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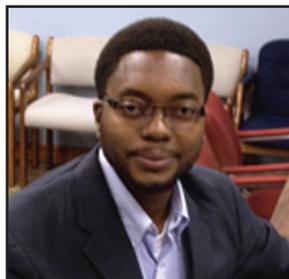
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Three candidates vying for County Commissioner District 1 seat

BY RUTH FERGUSON
NDG EDITOR

For Dallas County Commissioner Court District 1 the Democrats have three challengers in the upcoming election. They are Daniel Clayton,

Theresa Daniel and Gloria Levario. The Republican primary features two candidates: Cecile Fernandez and Larry Miller. District 1 was redrawn and is expected to ultimately go the Democratic candidate.



Daniel Clayton

A brief look at the Democrats facing off in the primary on Saturday May 29:

Daniel Clayton, 35 years old, has lived in the district for eight years and holds a Bachelor of

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COVER STORY

The race to fill new Congressional District 33 features 12 primary candidates



Domingo A. Garcia

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Single mothers to celebrate Mother's Day in new home

Sixteen single mothers will experience an extra special Mother's Day this year in new apartments at the Annette C. Simmons Buckner Family Pathways Campus, located on the historic Buckner Children's Home campus in East Dallas.

Buckner International



celebrated the opening of the new construction on the campus during a ceremony April 20. The expansion is the result of a two-year, \$4.75 million fundraising initiative to support Buckner's programs in Dallas. The new campus is named for well-

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Why your vote matters Part 2

NDG'S VIEW

It's election time again. Time to cast your vote. An incessant barrage of political ads via television and radio commercials, billboards, and bumper stickers surrounds us. Each touting who is the best man or woman for the job. Who will it be, Obama or Romney? That is the question everyone is asking. That is the race everyone is focusing on.

But what about who is going to be the next city

council member for Dallas, Garland, Irving, etc. Who is going to serve on the State Board of Education or the County Commissioner's Court? All of these are key officials with a direct impact on the day-to-day lives of your family and the education of your children.

If you have a teenager who is out walking the streets or driving in a vehicle with their peers after midnight what are the repercussions? Are there

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Irving City Councilman calls for investigation related to mayor's comments in political advertisement

Following Irving's Mayor Beth Van Duyne's comments published on a political flyer, City Councilman Dennis Webb is calling for an investigation into alleged wrongdoing.

Tom Spink is running for one of the city's at-large city council seats. His opponent in the election on

Saturday May 12 is incumbent Rick Stopfer. On a flyer, which includes an endorsement of Spink by Van Duyne she is quoted, "I am confident Tom will help me finally put an end to the backroom deals and high-dollar payoffs from special interest groups."

Van Duyne has rejected



Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

Webb's call for more details and indicated her comments were related to private meetings between city council members and the private developers of the Las Colinas entertainment center. The project is expected to cost \$252 mil-

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Carol Wise

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has named Jesse Oliver as Deputy Executive Director and Carol Wise as Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer. DART Senior Vice Presidents David Leininger and Timothy McKay were promoted to Executive Vice President.

Oliver, who reports to President/Executive Director Gary Thomas, has a diverse background with experience in labor and employment matters, legislative processes, legal expertise and transit development.

A former Texas legislator, Oliver co-sponsored the legislation that created DART. He was later appointed by the city of Dallas to the DART board and served for 10 years as a member and Chairman. Oliver received his law degree from The University of Texas at Austin and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management from Dallas Baptist University.

Wise, most recently with New Jersey Transit Authority, has also worked at transit agencies in Washington, DC, Pennsylvania and Ohio. She has broad transit experience man-

ing bus operations, revenue equipment systems, vehicle maintenance, engineering, security, mobility services and planning. In her new role at DART, Wise will lead bus, light rail, maintenance, mobility management, DART Police and materials management. She earned her degrees from the University of Pittsburgh including a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Affairs and a Masters of Public Administration.

David Leininger, DART's Chief Financial Officer, has added responsibility for Procurement, Information Technology, Risk Manage-

ment and Marketing/Communications. Leininger came to DART in 2008. He previously served the city of Irving as Chief Financial Officer and Managing Director of Development Services and Economic Initiatives. Early in his career he was Budget Director and later Director of Economic Development for the City of Dallas and Finance Director for



the City of Garland. For over twenty five years he

was a private sector executive in a variety of firms serving the real estate and hospitality industries, including Economics Research Associates, Club Corp International, Triland International, Touche Ross & Co. and the Las Colinas Association. Leininger received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from St. Benedict's College, in Kansas, and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Michelle Albert

Vitamin D and omega-3 fatty acids are now in the spotlight for their potential ability to prevent disease. Many Americans, especially African Americans, are not getting enough of these nutrients, according to data from national surveys. Both nutrients can be found in fish, some fortified foods, and supplements, while vitamin D can also be produced from sunlight (ultraviolet-B light).

The insufficiency of these nutrients among segments of the U.S. population has the potential to grow into

a public health concern, as some research suggests that vitamin D and omega-3s may help prevent chronic conditions such as cancer and heart disease.

"We hope that vitamin D supplementation may be able to reduce the health gap related to race and ethnicity," says Dr. JoAnn Manson, Chief of Preventive Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). "But more research on vitamin D and omega-3s needs to be done before definitive conclusions can be drawn about the pro-

tective effects of these nutrients."

That is why Dr. Manson and Dr. Michelle Albert, a cardiologist and clinical investigator at BWH, and colleagues are conducting the largest ever clinical trial seeking to investigate whether diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, depression, and autoimmune disorders can be prevented by taking a moderate to high dose of vitamin D and omega-3s. Positive findings could mean a low-cost option for reducing the public health burden of these conditions worldwide.

The five-year VITamin D and Omega-3 Trial- or VITAL for short - is being sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. The study will enroll 20,000 participants nationwide. Men (50 and older) and women (55 and older) without a history of cancer, heart disease, or stroke are eligible. Par-



ticipants will be divided into treatment and control groups, with the treatment groups receiving the nutrients and the control group receiving placebo. The study participants will be followed up primarily by mail during the trial period.

Twenty-five percent of the study participants will be African American, as certain diseases such as diabetes and some types of cancer occur at a greater rate in this population and might be related to the vitamin D deficiency observed in this ethnic group.

