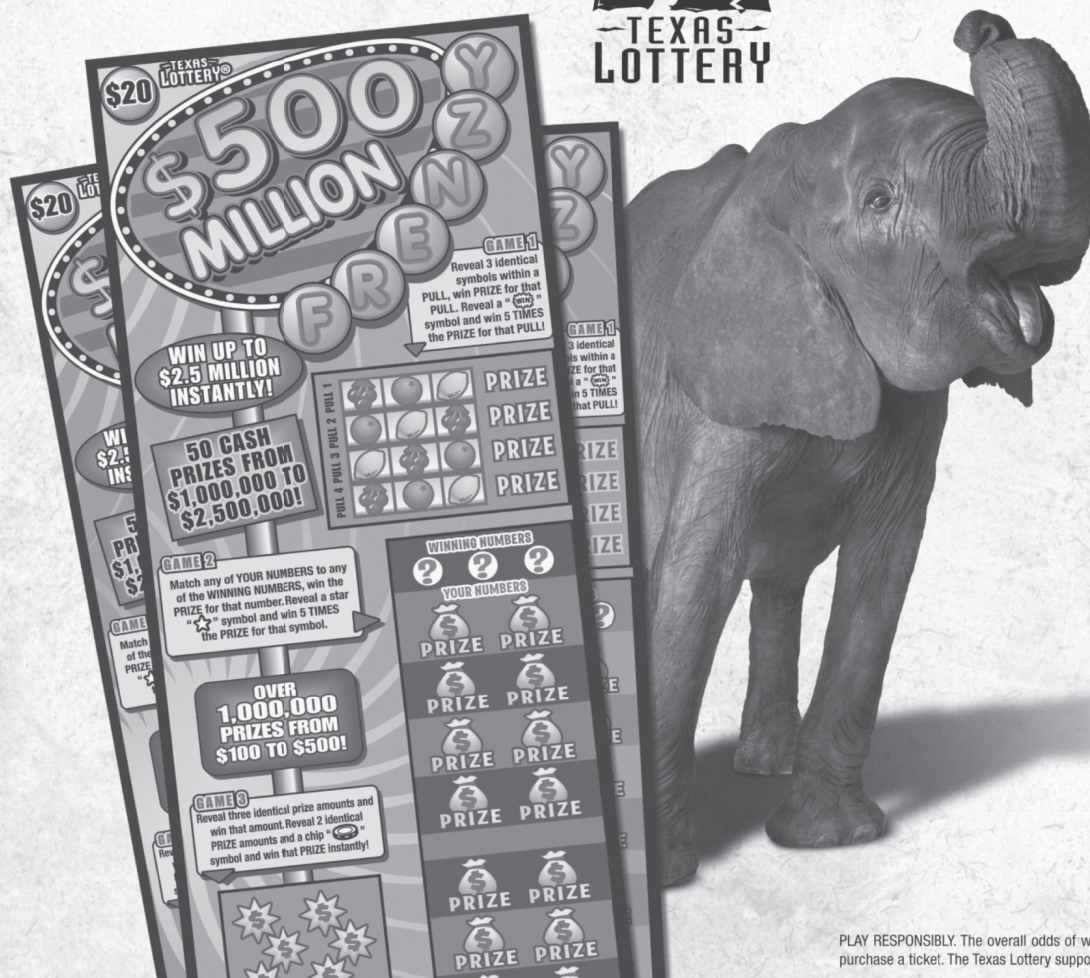
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Supporting education through the family

(NDG Wire) Families have the most impact on children; shaping their education often shapes their entire future. Data show that when parents are involved, students achieve more, and that is what Día de la Familia, Day of the Family, is all about. The special event is open to the public as an annual outreach activity of the Dallas County Community College District. Rotating annual from one of the seven DCCCD colleges to another, this year's event is at Brookhaven College on April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Since 1989, years the Dallas County Community College District has sponsored the free, annual event to increase the college-going attitude in Hispanic families.

"Enrollment among Hispanics has grown by more than 15 percent in the past 15

years at Brookhaven College," said Dr. Richard D. McCrary, interim president at the college. "Hispanics now account for almost 30 percent of our students, but they are still under-represented in higher education and family involvement can be a path to change this."

Music, dancing, food and fun are all scheduled for Día de la Familia with entertainment for adults and children, children's games and activities, free food and informational booths. Entertainment includes El espectáculo de Toty y Andy, the Woodrow Wilson High School Flamenco Dance Company, Olympaxqui Ballet Folclórico Dance Company, the Olympaxqui Ballet Folclórico Dance Company and several others.

Magic, stories and crafts will entertain the children throughout the day, and there

are informational programs for parents. There will be presentations in English and Spanish about financial aid opportunities. The college will highlight the programs offered for both credit and noncredit with faculty members in science, math, languages, social sciences and communications available to answer questions about college. College employees will be manning ice cream carts, popcorn machines and other food and drink stations, so visitors can ask college questions of anyone.

For more information about Día de la Familia, please contact the Brookhaven College at 972-860-4700. Brookhaven College is located in the city of Farmers Branch, just north of the LBJ Freeway (IH-635) at 3939 Valley View Lane between Midway Road and Marsh Lane.

Celebration to welcome Misael Rico back to school

(NDG Wire) A celebration has been scheduled to welcome Misael Rico, first grader at Farine Elementary School, back to school at 8 a.m. March 21.

Rico and his mother were struck by a car and badly injured as they walked home from school January 13. Rico and his family have benefited

from the Irving community uniting to provide funds and support in their time of need. Students, PTA, faculty and staff at Farine and at IISD schools have raised more than \$40,000 to donate to the family. The IISD Food Service Department has committed to donate the proceeds from sales of all adult meals

in March, and IISD schools continue to conduct fundraising activities for Rico and his family.

The Irving community is invited to continue in their united support, and visit Farine for the celebration to welcome Rico back to school. The school is located at 615 Metker in Irving.

Grad degree addresses new marketing challenges

(NDG Wire) The UT Dallas School of Management is launching a master's program to address the demand for marketing professionals prepared for a rapidly evolving, data-focused, global business environment.

