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Local non-profit hosting scholarships luncheon

Local nonprofit, Urban Financial Services Coalition-D/FW will present eighteen high school graduating seniors with monetary scholarships at the "McMillan 20: College Bound... Reaching for the Possible Program Finale and Scholarship Awards Luncheon." This special event will take place at the

Cedar Crest Golf Club in Dallas on Saturday, June 23 from 12 - 2 p.m. Lynne Haze of KRN 105.7 will serve as the emcee for the afternoon.

"The Urban Financial Services Coalition-D/FW has been mentoring this group of talented high school seniors students since they were young third

graders, so we are extremely excited to be awarding scholarships to be applied towards their post secondary education," said Lee McKinney, advisory board member and former president of Urban Financial Services Coalition-D/FW.

The "McMillan 20: College Bound... Reaching

for the Possible Program Finale and Scholarship Awards Luncheon" will conclude a program that began back in 2003 when a local news article feature highlighted Rosalind Smith of J.J. McMillan Primary School in Dallas. The article discussed how Smith encouraged 20 of her third

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Rowlett Station: Extend a welcoming gesture to residents and neighbors



The look of the future DART Rowlett station

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Are prepaid credit cards helping or hurting consumers?

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

Amid the still-unfolding effects of the deepest recession since that of the 1930s, one area of financial services is in a skyrocketing growth mode: prepaid credit cards. Initially appealing to consumers who lacked bank accounts to

conduct personal financial transactions, this form of plastic is now commonplace. In fact, some governmental benefits are issued on prepaid cards.

In 2006, Consumers Union, the nonprofit publisher of Consumer Reports found that 312 million

transactions were made with prepaid cards at a dollar value of \$13.3 billion. By 2011, prepaid card users loaded \$70.7 billion, and that figure is expected to grow to \$120.2 billion this year. Usage is now so wide-

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COMMENTARY

Aspirations So you're an entrepreneur...

BY MICHELLE THORNHILL
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Research suggests that African Americans are more likely than the general population to have small business aspirations. But I'm sure this is no surprise to you! Many of us grew up with dreams of "being our own boss" and becoming the next neighborhood success story. Owning a successful business can be a realistic goal for many, but it requires dedication, preparation, discipline

and knowledge.

At several points during my career, I pursued entrepreneurial endeavors. When I first graduated from college, the job market was challenging – similar to what we are experiencing today. I decided then that if I couldn't find a job I would create one.

First, I took the time to consider the skills I acquired in college to determine how best to capitalize on them. Given my studies in finance, I de-

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Dallas IT receives funding, could lead to jobs in South Dallas

A Dallas IT start-up, bSecurity Systems, LLC has received a round of investment to hire a project manager to develop a prototype for an identity management system.

Irving Rowe of Pinnacle Management Service, a Dallas technology consulting firm, has been named

the lead project manager and developer for the prototype of B-System Identity Management System (IMS). The firm, founded by Dallas inventor Ray de Beasley, is in the development phase for a technological met-



Tom Hill, EDS/HP Fellow Emeritus and Dallas inventor Ray de Beasley

hod that will demonstrate one of the most innovative inventions designed to help protect everyone's Social Security Numbers (SSN). It has the potential to generate tens of billions of dollars annually to create and fund more than 200,000 estimated federal jobs, accord-

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Imaj Thomas

The 25th Texas Black Invitational Rodeo will headline this year's Juneteenth weekend. The Rodeo will be the premier Juneteenth event in DFW, featuring a variety of activities for the whole family. This year's show will feature recording artist, IMAJ. Imaj is a singer/songwriter, visual artist and novelist from Miami Beach, Florida, but is now a certified Texan. Imaj was born into the entertainment industry—her father is Philip Michael Thomas of *Miami Vice* fame. Her talent for music spans multiple genres including pop, opera and soul, as

well as presenting these genres in a plethora of different languages.

The Rodeo, a more than 20 year institution in Dallas, serves as a unique family entertainment outlet and features over 200 African American cowboys and cowgirls competing for \$25,000 in prize money. This fast-paced sporting event is also an educationally enlightening experience that provides many of its almost 8,000 viewers with their first glimpse of African American's historical contribution to the settling of the western United States.