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April Weeden

Taking the stunt world by storm, April Weeden has



built a resume of unparalleled accomplishments. As one of Hollywood's leading

stunt women, she has doubled for numerous high-profile celebrities including Halle Berry, Jennifer Lopez and Vanessa L. Williams, Taraji P. Henson, Regina King, Gabrielle Union, to name a few.

Whether it's jumping through a plate-glass window into a swimming pool, or driving through a mustard field at high spe-

eds with a helicopter hovering overhead, there is no question that this young

lady's job falls into the category of unusual occupations.

A native of Washington, D.C., April has a long list of film and television credits. Her films include *Seven Pounds*, *Meet Dave*, *Minority Report*, *Swordfish*, *Rat Race*, *Blade*, *Lethal Weapon 4*, *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*, *Anaconda*, and *Eraser*. Her TV work includes *Community*, *True Blood*, *Strong Medicine*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *JAG*, *Nash Bridges*, *Melrose Place*, and *Beverly Hills 90210*.

Most recently, she completed stunts in the films, *Johnson Family Vacation* and *Crash*, and in the NBC TV series, *Las Vegas*.

April gave birth to a beautiful daughter named Kiera in 2002. Determined to get back in shape and back to work, April devel-

oped a strict diet and structured her workout schedule to reach her goals quickly. Every morning she attended Tae Bo classes, followed by walking, swimming or riding her horse, Freckles.

She has completing stunts in four national network commercials, behind-the-scenes footage for the DVD to *The Scorpion King*, and appeared in four feature films: *Looney Tunes*, *Bruce Almighty*, *Biker Boyz*, and a western, *Gang of Roses*. And on top of all of that, this new mother also competed and won first place in the Pacific Coast Barrel Association's 4D Division competition in barrel racing and she won a buckle.

April has been a source of inspiration for new mothers whose weight issues have caused them

emotional distress. As a veteran stunt professional, April has mentored many

women who want to enter this thrilling occupation. In

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Letter to the editor: What will it take for black voters in Irving to wake up?

This letter was sent following the close of early voting earlier this week.

All the Black Pastors in Irving included in their Church bulletins yesterday a notice urging Black voters and everyone in their congregations in Irving to have a Black Sunday where Blacks were encouraged to

go to the polls immediately after they left their church services and cast their vote. It was a dismal failure.

I was at Irving City Hall most of the afternoon and in my count, I counted less than 15 Blacks who came out to cast votes in the City and School Board races. I am told only 100 people

voted in total at Irving City Hall yesterday. It was also dismal at the Irving Arts Center, too.

In a city of over 215,000 citizens less than 2,500 Irvinities [sic] have cast votes so far. Thirty-one percent of Irving is White and sixty-nine percent is now non-White. It is sickening

to me and many of the Black pastors that Blacks and other minorities in Irving care so little about casting a vote in City and School Board elections.

I am especially ashamed of the Black voters in Irving.

*Anthony Bond
Irving, Texas*

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zoning changes being implemented which will impact your neighborhood? These every day choices and rights from how often you can water your lawn, what textbooks your child will be using, or the local and state abortion related laws. They are put into office by your vote – if you vote.

It was the elected predominantly Republican Christian Texas Board of Education who in 2010 moved to change Social Studies textbooks, which basically whitewash slavery. That's right. The good GOP Christians didn't want the founding fathers being depicted as evil, abusive slave-owners but rather God fearing, patriotic bible toting Christians who merely sought to expose their Black slaves, who insignificantly were quite happy while picking cotton, to the way of Christ.

Conservative board member Cynthia Dunbar had the following to say about the decision. "I believe no one can read the history of our country without realizing that the Good Book and the spirit of the savior have from the beginning been our guiding geniuses. Whether we look to the first charter of Virginia, or the charter of New England, or the charter of Massachusetts Bay, or the fundamental orders of Connecticut, the same objective is present, a Christian land governed by Christian principles."

Well, images of White men lynching Black men and raping Black women would definitely contradict that assertion.

Christian values are always the alleged reason and motivation behind the GOP's legislative agenda. Such is the claim for the passage of a state law in 2011,

requiring women to undergo a sonogram while listening to the doctor's medical description of the fetal image before an abortion can be performed.

"This important sonogram legislation ensures that every Texas woman seeking an abortion has all the facts about the life she is carrying," stated Governor Rick Perry.

Perhaps we are cynical, but it is doubtful "facts" are the impetus behind the GOP's push for the law. And for a group of people who are constantly screaming smaller government, this is quite an overreach of big brother's arm into the personal lives of women.

That seems to be the case with much of the legislation the Republican Party is advocating these days. Probing into and stripping away

the rights of the disenfranchised, specifically Blacks and Latinos, while turning a blind eye to corporate malfeasance. Imposing austerity on the middle class and poor while creating loopholes and tax breaks for the wealthiest.

This is why despite the first African-American holding the most senior office in the land; things have not significantly changed in the day-to-day lives of Blacks. Black unemployment remains the highest. The median wage for Blacks is still lagging behind their peers. More Black men are incarcerated and victims of police brutality and fatal killings. The life expectancy for Black men remains the lowest.

All of these startling realities are in no way an attempt to downplay the elec-

tion of President Barack Obama or the significance of who sits in the oval office. But it has never been about one man.

Take the time to vote Saturday, May 12. Each community throughout DFW is hosting school board, justice of the peace, and city council elections. On May 29 the primary elections will be held to determine who will fight to represent you in Washington.

"Even when the polls are open to all, Negroes have shown themselves too slow to exercise their voting privileges. There must be a concerted effort on the part of Negro leaders to arouse their people from their apathetic indifference.... In the past, apathy was a moral failure. Today, it is a form of moral and political suicide."
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Flexible patriotism

The Supreme Court tells us that corporations are citizens. Looking at corporate tax accounting practices, however, Matt Davies wonders just what kind of citizens those corporations are.



Children's Medical Center launches new magazine and blog

Every day, patients at Children's Medical Center (childrens.com) receive a wide variety of services, ranging from simple eye exams to organ transplants. To showcase that expertise, the hospital launched a new glossy magazine and blog this week.