The Master of Science in Marketing program will begin in fall 2011. The new program addresses the industry's need for graduates who have completed more marketing courses than graduates enrolled in the current graduate marketing degree option – an MBA with a marketing concentration.

"Offering a higher number of marketing courses than would be possible in an MBA program was rated as the most important feature by employers when evaluating the M.S. in marketing program," said Graduate Marketing Director Alexander Edsel. "In the MBA program, students interested in a marketing concentration can only take a maximum of 15 hours of marketing courses. For marketing professionals not considering an MBA, a shorter duration and lower cost make the program very attractive, too. This was rated by marketing UT Dallas alumni in a recent survey as the most attractive feature of this program over the MBA."

The 36-credit-hour program consists of 9 hours of business core courses covering topics relevant to today's data-driven marketing profession, such as database systems, statistics and introduction to marketing, and 9 hours of marketing core courses, including foundation courses in consumer behavior, market research and a strategy capstone market simulation course.

For the remaining 18 cre-

dit hours, degree-seekers may choose marketing-focused courses related to one of five tracks:

- Advertising and Brand Management.
- Business Development.
- Marketing Analytics and Market Research.
- Marketing Management.
- Product Management.

The school also offers two optional professional certificates in "Marketing Analytics and Market Research" and "Product Management" for degree and non-degree-seeking students.

The new offering is designed to prepare students for jobs in business development, Internet-based advertising and marketing, marketing analytics, product management and marketing management.

Because of the large volume of data available from the Internet – search behavior, social networking and mobile smart phones – and

scanner data, marketing has become much more data-driven, Edsel said.

"Our program places a heavy emphasis on this aspect. For example, we require statistics and an MIS database course as part of our core courses so students are comfortable with manipulating data, creating a database and running queries or making decisions using statistics, which some programs like a Master of Arts in Advertising degree, do not require," he said.

Although the program doesn't officially launch until next fall, students can enroll and begin taking classes during the summer 2011 semester. The deadline to enroll for the fall semester is July 1 for domestic students and May 1 for international students.

For program details, visit marketing master's website or contact the program director by phone at 972-883-4421.

Booker T. Washington place 2nd in state high school mock trial competition

(NDG Wire) Americas High School of El Paso, Texas won first-place in the 32nd Annual Texas High School Mock Trial Competition. Twenty-four high schools teams from across Texas competed in Dallas earlier this month, *arguing a hypothetical court case*. These teams, which have emerged as the best in their school districts/regions, were matched against one another, culminating in a final championship round Saturday evening at the Earle Cabell Federal Building, and was presided over by U.S. District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn.

The mock trial team from Americas High School will now represent Texas in May at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Phoenix (more information at www.nationalmocktrial.org). Teresa Canelaria coaches the Americas High School mock trial team and Robert Almonte, II and Jaime Esparza are the attorney advisors. Team members include Enrique Esparza, Edwin Felix, Zach Fields, Joshua Monarez, Nayell Palomino, Jacob Parsont, Texas Quezada, Chris Ramos, Savannah Rappe and Anabella Tarango.

The second-place team represents Booker T. Wash-

ington High School of Dallas. The "top four" also included teams from St. Thomas Episcopal High School of Houston and Skyline High School of Dallas. In addition, Noelle Low of Booker T. Washington was selected as Outstanding Witness and Zach Fields of Americas High School was chosen as Outstanding Advocate. The teams from Decatur High School and St. Thomas Episcopal High School were honored with the Judy Yarbrough Professionalism Award.


Serving as "jurors" and selecting the teams that are best prepared and who demonstrate exceptional presentation skills, were nearly 200 Dallas judges and attorneys. For the final round of competition, "jurors" include Barry Sorrels, DBA President; Laura Benitez Geisler, DBA Director; Michele Wong Krause, DBA Director; Carlos Morales, DHBA President-Elect; Eunice Kim Nakamura, DAABA President; Steven Russell, Mock Trial Committee Co-Vice Chair and Brad Weber, DBA Chairman of the Board.

Students portrayed defense and plaintiffs attorneys, as well as "witnesses." Each year, the "case" is written by local attorneys on the DBA

Mock Trial Committee, co-chaired by Steve Gwinn, of Suzanne I. Calvert & Associates, and Justice Lana Myers. Committee co-vice chairs for 2011 are Prater Monning, of Monning & Wynne, L.L.P., and Steven Russell, of Russell & Wright, PLLC.

The Dallas Bar Association has sponsored and coordinated the statewide program since its inception in the 1970s to teach high school students how the justice system works and how the law is applied in everyday life, and to expose them to critical thinking exercises and quick analysis through preparation and presentation. In the 32-year history, the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition has had more than 120,000 participants and has awarded approximately \$300,000 in scholarships at the local, regional and state levels. The Dallas Bar thanks the following contributors to the 2011 Texas High School Mock Trial: The Robert A. and Marianne S. Gwinn Family Foundation, Thomas P. Goranson, Peter G. Malouf, DBA Tort & Insurance Practice Section, DBA Business Litigation Section and the Dallas Bar Foundation.

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Senior Tarneisha Scott named to All-American conference team

(NDG Wire) UT Dallas senior forward Tarneisha Scott was named to the All-American Southwest Conference Team as the league announced its annual awards for women's basketball Wednesday.

Scott, a native of Jacksonville, Ark., became just the second Comet ever named to the All-ASC Team, joining former UT Dallas standout Chelsea Edwards who was named to the team last season.

Scott was also named First Team All-ASC East Division and was one of three Comets recognized by the league. Junior guard Lyndsey Smith was tabbed Second Team All-ASC East while senior guard Tawni Ichimura picked up honorable mention All-ASC East recognition.

Scott was the ASC's leading scorer this year with 17.4 points per game for the Comets. She also ranked sixth in the ASC, second in



Tarneisha Scott

the East, in rebounding with a team-best 8.3 rebounds per outing.