The free magazine, Children's Med, will be mailed to more than 150,000 households in North Texas and distributed at Children's Medical Center twice this year, and four times in subsequent years. Significant content will also be offered online on the Children's Med Blog (www.childrens.com/mag).



The inaugural issue chronicles the milestones for two-

year-old Rylenn Riojas and her journey to receiving a new heart. Readers will get an up-close and personal view into the lives of pediatric surgeons, as well as a sneak peek into the 3,000-square-foot, high-fidelity simulation lab where clinicians refine their skills and practice critical life-saving procedures. This lab lets the staff refine their clinical skills and practice in a safe environment.

Rylenn and the Riojas fam-

ily were also featured in two seasons of Children's Med Dallas, a docuseries that took viewers behind-the-scenes of nation's fifth-largest pediatric hospital. The program aired locally and gave an unprecedented look into the lives of physicians, nurses, patients and their families.

The consumer-friendly magazine offers 24 pages of compelling content divided into three sections — Kids Health, Making a Difference and Inside Children's. Kids Health gives essential tips, answers to questions, advice and lessons to parents and readers. The Making a

Difference section focuses on patients' cases and the miracles performed by doctors and clinicians at Children's. Inside Children's gives readers a chance to get to know doctors, see the cutting-edge equipment used at the hospital and read up on statis-

tics, news and information.

The blog offers more content and photos, a richer interactive experience and an updated look and feel. It will be easy for readers to share stories via Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and other social media sites.

Happy Mother's Day from a Good Samaritan

BY BRANDY JONES-WEST
SPECIAL NDG
CONTRIBUTOR

In Luke 10: 30-37, Jesus tells a tale of a Jewish man who was attacked by bandits, stripped of his clothes and left for dead on the side of the road. Several people, including a priest and a temple assistant, saw the man in need, yet they crossed to the other side of the road and went about their day. Then a Samaritan

came along, saw the man lying there, felt compassion for him and showed him mercy. This story is known in the Bible as the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

I had a stroke of bad luck this week. I ran out of gas and faced danger by being stranded in the middle of a busy road. Several people saw me in need, yet they changed lanes and went about their day. Then a Good Samaritan came along, felt compassion for me

and showed me mercy. He proceeded to get gas and left a friend behind to make sure I was safe and direct traffic so I would not get rear-ended.

He quickly returned with the gas and when I offered to repay him, he refused and said, No, it's okay. Happy Mother's Day. I did not get his name, but he handed me a business card. I felt compelled to pay it forward, share this story and

hopefully send some business his way.

Maybe your mother or grandmother needs some handyman services, fence repair and installation, painting, or new wood or ceramic floors. As you think about Mother's Day gifts this year, be sure to check out the Good Samaritan's website, www.mylesqualitypaintingandfence.com.

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"African-American participation in this vitamin D study is critically important since as a group, African Americans are most prone to vitamin D deficiency. Therefore, the findings of this study could have

serious implications for the health of African Americans," said Dr. Albert.

To learn more or to see if you are eligible to participate, call 1-800-388-3963 or visit www.vitalstudy.org.

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Science from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Clayton has worked in various roles on behalf of the Democratic Party in Dallas County, going back to his days as a young volunteer with his father on the late Texas Governor Ann Richards. For over five years he has served as a senior staff member for State Senator Royce West.

Clayton's website indicates he had an active role in helping to develop policy involving Health and Human Services, State Affairs, Veterans Affairs and Military Installations, redistricting, voting rights and ethics legislation.

Locally Clayton has advocated on behalf of Dallas County citizens in his role as a social worker. Fair housing, protecting the rights and benefits of those unemployed, disabled, or receiving Social Security are issues he addressed in that role.

Throughout March and April Clayton hosted a "Listening Tour" where he listened to the voters concerns. He plans to focus on building a strong local economy with transportation being a key

component. Clayton asked the voters about their concerns related to Parkland Hospital promising to ensure affordable and accessible health care is available to all residents of District 1. Public safety is an issue Clayton is involved in as a steering committee member for Ferguson Road Weed & Seed (a federal crime prevention and community revitalization program). The program works with federal, state and local law enforcement in partnership with community and neighborhood organizations to reduce crime and rejuvenate neighborhoods.

For more information visit <http://www.claytonforcommissioner.com>.

Theresa Daniel has



Theresa Daniel

lived in Dallas County for 35 years and is a manager for Dallas Independent School District. Daniel holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy & Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages. She has been involved in numerous organizations including the League of Women Voters, Dallas County Democratic Party Advisory Committee, North Dallas Texas Democratic Women and the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas.

According to her website, "I am able to build coalitions because working in groups is part of the fabric of my life, whether on the job at DISD, or working as a volunteer or board member with the many community groups I have been involved with over the years." Daniel feels this is critical because of the balanced racial diversity of the district.

If elected, Daniel promises transparency, integrity and to effectively utilize taxpayer dollars. She is confident her management skills developed

throughout our career will help to serve the citizens in District 1.

She is quoted as saying, "Helping people has been at the center of my family's values from day one." Daniel believes Dallas County can do better and with her extensive management experience and volunteer work with diverse groups throughout Dallas County Daniel believes she is the right candidate for District 1.

For more information visit <http://www.there-sadaniel.com/>.



Gloria Levario

Gloria Levario holds a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, minor in Philosophy from Texas Tech University. Her community involvement includes membership in LULAC,

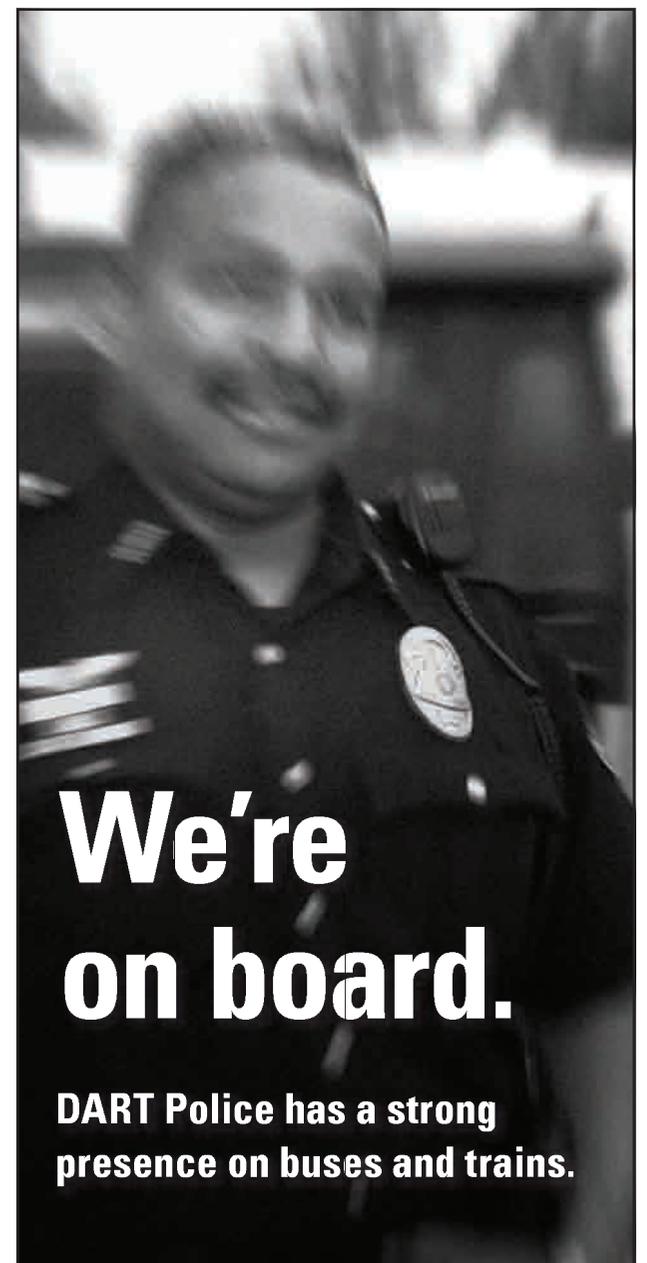
participating in R.L. Turner High School's Mentoring Program and serving as a board member for the Homeward Bound: Substance Addiction Rehabilitation Center.

In addition to organizing voter registration drives, Levario has been actively involved protecting civil rights for minorities, services for the elderly in the community and

poverty and food issues for the underserved.

According to her website, Levario platform includes promising proven leadership, and a focus on results and the future of Dallas County. She promises to bring decorum back to the Commissioner's Court.

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Irving City Council member Cannaday responds to a petition recall

Irving City Council member Rose Cannaday is not taking lightly a recall petition drive launched against her last week. A community watchdog group has accused her poor management with public funds and disrespectful behavior to local residents.

On May 5 the *Dallas Morning News* quoted Cannaday in offering a challenge to her detractors, "I'm saying if you've got proof, bring it on."

Cannaday is being targeted because of support for the Las Colinas entertainment center and campaign donations from the private developer Las Colinas Group. This project has been at the center of a polit-

ical firestorm for over a year and often an issue during the Irving political election season.

If 8,100 signatures are collected by June 2, Cannaday can choose to resign or face a recall election. This number represents 10 percent of the registered voters allowed to vote in the last city election. If she decides to not resign, the City Council can schedule a recall election to allow all registered voters the opportunity to determine if she can continue to serve.

One of the leaders in charge of the recall election is Kensley Stewart, he unsuccessfully ran for city council last year. Stewart is against the \$213 million

bond-financing plan for the Las Colinas entertainment center, which is supported

by Cannaday.

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McKinney 5th grader donates money to elementary school

If there is a need to be met, count Emma Christopher among the first in line to do something about it. The Wilmeth Elementary 5th grader recently raised \$811 for Webb Elementary where she attends ALPHA classes twice a week. It wasn't part of an official program, and nobody asked her to do it.

Her motivation was simple. "Sometimes when I'm walking around, I see problems and I want to help fix them," Emma said.

So, she made small clay birds and gave them away at Arts in Bloom in downtown McKinney. With each bird, she simply asked for a donation to go toward her school. Emma raised about \$400. Then her father got involved and communicated Emma's efforts to a contact at Academy Sports and Outdoors. The company generously agreed to match Emma's donation.

On Tuesday, May 1, Emma presented Webb Ele-



Emma Christopher with Webb Elementary Principal Kyle Luthi (left) and Webb Elementary Assistant Principal Sarah Elizondo-Teasdale (right)

mentary with a check for \$811. The money will go toward the purchase of recess equipment and other general improvements around the campus.

Emma would be the last person to seek recognition for her act of kindness, but Webb Elementary Principal Kyle Luthi hopes that Emma's example will in-

spire her fellow students. "I think it's great that she's willing to show others that they can get involved too and do some great things for their school," Luthi said.

Emma's willingness to take action, to initiate change, is a poignant challenge to all of us.

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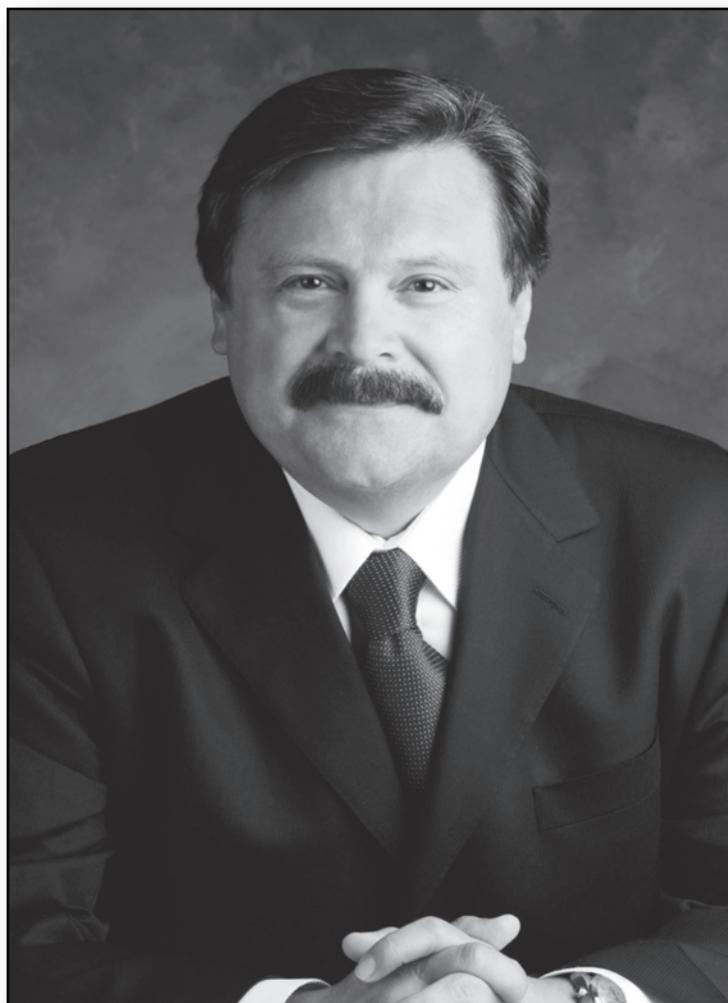
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Bachelor franchise accused of discrimination by two black men