The Comets closed out the 2010-11 season with a 21-6 record, matching a school record for wins. The team placed second in the East Division with a 16-4 conference mark and ad-

vanced to the league tournament for the fifth straight season. UTD picked up its first-ever postseason win with a 63-49 victory over McMurry in the ASC Quarterfinals. The Comets fell to eventual champion Howard Payne in the semifinals.

The Women's Center at Sunnyvale reaches its first birthday



Nolan Guzman, born March 7, is one of more than 1,000 babies The Women's Center at Sunnyvale delivered in the past year. His parents are Martha Julissa Gonzalez of Garland and Juan Jose Guzman of Mesquite.

(NDG Wire) In the past year, The Women's Center at Sunnyvale has helped many families welcome their new babies. Now it's preparing for its own first birthday, March 15, and making plans to expand its offerings.

"The Women's Center, which is on the campus of

Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale, delivered a total of 1,089 babies as of March 4," said Amber Mullins, director of women's services. "Parents are coming from Sunnyvale, Mesquite, Rockwall, Forney and all the surrounding areas to deliver their precious babies here, and

we are so blessed to be part of their special events."

In addition, the center recorded more than 1,500 outpatient visits, Mullins said.

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Ongoing

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

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

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

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st Thursday at 1 pm in Plano Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or 972-898-5882.

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

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

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

Business Empowerment Sessions. Learn to grow a successful small business. 1st Thursday of each month at Christian Chapel Temple of

Faith, 14120 Noel Rd., Dallas. Call 214-942-6698 for details.

How to start a business. Free sessions on getting started the right way. Sessions held the last Monday of each month. Call The PLAN Fund for details 214-942-6698.

Through March 26

The PDNB Gallery, 1202 Dragon St. in Dallas, will host **Neil Leifer: For the Love of the Game**, every Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Photographs Do Not Bend Gallery. Leifer, a longtime *Sports Illustrated* photographer, showcases the greatest moments of professional sports since he began shooting pro football at the NFL Championship Game in 1978. The exhibit is free.

The **Bath House Cultural Center**, 521 E. Lawther Drive in Dallas, will present the comedy **The Housekeeper** by James Pridoux at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Call 214-532-1709 for reservations. www.bathhousecultural.com

Through March 27

The Art Centre Theatre, 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will present **Peter Pan**. Performances will be Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m., March 11 and March 25 at 7:30 p.m., March 12 and March 26 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. and March 27 at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays are half-price. Ticket prices are \$12 online or \$15 at the door. Advanced online purchases (before opening) are only \$10 with coupon code "PAN." www.ArtCentreTheatre.com

Through April 1

3rd 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 in-

cluding Begonias, Periwinkles, Dusty Miller, 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>. Pre-order deadline is Friday, April 1. Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, April 8, 4—6 p.m.

Through April 2

The **Garland Civic Theatre** will present Harper Lee's **To Kill A Mockingbird** at the Granville Arts Center, 300 North Fifth St., in downtown Dallas. Thursday performances are slated for March 10 and March 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for all shows except the March 10 show (\$15). Friday and Saturday evening shows start at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2:30 p.m. Call the Arts Center Box at 972-205-2790 for tickets.

Through March 18

Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Dallas will host the **Spring Break Blitz** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this is a "come-and-go" activity filled day with talks, crafts, and more. Ages targeted are 3 to 12; all ages welcome. Activities are free with paid admission (\$8/adults, \$6/seniors 60 and older, and \$4/children 3-11). Adults must be present with children. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org

March 14

NDTDW Meeting to discuss **What's Going on in Austin?** begins at 6:45 p.m. at the Northaven United Methodist Church located at 11211 Preston Road (between Forest and Royal)

March 19

11 am to Noon **Garden Walk: Children's Garden Photography** Appropriate for ages 5+. Texas Discovery Gardens admission is \$8/

adults, \$6/seniors, and \$4/children 3-11.

March 21 & 28

SMU's **Godbey Lecture Series** features Ezra Greenspan, professor of English discussing *Researching and Writing African American Biography: The Life and Writings of Williams Wells Brown* at 11:30 a.m. lecture, noon lunch at the Maggiano's at NorthPark Center, 8687 N Central Expy, Suite 205, Dallas, \$45 for members, \$65 for nonmembers for individual lectures. Info: 214-768-2905; www.smu.edu/Dedman/AboutDedmanCollege/GodbeyLecture

March 25

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"When Couples Become Parents: Keeping your Marriage Strong for Your Child"** by Dr. Karen Prager

March 25-April 10

The Young Adult Rated Drama (YARD) of the **Dallas Children's Theatre** presents the stage adaption of the award-winning novel **Tuck Everlasting** the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman in Dallas. www.dct.org

March 26

9 am to Noon **Composting Workshop** \$60; \$48 for Texas Discovery Gardens members.

March 30

Real Girls Real Women - East Texas Annual Awards Luncheon - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. at Hollytree Country Club, Tyler

March 30-April 3

Disney on Ice presents **Disney/Pixar Toy Story 3** at American Airline Center at 7:30 p.m. on March 30, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 31, April 2 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish performance) and April 3 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

April 2

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Psi Chapter will hold its annual **Business Month Education and Scholarship Luncheon** from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Market Center, 7050 N. Stemmons Freeway Dallas

April 7

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic are coming to South Side Music Hall, 1135 S. Lamar in Dallas, at 7:30 p.m.

April 8-9

WINGSPAN THEATRE COMPANY and ONE THIRTY PRODUCTIONS, in partnership and in cooperation with The Bath House Cultural Center will present **Horton Foote's The Carpetbagger's Children**. This partnership production is part of a two month long celebration of the late legendary Texas playwright Horton Foote. The Horton Foote Festival is slated to run March 14 - (Foote's birthday) through May 1. During this time, various arts organizations in Dallas and Fort Worth will be presenting plays, screening film adaptation of his work, and presenting insights into his life through readings, and other related events. All performances will be at The Bath House Cultural Center on White Rock Lake, 521 East Lawther Drive, Dallas, Texas 75218. Ticket prices are: \$5.00 for matinee performances and \$10.00 for evening performances. Info: 214-675-6573 or via: www.wingspan-theatre.com. One Thirty Productions 214-532-1709 or via: www.bathhousecultural.com.