The federal lawsuit filed against the TV Series *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* accuses the show's executives of racial discrimination. Two men from Nashville, Nathaniel Claybrooks and Christopher Johnson, allege the shows are overlooking minorities, particularly blacks, for leading roles.

In defense of the racially motivated claim,



Marshana Ritchie from Season 12 of *The Bachelor* is one of several minority supporting contestants throughout the history of the franchise. However, no season has featured a minority in the lead role.

the creator of the shows, Michael Fleiss, indicates the show does seek ethnic diversity. The lawsuit filed does not seek specific monetary compensation, but they want to see changes and improvement in the representations of diverse ethnic groups. This is the first lawsuit filed against a reality show claiming racial-discrimination. "The Bachelor" and

"The Bachelorette" series has yet to feature a person of color in a central role in its 10 year and 23-season history of airing. During their casting call for the show last

year, Claybrooks and Johnson feel that they had very little opportunity of starring as the main role in the series, if any at all.

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Irving ISD's Cardwell Prep seniors Brianna Smith, Kala Bauman and Berenise Gomez recently passed the state Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) exam. The test consists of both a written and skills portion.

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Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting, monthly every 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at various locations within Collin County. Speakers, Power Networking, Business Referrals, www.ccblack-chamber.org or 469-424-0120.

Through June 3

Diary of a Worm, a Spider, and a Fly at Dallas Children's Theater. On opening night, kids get free ice cream with gummy worms from the Purple Cow and one free poster per family. Ticket prices are \$14 - \$26; some discounts available. 214-740-0051 or www.DCT.org

Through May 12

Women's Conference Renewing My Passion presented by Dayspring Family Church in Irving, TX. This amazing conference is filled with powerful, dynamic, and anointed speakers.

Through May 13

Tyler Perry's Madea Gets a Job at Verizon Theatre Tickets available at www.axs.com

Through September 23

Sandy Lake Amusement Park in Carrollton. Admission is \$2 and children under 3 years old is free (see family coupon for free admission online) and coupons for rides are \$.50. Info: www.sandy-lake.com

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.fissihiae5@gmail.com

May 11

The 4th Annual Denton County Women in Business Conference and Expo at the Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles Street. Keynote speaker will be Teresa Freeborn, president and chief executive of Xceed Financial Credit Union.

North Dallas Texas Democratic Women 10th Anniversary Celebration at 11:30 a.m. at Lakewood County Club, 6430 Gaston

Ave. Info: https://niddw.org/10th_Anniversary_Gala.php

May 11 - 12

Chamber Music International presents the Grand Season Finale at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in Dallas on May 11; and May 12 at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church in Richardson. www.cmi-now.org

May 11 – June 17

God of Carnage at Kalita Humphreys Theater www.DallasTheaterCenter.org

May 11

Promise House Cinco de Mayo featuring speakers, dancers, face painting, bouncy house and food. Also a Rummage Sale-All You Can Fit Into A Bag for \$5 at 224 W. Page Avenue in Dallas, from 4-7 p.m. INFO: FREE_programs@promise-house.org or 214-941-8578

May 12

Undermain Theatre continues reading series with a **staged reading of Zora Neale Hurston's play Color Struck**. Performed in connection with the DMA's exhibition Youth and Beauty: Art of the American Twenties, Hurston's 1925 play explores issues of self-perception, fragmentation, and colorism. At the Dallas Museum of Art at 2 p.m. INFO: FREE - 214-922-1200

House of Blues Gospel Brunch at 11 a.m., tickets \$40 for ages 13 and older Info: 214-978-2583

2012 Convoy of Hope Fair Park will include Free Health Screenings, Kids Zone, Haircuts, and Free Groceries at Fair Park Dallas from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. it is Free. INFO: drill12-smith@yahoo.com or 214-477-4608

IMAJ's Blush Concert *Under the Stars!* at Wales Manor Vineyard & Winery 4488 County Road 408,

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20th Annual Bryan's House Open golf tournament, dinner, and auction at Bent Tree Country Club in Dallas. Info: www.bryan-shouse.org

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May 12-13

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May 14

Move and Meet with 97.9 The Beat Speed dating event at House of Blues at 7 p.m., Free for ages 18 up Info: 214-978-4800

May 18-20

The 20th Wildflower! Festival will take place at the Galatyn Park Urban Center in Richardson.

May 17-20

Spring Celebration Series A love story shown through extraordinary dance and lyricism. Dallas Black Dance Theatre, 2403 Flora St. Info: 214-880-0202

May 19

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

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May 25

Artfest –Returning Memorial Day weekend CityArts Festival will offer activities and entertainment for families, staycationers, and art aficionados alike to enjoy against the backdrop of historic Fair Park. Fair Park's six museums will offer reduced admission at select times during the festival. For more information go to www.cityartsfestival.com

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.

Old School Summer Jam at Gexa Energy Amphitheater with Charlie Wilson, Babyface, Dazz Band, Envogue, and Don Diego. www.LiveNation.com

May 27

Allen City Blues Festival at 4 p.m. at 200 E. Stacy Road #1350; tickets available at Ticketmaster.com

May 31

Larry Barber will speak on "The Importance of Remembering" at bereavement luncheon hosted by the VNA from noon to 1 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation on 3966 McKinney Avenue in Dallas. INFO: 214-689-2633

June 1

Bow Wow at South Side Music Hall. Tickets available at www.axs.com

June 1-3

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June 8

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June 8-9

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June 9

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June 15

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The race to fill new Congressional District 33 features 12 primary candidates

BY FAITH CAMP
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According to the 2010 census the Dallas and Fort Worth area has a total population of approximately seven million people making it the largest community in the South. In fact, Dallas and Tarrant counties experienced tremendous growth during the decade preceding the census.