April 17-24

Dr Pepper Dallas Cup XXXII Info: www.dallas-cup.com

April 19

SMU Athletic Forum: **AT&T Luncheon with Mike Krzyewski**, Duke University current head men's basketball coach and coach of U.S. men's national bas-

ketball team at Noon at the Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, 27th Floor, Dallas. Info: 214-768-4314, <http://smu.edu/athleticforum/events.asp>

August 20

AnyEvent Event Planning Services is hosting **Event Planners Boot Camp** at UTA, 701 S. Nedderman Dr. Arlington, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Info: Teri Robinson at 214-376-6530 or teri@anyevent.org. Register online at www.anyevent.org.

April 26

Garland City Manager's Quarterly Meeting 7 p.m.

April 28

Dallas candidates for mayor forum will feature Ron Natinsky, David Kunkle, Mike Rawlings, and Edward Opka will attend 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Road, Dallas. More info at <http://blog.farnorth-dallasdemocrats.org>

April 29

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"Play Dates and Peer Groups: Forming Friendships across Childhood"** Dr. Lisa Rosen.

May 19

Garland Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Business to Business Expo Noon - 3:00 p.m.; 520 N. Glenbrook Dr., Garland, TX 75040

May 20

UTD Spring Lecture Series: **"Helping Adolescents Use Electronic Communication for Good"** Dr. Marion Underwood.

May 21

Dallas Free to Breathe® 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Walk 6:45 a.m. – Event day registration begins at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve located at 2801 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Fees range from \$15 - \$25, info at <http://freetobreathe.com/>

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Japan's tsunami and nuclear plants: Humans, not nature, made this crisis

By Yoichi Shimatsu
New America Media

The Wave, reminiscent of Hokusai's masterful woodblock print, blew past Japan's shoreline defenses of harbor breakwaters and gigantic four-legged blocks called tetrapods, lifting ships to ram through seawalls and crash onto downtown parking lots. Seaside areas were soon emptied of cars and houses dragged up and back out to sea. Wave heights of up to 10 meters (33 feet) are staggering, but before deeming these as unimaginable, consider the historical Sanriku tsunami that towered to 15 meters (nearly 50 feet) and killed 27,000 people in 1896.

Nature's terrifying power, however we may dread it, is only as great as the human-caused vulnerability of our civilization. Soon after Christmas 2004, I volunteered for the rescue operation on the

swept entire houses upstream.

Other threats are built into the vulnerabilities of our critical infrastructure and power systems. The balls of orange flames now churning out of huge gas storage tanks in Ichihara, in the prefecture of Chiba, might never have happened if technical precautions had been properly carried out.

Most people assume that the meticulous Japanese are among the world's most responsible citizens. As an investigative journalist who covered the Hanshin (Kobe) earthquake and the Tokyo subway Sarin gas attack, both in 1995, I beg to differ. Japan is better than elsewhere in organizing official cover-ups.

Hidden nuclear crisis -

The recurrent tendency to deny systemic errors "in order to avoid public panic" is rooted in the determination



day after the Indian Ocean tsunami and simultaneously did an on-site field study on the causes of fatalities in southern Thailand. The report, issued by Thammasat and Hong Kong universities, concluded that high water wasn't the sole cause of the massive death toll—230,000 people dead. No, it's buildings that kill to be specific, badly designed structures without escape routes onto roofs or, in our greed for real estate, situated inside drained lagoons and riverbeds or on loose landfill. In Tohoku disaster, an ultramodern Sendai Airport sat helplessly flooded on all sides while nearby a monstrous black torrent

of an entrenched bureaucracy to protect itself rather than in any stated purpose of serving the nation or its people. That's the unspoken rule of thumb in most governments, and Japan is no shining exception.

So what is being silenced after the 8.8-magnitude earthquake on orders from the Tokyo government? So far this week they have acknowledged limited information regarding explosions at Tepco's Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant. The Fukushima powerhouse is one of the world's largest, with six boiling-water reactors.

As of Monday at least two explosions have been re-



ported. The U.S. government has also indicated staff on the USS Ronald Reagan was exposed to a month's worth of radiation when they traveled through a radioactive cloud off the coast of Japan last week. They are indicating the health impact should be minimal.

Over the decades, the Japanese public has been reassured by the Tokyo Electric Power Company that its nuclear reactors are prepared for any eventuality. Yet the mystery in Fukushima is not the first unreported problem with nuclear power, only the most recent. Back in 1996, amid a reactor accident in Ibaraki province, the government never admitted that radioactive fallout had drifted over the northeastern suburbs of Tokyo. Reporters obtained confirmation from monitoring stations, but the press was under a blanket order not to run any alarming news. For a nation that has lived under the atomic cloud of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, total denial becomes possible because the finger on the button is our own.

People are the best defense - Despite the national addiction to nuclear power that keeps the neon lights bright over Shibuya's famous corner, Japan still remains the most prepared of all societies for earthquakes, tsunami, conflagrations and other

disasters. Every work unit, large or small, has an emergency response plan. The Tohoku quake hit on a workday afternoon, meaning the staff in every factory and office could act as a team to quell small fires, shut the gas lines, render first aid and restore communication systems. Even in most homes, residents have a rechargeable flashlight plugged into a socket and emergency bottles of water.

Northeast Japan is better prepared than other localities because, in the wake of the Kobe quake, the regional Keidanren, or federation of industrial organizations, sponsored a thorough risk-management and crisis-response study. Tohoku Keidanren staffers, who had known of my reporting on the San Francisco and Kobe quakes, asked me to write an article prioritizing disaster preparations.