As a result of this expansion Congress recently added Congressional District 33 to the Texas line-up. On May 29 there is one Republican on the ballot to fill the seat.

The 11 Democrats vying for the seat solicited the support of the District 33 residents during a debate on April 9 at Salon Las Colinas.



Dr. David Alameel

Dr. David Alameel said he is running for Congress to restore the American Dream. Dr. Alameel built one of the largest chains of clinics in the DFW area and wants to help Americans achieve their dreams as well. During the debate on April 9, he said he would work on behalf of the people in CD33 to improve economy, provide jobs and education for the people of District 33. Dr. Alameel said he is a devote Catholic and attributes much of his success to his faith.

Chrysta Castaneda said she would help bring equal access to healthcare, espe-

cially for women, and "sustainable development that



Chrysta Castaneda

respects the unique character of the communities of District 33." She specifically mentioned the importance of helping Texans create and keep jobs, especially in the manufacturing sector.

"We need to bring manufacturing jobs, the ability to make things ourselves, back to America," Castaneda said.

While she has never held a state or national political office, Castaneda described herself as a successful attorney. She pledges to utilize the same skills to stand up for the needs of her constituents.



Domingo A. Garcia

Former Dallas City Councilman, Domingo A. Garcia, served from 1991-1995 and was elected as the first Hispanic Mayor Pro Tem in Dallas history. Following his career in local politics, he became the voice of his community by serving in the Texas House from 1996-2002.

Garcia described him-

self as a family man, a small businessman and a man of faith. He believes his political and personal experience has given him the necessary skills to serve District 33 constituents well.

"Having worked my way through college and law school before starting a small business that now employs over 100 people, I know what the families of this district need because I live here, work here and have served as a public service here for over 20 years," Garcia said.

Garcia said he would support President Barack Obama's American Jobs Act. He favors hiring more teachers and police officers. He would also employ more construction workers to build America's infrastructure.

"Getting middle class families back to work should be our priority—not bailing out the rich Wall Street bankers," according to Garcia.

Garcia is confident his track record speaks for itself. "As State Representative, I passed the Texas DREAM Act and helped pass the "Top 10%" rule to allow African American and Hispanic students greater access to the top colleges and universities in Texas."

He promises, "In Congress, I will fight from Day 1 to pass the Federal DREAM Act and for increased funding for education."

Erin Kathleen Hicks



Erin Kathleen Hicks

was previously a Fort Worth City councilwoman in 2005 and said she is ready to serve the people again.

"I created an advisory committee while on the City Council, consisting of residents from every neighborhood of the council district I represented. I was also raised and educated in District 33. I have long worked on a grassroots level to engage residents in our political process," Hicks said.

Hicks added, "As congresswoman my three top priorities would be fighting for better education, health-care and jobs for the people of District 33. I pledge to remain involved in the community and not just be visible during election," Hicks said.



Attorney, JR Molina

Attorney, JR Molina said he is running for the District 33 office because he feels he has life and career experience in finding solutions for the challenging problems of the nation.

In 1973 he was a Municipal Court Judge in San Marcos and he served as Assistant District Attorney in Tarrant County from 1974-1979.

"My strong understanding of the legislative process in the House and a clear view of the politics of this nation qualify me to serve the residents of District 33," Molina said. He added, "I have dealt with people and their families of all walks of life--the very

poor and some very rich."

Molina said one of the major issues he would fight for is the creation of jobs. One avenue for job creation is improving the infrastructure according to Molina. "There are 10,000 under code and dangerous bridges in the nation. Bridge building is a demand and only government investment will meet this demand," Molina said.



Carlos Quintanilla

President and founder of Accion America, Carlos Quintanilla, acknowledged a lack of political experience. However, points to his experience organizing various campaigns on behalf of the Hispanic community of Dallas and creating programs that helped feed 100,000 meals to minority children in the Dallas.

Quintanilla said he will be a concerned advocate on behalf of District 33 if elected.

"I will use my position as a Congressman to encourage jobs, promote corporate reciprocity. If our community spends money on Sprint, on Verizon, on at McDonalds, at Valero and at El Rancho then they must reinvest back into our community," Quintanilla believes. "We must ask not what our community has done for you, but what have you done for our community," he added.

Jason Eric Roberts, although new to politics, said if elected he would develop action based, short-term ini-

tiatives to address major issues such as public safety in District 33.



Jason Eric Roberts

"When communities feel unsafe, everything breaks down including the economic and educational structure," Roberts said. His other three priorities are fighting for a better educational and economic system and better transportation for District 33 residents.

Roberts said he has the track record and the passion to work towards making District 33 a better place. "I've developed Better Block projects in cities around the nation that literally turn blighted and underused buildings and blocks into neighborhood destinations complete with businesses, improved infrastructure and a strong focus on safety," Roberts said.



Steve Salazar

Steve Salazar, a lawyer and former Dallas City Councilman from 1995-2001, said he is running to continue to serve the people. During the debate,

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Desoto Jazz Festival plans underway

In a bold effort to ignite tourism and strengthen the financial base of the city, the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of DeSoto and DeSoto ISD will host a 10 day festival of culture and music in and around the city of DeSoto, lasting June 1-10.

The 2012 DeSoto SolJazz Festival (DSJF) promises to be the start of a new era of events that expand the infrastructure and financial base of the surrounding areas by providing exciting, interactive and participatory events that involves five major components: family, health music, food and fun.

Local residents and businesses are preparing for the legion of music lovers who will descend on DeSoto during the first week of June to participate in the variety of SolJazz Events. The DSJF Calendar of Events will be centralized in the best southwest area and will showcase SolJazzy Happy Hour events at official SolJazz partner venues daily, June 1 - 6. Saturday, June 2 DSJF partners

will host a fundraising walk for Diabetes Prevention, which will benefit the American Diabetes Association and the DeSoto ISD Scholarship Fund. For as little as \$10, you can register to participate in the community based walk.