First on my list was a people-based communications network, such as the citizen's band radio that enabled Northern Californians to self-organize after the 1989 quake despite power blackouts. That pointed directly led to the quick licensing of new mobile phone towers equipped with backup batteries. Second was independent power generation inside all major factories so that these large facilities

could recharge batteries, provide lighting and pump water for their neighborhoods and, if necessary, offer shelter, sanitation and medical care. These systems must be routinely used at least on weekends so that the equipment is regularly checked and the staff stays familiar with their operation.

Third, and most important, is the ability of individuals to rally as self-sustaining communities. In Kobe, society collapsed under a sense of personal defeat. In San Francisco, by contrast, neighbors reached out as friends and opened their doors, food stocks and hearts to victims and their kin. Without compassion, each of



us is very much alone indeed.

As participants in communities who can suddenly find themselves naked before unthinkable hazards, we must act to defuse the deadly

"bomb" that provides us lighting, energy for appliances and air-conditioning. Prevention of the next Chernobyl or Three Mile Island begins when we stop naively believing in the cost efficiency of uranium (and, for that matter, the cleanliness and healthiness of "clean" coal).

Japan has vast untapped reserves of offshore wind energy, the only practical alternative to nuclear power and fossil fuel. Yet the nuclear lobby, coal companies and oil majors have strong-armed the government and industry to stubbornly refuse to invest in advanced and efficient turbine engineering, including magnetic-levitation rotors that eliminate the need for energy-sapping bearings. At certain stages of societal evolution, there arrives an unmistakable message to leave behind our worn-out security blanket and surf the wave of the future. The tsunami is just such a signal arising from the ocean's depths to awaken Japan, as a global technology leader, to push much faster into a cleaner, greener and safer world.

Yoichi Shimatsu, former editor of the Japan Times Weekly, has covered the earthquakes in San Francisco and Kobe, participated in the rescue operation immediately after the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 and led the

field research for an architectural report on structural design flaws that led to the tsunami death toll in Thailand.

Additional reporting included by NDG Staff.

'Round About DFW

March 18

The **Garland Symphony Orchestra** continues with its 2010-2011 season with *A Symphony for All Seasons* in the Linda Brown-lee Auditorium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. The GSO presents "Celebrate Spring!" at 8 p.m. Season Tickets are priced as low as \$53 and single tickets are priced at \$15, \$25, and \$35. All are available by telephone (972-205-2790), fax (972-926-0811), or email (info@garlandsymphony.org). Group discounts are also available, call 972-926-0611).

March 18

Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Dallas will host the **Spring Break Blitz** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this is

a "come-and-go" activity filled day with talks, crafts, and more. Ages targeted are 3 to 12; all ages welcome. Activities are free with paid admission (\$8/adults, \$6/seniors 60 and older, and \$4/children 3-11). Adults must be present with children. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org

March 18-March 19 Comedy Night at the Muse featuring Darrell



Darrell Banks

Banks is coming to Clarence Muse Café Theatre, located in the Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex at the corner of Canton and Akard streets. Admission is \$15. www.tbaal.org

March 18-March 19

The **South Dallas Cultural Center**, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. in Dallas, and the Black Cinematheque Dallas will host the **Black Women's Film Festival** starting at 7 p.m. at the theatre. Cost is \$5 per screening. www.dallasculture.org/SD-CulturalCenter/

March 19

The first **Dallas Blues Festival** bringing the blues to the Dallas Convention Center at 7 p.m. World-class blues entertainers **Bobby "Blue" Bland**, **Sir Charles**

Jones, **Mel Waiters**, **Floyd Taylor**, **Jay Blackfoot**, **Theodis Ealey**, and **Shirley Brown** will all share the Convention Center stage for a night of unforgettable performances! Tickets can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com or

charge by phone 1-800-745-3000.

March 20

Join **House of Blues Gospel Sundays with Lady Diamond** at 12:30 p.m. Join our spring celebration with your loved ones and Lady Diamond! Call 214-978-

2583. House of Blues is located at 2200 N. Lamar in Dallas.

Read more entertainment online at www.northdallasgazette.com. Submit entertainment announcements to assignmenteditor@northdallasgazette.com

Gazette Gossip: Union 'thinks' she's different from *Basketball Wives* crew

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

Here is a little news from the home wrecker front. According to Bossip.com, Gabrielle Union recently gave her reasons why she does not want to be a basketball wife. "I pay my own bills, first off, so I've never put myself in a



Gabrielle Union

position to have to be a jack a\$% or to have to sell myself down the river for a reality show. ... But, I don't knock anybody else's hustle. It's just not my path." Oh wow, thanks for letting us know how you really feel. Union didn't exactly land Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade in the most fashionable means, and skankism shows no economic boundaries. Sure, you got money to pay your bills from your blockbuster hits like *Deliver Us From Eva*, but your image is just as tarnished as

Evelyn. Union might attempt to distance herself from the *Basketball Wives*, but she doesn't fall too far from the tree.

Cruisin' for a bruising Neo-soul singer D'Angelo pleaded guilty last week to disorderly conduct after the 37-year-old *Brown Sugar* singer was caught soliciting sex for \$40 from a police officer disguised as a prostitute in 2010. *E! News* daily reported

the singer was booked and let go. Hip Hop Wired.com questioned if we would see another album from the once-popular singer. I would not mind listening because I was a big D'Angelo fan. As for him doing another video like *Untitled (How Does It Feel)*, I think not. Dude is looking a little roughed up and heavy these days. It is a shame that a nice-lookin brotha like him has let himself slide like that.

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Dikita Engineering receives award

Dikita Engineering, a respected minority owned civil engineering and management services firm for over 30 years, was selected as the 2011 Medium Size Contractor of the Year at the recent Black Contractors Association (BCA) Awards Dinner.

At the dinner, *Creating Success Through Achievement*, K. Hezekiah Harris, President of CMTS, and a Charter Member of the Black Contractors Association cited Dikita's quality of

work as the reason for the award. "Dikita's reputation for delivering quality service across a variety of industries is outstanding," Harris said. "The BCA selection of Dikita was a direct reflection of that quality of service."

Eve Williams, president and chief executive officer, leads the 62 person operation whose services a diverse industry base including education, facilities, transportation, transit, aviation and water resources.