Other events taking place the week of June 4th include free daily SolJazz Spotlight Concerts at the DeSoto Amphitheater, nightly SolJazz Karaoke Contests at SolJazz Partner Venues, a Celebrity & Partner Golf Scramble the morning of Friday, June 8 and the Bank of DeSoto Comedy & Casino night that evening.

All of these events will set the stage for the spectacular finale that is SOLJAZZ SATURDAY! Saturday, June 9 will highlight an All-Star lineup including Cameo, Rachelle Ferrell, MC Lyte, Doug E. Fresh, Pieces of a Dream, Brannon Barrett, Buster Brown Band and more! DeSoto Eagle Stadium, along with the entire campus of DeSoto High School will be transformed

into a mega festival fair-ground, complete with food trucks, vendors, community group booths, The Focus Daily News Health Pavilion featuring blood pressure checks, dental exams, chair massages, and a Kidzz Cool Down Area. To close out the 10-days of festivities, there will be an Official Soljazz Brunch to celebrate Rejoice Sunday on June 10.

President of the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce, Cammy Jackson says, "The chamber has been working hard to come up with ideas to increase tourism in the City of DeSoto. A lot of people don't know that we are also the tourism department for the city of DeSoto, so it is our job to get visitors in our hotels for overnight stays and into our businesses and restaurants. The DeSoto Chamber markets DeSoto as the destination for relaxing vacations outside the hustle and bustle of the big city. Sports enthusiasts, family vacationers and music, theater and art enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to ex-

Are you game?



By LATRISHA MCDUFFIE
NDG STAFF WRITER

The 2012 White Rock Spring Games will take place on Saturday, May 19th at Norbuck Park, just north of White Rock Lake in Dallas at the southeast corner of Northwest Highway and Buckner Boulevard, just north of Mockingbird Lane. The festivities will begin early that morning with The Running of the Torch. An official lighting ceremony at Norbuck Park at approximately 8:30 am will follow the run.

Immediately thereafter, an estimated 500-700 students (grades 1-8) from more than seven area schools will gather to compete in a variety of challenging team events. In addition, students and parents alike will have an opportunity to 'go for the gold' in individual competi-

tions like the 50-meter dash, Frisbee discuss, Nine-Iron Golf Challenge, and more.

Throughout the day, participants and spectators will be entertained by live music by the School of Rock and enjoy a variety of foods for purchase from popular local restaurants and grocery stores. The master of ceremonies will be Rolando Blackman. All proceeds from the event will benefit the PTAs or Parents' Association of the schools involved.

Parking at Norbuck Park will be limited primarily to the access roads surrounding Norbuck Park and White Rock Lake, participants and spectators are encouraged to use the convenient shuttle service or make plans to carpool with friends. You can find more information at www.whiterockgames.com



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Salazar also said he would work to help create more jobs and improve the educational system for the residents of District 33.

According to Salazar his passion for serving people and getting things done make him qualified to serve the citizens of District 33.



Rev. Kyeve Tatum

Rev. Kyeve Tatum said he has never held a political seat but this was a personal race for him because he was born, raised and lives in the district.

Tatum said as a minister he has experience con-

fronting issues and bringing people together. He said he would focus on jobs and education because there is a dire need of these two things in this district.

"My district is 80 percent minority and two-thirds of them have a median income under \$25,000. What kind of jobs are you going to bring to those who are uneducated - minimum wage," Tatum asked?



Manuel T. Valdez

Manuel T. Valdez currently serves the Justice of the Peace, a position he has held since 1981. Through

this position, Valdez has served a diverse community for 30 years. Valdez suggests his service in the Marine Corps as a combat veteran during Vietnam gives him an invaluable perspective on national defense.

Valdez promises to work to improve jobs and economic development, healthcare and restore confidence in the government. "I will work with the President on these issues and not defund and destroy its [healthcare reform] important provisions as has been promised by the Republican Party," Valdez said.

Chuck W. Bradley is the sole Republican running for the District 33 Congressional seat.

Bradley described himself as a Christian conservative family man with no desire to be a career politician. He feels qualified to run for this position as a retired small business owner he is knowledgeable about the

creation of jobs and economics.



Chuck W. Bradley

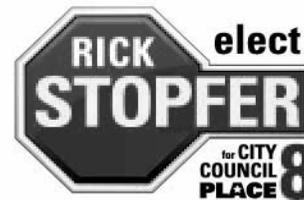
Although Bradley has never served in a political office, he promises to help the residents of District 33 by reducing fuel costs through American energy independence. His pledges include getting a gallon of gas below \$2.75 and to create private sector jobs through energy development and reduction of federal regulations.

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Fitch Rates DCCCD GO Bond "AAA"

Fitch Ratings has affirmed its "AAA" rating for the Dallas County Community College District's outstanding general obligation debt, which comprises \$372 million in GO bonds and \$2.1 million in maintenance tax notes. Additionally, Fitch's announcement says that it made no ratings distinction between DCCCD's GO bonds and maintenance tax notes "given the district's ample taxing margin."

DCCCD's GO bonds are secured by an ad valorem tax which is levied against all taxable property within the district, limited to \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. The district's maintenance tax notes are secured by an operations and maintenance ad valorem tax levied against all taxable property within the district as well, limited to \$0.16 per \$100 of taxable as-

essed valuation.

Fitch also said, "DCCCD finances have experienced some operating pressure, given moderate declines in state appropriations and taxable values as well as increased costs associated with expanded facilities. Those pressures are offset by the recent implementation of recurring expenditure reductions as well as considerable revenue raising flexibility provided by low tuition and tax rates. Fitch expects the district will maintain its historically strong financial profile."

He added, "To coin a phrase: 'It takes a village to maintain a AAA rating.' DCCCD's credit rating is built on the strength of Dallas County, the sage governance of the district's board of trustees and our management's consistently sound planning, controls and decision making."

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lion with funding a combination of taxpayer dollars and support from the private developer the Las Colinas Group.

Despite agreeing with Webb about the need for an investigation into possible wrongdoing by members of the city council members in a private meeting with the developers, Van Duyne has not provided any additional information or named any of the members.

City officials have indicated it is unlikely their suggestion will lead to an investigation. They view the mayor's comments as a part of political rhetoric, according to City Manager

Tommy Gonzalez's response to the *Dallas Morning News* last week. She is invited to submit a formal request through the proper channels.