Williams credits her disciplined and dedicated professional staff with being able to offer the kind of services that get repeat and new business.

"It is all because of them," she says. "We could not survive and continue to do the kind of business we do without them. That's where it starts." The Dallas based company is certified as a minority firm in 10 states and the District of Columbia.

Free Tax filing available to qualified Texans

(NDG Wire) April 18, the 2010 federal income tax filing deadline, is just around the corner. For Texans trying to wade through their federal income tax return, it can often be challenging. Fortunately, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) stand ready to assist taxpayers with information on preparations services.

A new service offered this year is Free File, a free, federal income tax preparation and electronic filing program for eligible taxpayers. Taxpayers with a 2010 Adjusted Gross Income of \$58,000 or less who meet additional requirements can qualify for Free File. For more information on the program visit IRS.gov.

TWC also is encouraging qualifying taxpayers to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which allows lower-income individuals and families to pay less or no federal income tax, or receive cash payments. Local

Workforce Solutions Offices offer tax preparation help, including how to file for EITC. For more information on specific services provided by Local Workforce Boards in your area, please visit www.texas-workforce.org.

The IRS estimates that in 2009 more than 2.6 million Texans claimed more than \$6.5 billion in EITC credits, with an average refund of \$2,492. In recent years, Texas has ranked first in the nation in the number of EITC dollars claimed by taxpayers. Despite the credit's availability, however, the IRS estimates that as many as 20 to 25 percent of Americans who qualify for the credit do not claim it on their tax returns.

Under certain limitations for 2010, individuals may qualify if their adjusted gross income is less than:

- \$43,352 (\$48,362 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children
- \$40,363 (\$45,373 married filing jointly) with two

qualifying children

- \$35,535 (\$40,545 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
- \$13,460 (\$18,470 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

The maximum credit for 2010 is as follows:

- \$5,666 with three or more qualifying children
- \$5,036 with two qualifying children
- \$3,050 with one qualifying child
- \$457 with no qualifying children

Investment income must be less than \$3,100 for the year to qualify for EITC.

EITC does not affect an individual's eligibility to receive certain public assistance benefits. In most cases, the credit payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), food stamps, low-income housing or most Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments.

Operation Planners - Event Planners Boot Camp

(NDG Wire) AnyEvent Event Planning Services is hosting Event Planners Boot Camp (EPBC) at University of Texas Arlington (UTA), 701 S. Nedderman Dr. Arlington, TX 76019 on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

EPBC is a full day boot camp offering training to provide event planners with insight and direction from top Dallas-Fort Worth area event planners and coordi-

nators. This boot camp will help DFW event planners find and secure industry resources and tools and better understand the world of special events management.

The 2011 theme "Operation Planner" will engage event planners in various sessions about effective planning; tactical execution skills; relationship building with vendors, contractors and other event planners; and creating the vision of

powerful events.

All registrations will include lunch. The registration fee schedule is:

Early registration: \$65 until April 15

Regular registration: April 16 - June 30 is \$75

Late registration: After July 1 is \$90

For more information, contact Teri Robinson at 214-376-6530 or at teri@anyevent.org. Register online at www.anyevent.org.

Business Month Education and Scholarship Luncheon

(NDG Wire) Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Psi Chapter will hold its annual Business Month Education and Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, April 2, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Market Center, 7050 N. Stemmons Freeway Dallas, Texas.

The following business entrepreneurs will be recognized at the awards luncheon:

Denise Callaway, A Communal Cup; Bridgette L. Collins, Total Innovation Wellness Solutions, LLC; and Dre' Dillard, X Weighted Fitness. The Youth Entrepreneur honoree is Miss Majesty Dennis, Your Majesty, LLC.

The 2011 Hall of Fame Award Inductees are Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bussey, owners of Bussey Trucking, Inc. Bussey Trucking, Inc. has been in business for 48 years. Bussey Trucking is a construction materials hauling business. The services provided are hauling rock, sand, and gravel.

The Community Service Recipient is Carrie Marshall, Councilmember for the City of Balch Springs. The Youth Community Service Recipient is Mr. Rasheed Furlow, Boy Scout America Troop 986. The Corporate Achievement Award Recipient is Mrs. Kimberly Davis Singleton, MW Logistics, LLC. Psi Chapter's Scholarship Recipient, Bre'Anna Samples, will also be recognized.

The cost for the event is \$50.00 and will benefit the sorority's 501c (3) education and scholarship fund. To re-

serve a seat or for information regarding the event, call Wendy B. Jacques at 972-274-3533 or Brenda Jackson Napier at 972-918-0636.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is a national business and professional organization founded in 1929. The organization seeks to unite in sisterhood qualified business and professional women in order

to enhance and improve the status of women in our highly complex, competitive business and professional world. We also establish and promote civic and social service activities for youth and adults.

For more information regarding Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., please visit our websites at www.iota1929.org or www.iota-sw.org.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY ANNOUNCES COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR PLAN ADOPTION

Public Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Time: 5:15pm

Place: McKinney Housing Authority

Community Center; 200 N. Tennessee Street; McKinney, Texas 75069

In accordance with Sec. 903.17 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the McKinney Housing Authority Five Year/Annual Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be available through the public comment period. The Public Hearing for adoption of the final Plan will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 5:15pm.

For further information, please call 972-542-5641, ext. 14.

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tential, he encourages his readers to look within to extract the keys that underlie all accomplishment. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Oklahoma, and a doctorate from Northwestern University

where he studied wealth and poverty among underdeveloped countries. Dr. Kimbro's latest book is called *Have vs. Have Not: What Black Millionaires Know That Others Do Not*. Currently, Dr. Kimbro teaches on the faculty at the

Clark Atlanta University School of Business Administration. He has appeared on the Today Show, Larry King, CNN, and has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and *USA Today*.

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years and annual revenues of a minimal of \$400,000. The company must also have at least one or more employees. "This is an exceptional program," said Mar-go J. Posey, Council President. "Having the SBA assist a company to go to the next level of growth is exciting."

The educational program will consist of classes of 40 hours divided over 13 class sessions between April and November 2011. They will be a specialized curriculum led by contracted instructors from Interise (formerly InnerCity Entrepreneurs). Owners will spend at least 12 hours in self directed

CEO Mentoring Groups. Additionally, out of class self-paced learning commitment time will be at least 40 hours. The average time out of class time commitment is three hours for each class, though some sessions demand up to six hours of preparation time. The kick off for the program is Wednesday, April 13th at the Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development, 1402 Corinth Street, near Downtown Dallas from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

"We want to help these businesses achieve their growth potential," said Bill Medina, SBA e200 Program Manager. "This

serves as a portal for these businesses to access other SBA programs and services." Medina noted each participant can expect to commit approximately 100 hours during the training (classroom, preparations and mentoring).

To register for the program, candidates must submit the required forms indicating their interest in participating by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2011. Call or contact Bill Medina, (817) 684-5517, billy.medina@sba.gov or Herbert Austin, District Director, (817) 684-5502, Herbert.austin@sba.gov

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into ourselves. Even if you have never considered yourself a writer, you can benefit from spending a few minutes "letting go" on the page. This can mean writing down your thoughts and frustrations – as well as your hopes and dreams. But whether you are venting about how difficult it is to get your mother's doctor on the phone, or describing the dream vacation you'd like to take with your girlfriends, "journaling" can provide a mini-break from your daily demands and give you some much-needed perspective on your life.

Just remember, the purpose is to release your thoughts freely onto the page. Don't edit yourself or expend energy worrying about whether your writing is "good." Journaling is about the process of writing -- of putting your thoughts into words -- not trying to write a novel. The payoff is feeling happier and more relaxed.

To get started, buy yourself a notebook or journal that catches your eye and find a favorite pen. If you prefer to write on a computer that is fine although many people find that it is

easier to access a more creative, personal mindset away from electronics. Then, find a quiet place to write where you won't be disturbed. Some people like to write first thing in the morning, others last thing at night. But whether you are writing in your bedroom, at the local Starbucks, or parked in your car on your lunch break, the important thing is that you find a few minutes everyday to write.

It is helpful to spend a minute or two relaxing before you begin. Close your eyes and take a few long breaths. Imagine that every time you exhale, you are letting go of your stress and frustration. Every time you inhale, imagine that you are flooding your body with calming, peaceful energy.

Once you feel relaxed, it is time to write! Don't waste your energy thinking about what you should write, just do it. If you are happy or excited about something, describe it. If you are upset or angry, describe that. Caretaking can bring up conflicting feelings of love and resentment and that's okay. Don't let guilt about these difficult emotions stop you. This is your private space to speak

your truth. If you need a prompt, try answering some open-ended questions. "What I am most worried about is..." "What I miss most these days is..." "In five years, I see myself as..."

Getting into the habit of taking time out of your day to communicate deeply with yourself and to write it down may take awhile. But if you stick with it, not only will it help to create a sense of space and calm in the midst of the overwhelming demands of daily life, it will make you better able to meet those demands. You may even find that you are more patient and able to listen as you go about your caretaking duties. And who knows, you just may discover that you have a novel or book of essays inside of you after all.

About the Author: Zoe Fitzgerald Carter is a graduate of Columbia Journalism School and has written for numerous publications including The New York Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, Salon and Vogue. Imperfect Endings is her first memoir and it's available in paperback March 2011. Learn more at <http://imperfectendings.com>

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ZocDoc's rapid popularity in Dallas-Fort Worth has company recruiting more salespeople

Pleased with the public's response to its online medical-appointment booking service, ZocDoc plans to hire five additional salespeople in Dallas-Fort Worth. To find those employees, as well as many others nationwide, the company just launched ZocDoc Star Search.

Anyone who refers a candidate to ZocDoc an iPad 2 if the job seeker is hired. The New York-based company, which launched service a few months ago in Dallas-Fort Worth with local physicians' last-minute appointments available online, also will donate \$1,000 to the nominator's charity of choice.

"Dallas-Fort Worth is such

a great market for us," said Karsten Vagner, ZocDoc's recruitment manager. "We are growing faster than I can hire people, and I know the talent is there; it's just a matter of connecting the talent to us."

To refer a candidate, go to <http://www.zocdoc.com/starsearch>. Candidates must be referred and apply before March 31.

The Park Cities, North Dallas, Fort Worth, Irving, Mesquite, Plano, Frisco, Keller and Arlington are among ZocDoc's strongest areas of penetration in Dallas-Fort Worth. The company also plans to expand to Wylie, Benbrook, Balch Springs and Little Elm soon.

ZocDoc has five salespeople in Dallas-Fort Worth now.

"I'm looking for driven, tenacious salespeople, who also have that Texas charm," Vagner said.

ZocDoc provides access to physicians' schedules in real-time, at a glance, and more than 245,000 appointments are available in North Texas. Appointments with primary care physicians, allergists, cardiologists, obstetricians/gynecologists, dermatologists, orthopedic surgeons, pulmonologists and ear, nose and throat specialists are available in Dallas-Fort Worth now. Appointments for other specialties will be available as ZocDoc adds more local physicians.

Named best place to work by *Crain's New York* recently, ZocDoc plans to double its engineering department and hire 150 salespeople nationwide in the next three months. In addition to Dallas-Fort Worth and New York, the company offers appointments in Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

ZocDoc plans to serve most of the United States within the next 18 months.

"We're in a position right now where ZocDoc is growing faster than we can hire people," said CEO Cyrus Massoumi. "The ZocDoc Star Search will help us bring more great people to ZocDoc, and allow us to give back in return."

Walk Like MADD

NDG Wire) Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) North Texas has announced a new walk site for their Dallas County Walk Like MADD event. On April 2 the 8th annual Walk like MADD will be held at the new Irving Convention Center. This new site will provide more space for activities, sponsor recognition, public awareness and future growth.

Walk Like MADD is their signature 5k walk which raises funds to support our victim services and underage drinking prevention programs. The event is an opportunity to bring people together in support of keeping communities and families safe.