According to Van Duyne, her comments were not meant as a direct accusation against any member of the council. Instead she was referring to the culture of City Hall.

Webb is concerned that unless this matter is clarified everyone's reputation is tainted by such broad charges. As a minister and community leader, this is a serious allegation and Webb does not want his reputation or credibility impacted by innuendo.

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members favor the entertainment center, in published reports Stewart said Cannaday was selected because of what they consider the unacceptable rude behavior displayed by Cannaday toward Mayor Beth

Van Duyne and other residents.

However, Cannaday indicated she has only spoken out when the speakers at council meetings launch into attacks questioning the integrity of her colleagues.

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fact, she is the subject of a new documentary, *Hollywood At Its Best*, which profiles a handful of successful stuntwomen in the entertainment industry.

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May 13, 9:30 a.m.

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Sister Tarpley

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 13th; it celebrates the important roles that mothers serve in society. Anna Jarvis of West Virginia started the holiday in 1908 to pay tribute to mothers, but it wasn't until 1914 that President Woodrow Wilson made the holiday official by signing it into law.

Mother's Day is important to me because my dear departed mother's birthday is May 13th, and my last grandson, Philip, was born Mother's Day 2004.

A tribute to mothers: **The One Flaw in Women** - By the time the Lord made woman, He was into his sixth day of working overtime. An angel appeared and said why are you spending so much time on this one?" And the Lord answered, "Have you seen my spec sheet on her?"

She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have over 200 movable parts, all replaceable and able to run on a diet drink and leftovers, have a lap that can hold four children at one time, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart--and she will do everything with only two hands."

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

The angel moved closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord."

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

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

The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her love, her loneliness, her grief and her pride." The angel was impressed. "You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything!"

The Woman is truly amazing."

Women have strengths that amaze men. They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous. They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice. They go without so their family can have. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally.

They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.



Sister Tarpley with her only granddaughter and only daughter, Tyanna Lott and Minister Sheila Tarpley Lott enjoying the day at Minister Lott's first book signing.

They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart. They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning. They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. Women have vital things to say and everything to

give. However, if there is one flaw in women, it is that they forget their worth to society.

This Mother's Day you can show any mother, if yours is not here, that you care about her by dining her, calling her, complimenting her, listening to her, believing in her, and most of all, praying with and for her. **Happy Mother's Day to all!**

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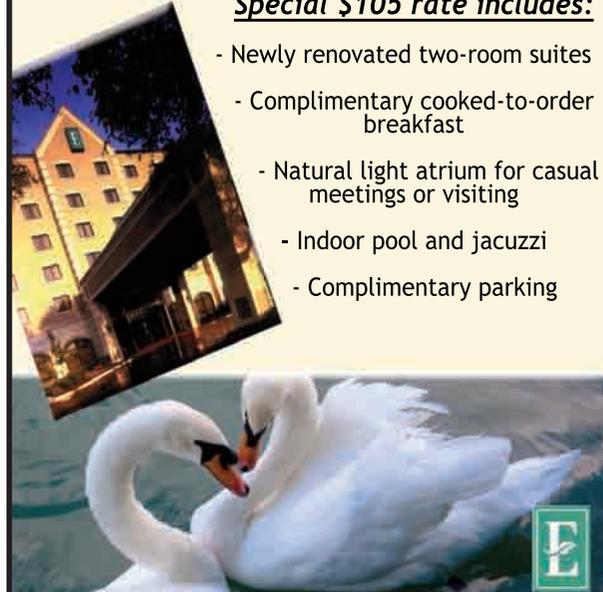
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We won't go there... Now you have children of your own and Mom's still at it – but while the advice you get from her might go unrequested, it's surely not unwelcome. So now that Mom is becoming Grandma, why not give Mom a little dose of her own medicine, in the form of two great new books?

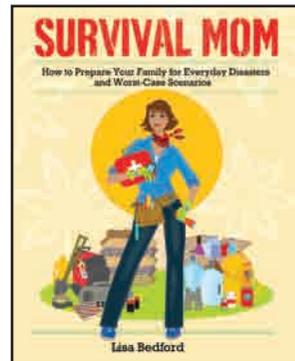
If it's been awhile since she's been around little ones – or if you're a new mother yourself – then *How to Rock Your Baby* by Erin Bried is a book you'll want to tuck in the diaper bag, just so you are prepared.

This small but extremely helpful book starts out at the beginning, even before the baby's born. How do you deal

with morning sickness? What, exactly, should you eat “for two?” What do you do about mood swings (and how can people around you help?)? How do you know it's really labor, and how do you make sure you actually get to the hospital in one piece?

Once the baby's here, you will want to know how to calm a crier; take a temperature; make toys, baby food, and burp cloths; how to find Mom-Time and get some sleep. You will want to know how to do those other important things that mothers have been advising one another about for generations.

I liked *How to Rock Your Baby* because I think it's great



for new moms and for Grandmas who want a brush-up. Author Erin Bried also made this a nice reference book for babysitters and honorary aunties, too.

Every mother, no matter how old her babies are, knows that stuff happens – and it usually happens when you don't

have time to deal with it. Like most moms, you follow the Boy Scouts oath: always be prepared. Just in case, though, you will want to have *Survival Mom* by Lisa Bedford on hand.

Survival Mom is another one of those super-helpful books that you can use as reference, but this one is for fixing minor annoyances as well as dealing with those huge disasters you hope you never have.

Beginning with water (how basic can you get?) and moving to emergency shelter, food security and gardening, finances, medical crises, power outages, firearms, major disasters and worse. This book takes things step-by-step. It's very easy to read, includes lots of sidebars

and quick-takes, and author Lisa Bedford also includes stories from mothers who have lived through disasters of all kinds. In reading this book, I was astounded at what I *didn't* know (gulp!)

If you are someone's mother or if you need something to help your own Mommy prepare to be the world's greatest grandmother, *How to Rock Your Baby* and *Survival Mom* would both make great gifts.

And that is good advice. *How to Rock Your Baby* by Erin Bried (Hyperion, \$14.99 274 pages) and *Survival Mom* by Lisa Bedford (HarperOne, \$19.99 323 pages)

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