In 2010, 10,839 people died in car crashes that could have been prevented. One person is injured every minute as the result of drunk driving. MADD helps support a victim/survivor every 10 minutes at no charge. The 5K Walk Like MADD helps this organization continue all its victim services and underage drinking prevention programs at no cost each year. Underage drinking kills about 6,000 teens per year.

The Irving Convention Center, 222 West Las Colinas Blvd. For more information or to register, visit www.walklikemadd.org, or call 214 -637-0372, nancy.toland@madd.org

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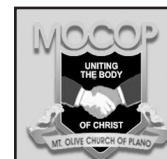
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In 1888, Bethune received a scholarship to Scotia Seminary in North Carolina. After graduating in 1893, she enrolled at what is now Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She became a teacher in several Presbyterian schools in Georgia and South Carolina. Moving to Florida, and realizing that the workers being brought in for railway construction needed schools for their families, Bethune opened the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute in 1904, with only a few students. She focused the school on educating girls, who had few other opportunities for education. At first, the school focused on elementary classes, and later secondary courses. While first stressing industrial training and religious instruction, gradually the school moved to more academic subjects.

The school was sup-

ported in part by whites, including northerners with summer homes in the area, and such industrialists as James M. Gamble of Proctor and Gamble -- who served as president of the school's board of trustees from 1912 until his death; and Thomas H. White of the White Sewing Machine Company.

In 1911, the school added nursing classes and a hospital, because students could not be admitted to the local, whites-only, hospital, it closed in 1931.

In 1923, the school merged with the Cookman Institute for men in Jacksonville to become Bethune-Cookman College.

The school, which had begun with a handful of students, grew to a peak of 1,000 students and won full accreditation; in 1939 it opened as a junior college and in 1941 it was a four-year college.

Bessie Coleman was born in Atlanta, Texas, the 10th of 13th children born to Susan and George Coleman. Her father was one-quarter African-American and three-quarters Choctaw and Cherokee Indian. Her mother was African-American. When she was two years old, her family settled in Waxahachie, Texas, and ran a cotton-pick-

ing business.

In 1901, Coleman, frustrated by the racial intolerance and barriers because her father went back to Indian Territory (Oklahoma); leaving the mother with four daughters under the age of nine.

The mother recognized that Coleman was gifted in math. At the age of eight, Coleman worked as the family bookkeeper. She learned to read and write by reciting from the Bible each evening and she went to the one-room school in Waxahachie (a four-mile walk every day), completing all eight grades. She borrowed books from the library and read them to the family at night -- often they were of African-American heroes: Paul Laurence Dunbar, Harriet Tubman and Booker T. Washington. After high school Coleman enrolled at the Colored Agricultural and Normal University (a teachers college) in Lan-

gston, Oklahoma. It was here she read about the Wright Brothers and Harriet Quimby, a woman pilot.

Coleman's brother was a World War I veteran and talked about French women that flew airplanes. Her brother inspired her to become a pilot. She learned to fly in a French Nieuport Type 82 plane. On June 15, 1921, Bessie received her pilot's license from the renowned Federation Aeronautique Internationale. Coleman was proclaimed "the world's greatest woman flyer." She was a success -- praised in both white and black newspapers. She became famous; her fans called her Queen Bess or Brave Bessie.

In 1929, Lt. William J. Powell founded the Bessie Coleman Aero Club, the aviation school she'd longed to establish in Los Angeles. In 1931, the Challenger Pilots' Association



These ladies recently led the 1st Women's Prayer Breakfast at Word of Life Church of God in Christ in Carrollton, Texas, Dr. Gregory Voss, Senior Pastor. Top, left to right: Dr. Kimberly K. Porter Director and Evangelist Linda Ragland. Bottom, left to right, Pastor Karen Thompson and Evangelist Elizabeth McAfee

of Chicago did their first annual fly-over above Lincoln Cemetery, in honor of her. In 1995, the U.S. Postal Department issued the

Bessie Coleman stamp. And finally, in 2000, Bessie Coleman was inducted into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame.

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from First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park.

"To know that I created something that would last all of these decades and now a new generation understands the meaning and significance of what a great song should be makes me feel happy," Holliday told the NDG.

She admits her fans are not as forgiving, frequently they will say to her, "So many people mess up your song." However, Holliday believes, "maybe they can't sing it like I sing it, but it says a great deal about that person that says they have found something within themselves to challenge themselves."

Holliday encourages singers to go for it, stretch out of their comfort zone.

"You can't climb a mountain until you try. If you dare to climb, then you are pretty much a winner al-



Jennifer Holliday

ready."

Perhaps alluding to Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson, who brought to life for a new audience in her film rendition of the same character and song from *Dreamgirls*, Holliday pointed out it is not always the winner of *American Idol* that has the incredible career. Even when they face adversity, "whatever was inside of

them, was still inside of them," and it propels them to continue their pursuit of their dream.

In addition to the upcoming performance, Holliday said she plans to release two new CDs. On the first, Holliday will team up with her pastor, the Rev. Raphael G. Warnock of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta (the spiritual home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.), on a new inspirational CD of War-

nock's sermonettes that are seasoned with Holliday's dynamic vocalizing. The 10-track project titled, *Goodness and Mercy*, is scheduled for release via Holliday's own Euphonic Records label on April 5 with national distribution by New Day Christian Distribution in Nashville.

The new radio single,

God is Faithful, is currently available as a digital download on CDBaby.com and will soon be serviced to gospel radio formats for air-play.

In the fall, look for a new jazz standards CD from Holliday.

Holliday says she is at a different phase in her life after turning 50 last fall and it is reflected in her music.

"I am older, yet I am new. I look at life now with so much more passion than I ever have before. I am a more happier Jennifer Holliday, far more at peace. It comes through in my voice. The audience will be able to hear it and feel it through my voice. I want people to know that when they come to hear me sing I will give them something," Holliday said.

For tickets to see Holliday sing, call 214-526-3214 or purchase online at www.turtlecreek.org. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$65.

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