Juneteenth or Freedom Day is a very important holi-

day in the Black community, especially in Texas. On January 1, 1863, slavery was abolished in the United States, but it was not enforced in Texas until June 19, 1865. As a result, this occasion is recognized through various celebrations and parades, and the history of this event serves as one of many ways we shouldn't forget our past. The organizers want to make the Texas Black Invitational Rodeo a Juneteenth tradition for years to come.

Saturday, June 9 with Rodeo Camp 101, at the African American Museum. The event teaches kids (and parents) how real cowboys and

cowgirls train for rodeos using mechanical bull riding, calf and steer roping classes and many other hands-on activities.

The celebration kicks off with The Hoedown, Friday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the African American Museum. Country recording artist Kimalee Dawn will perform. There'll be line dancing, BBQ, drinks and mechanical bull-riding for those adventurous enough. For more info contact Stephaney Gipson, Stephaney_g@hotmail.com

Saturday night is the main event, The 25th Texas Black Invitational Rodeo at the Fair Park Coliseum. The Rodeo begins with the Grand Entry Pa-



rated at 6:45 p.m., featuring top black motorcycle clubs from across the nation showing off their bikes in a grand display. Showtime begins at 7:00 p.m. **See IMAJ, Page 10**

Harold B. Jackson

Excerpts from Congressman Charles B. Rangel's statement after learning Harold B. 'Hal' Jackson, passed away on May 23, 2012:

"I stand with a heavy heart as I honor Harold B. 'Hal' Jackson who recently passed away. It is a testament to his vitality and passion that he devoted over seventy years of his life entertaining America's radio audiences and was still working only a few weeks before he left us at the age of 96. I remember fondly the life of a man who broke down numerous racial barriers:

Mr. Jackson was the first black announcer in network radio, the first black M.C. of a network jazz show, the first host of an interracial network jazz show and the first host of an interracial network television presentation.

Mr. Jackson was probably born on November 3rd, 1915 in Charleston, South Carolina. Like many Southern blacks at the time, his birth was not officially recorded. After growing up in Washington, D.C., he attended Howard University, where he began his broadcasting career by announcing the play-by-play

home games for Howard and other schools in addition to Negro League games. Only a few years later, Mr. Jackson's voice could be heard on three distinct stations each day. His broad skill set allowed him to thrive hosting news interview programs, sports shows and, later, music programs.

After moving to New York City, Mr. Jackson once again could be heard daily on three different radio stations, the only New York City radio personality with that exposure. Each night, four million people tuned to hear his interviews with jazz and show business greats and to enjoy his eclectic musical taste.

Mr. Jackson's contributions to Harlem, in particular, should stand out in our minds. His numerous concerts and live broadcasts from the Apollo Theater brought joy both into our homes and into our hearts. The work he did behind the scenes at Inner City Broadcasting helped to grow America's first major black-owned radio empire.

Mr. Jackson will long be



remembered for his creative and charismatic radio broadcasts, as well as his important place in the Civil Rights

Movement. In his own words, "When I started, the business was so segregated. Fortunately, that didn't last long." Stretching back to the 1940s, he was a civil rights fundraiser. In the 1950s, with his popularity perhaps at an apex, both black and white listeners enthusiastically tuned in to his three daily shows. Later, Mr. Jackson was one of the first people to lobby for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In 1990, he became the first African American inductee to the National Association of Broadcasters.

Clayton Redmon

Dallas entrepreneur Clayton Redmon has been



named a People's Choice Winner 2012 by *Black Enterprise*.

Redmon, who is CEO

and co-founder of StreamVenue Healthcare, was among three entrepreneurs nationwide who received votes online for the Small Business Awards, People's Choice Award presented at the Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference + Expo. He also was named runner-up for the BE Innovator of the Year Award for flourishing in an innovative industry in a groundbreaking manner via his company's products and services.

"I am deeply honored

and blessed to be recognized by my global colleagues," said Redmon after being announced as the People's Choice winner by Earl Graves, *Black Enterprise* founder and publisher.

"This recognition and award has refueled a fire inside of me and everyone who works tirelessly day in and day out at StreamVenue Healthcare. This is only the beginning. Thank you to all who voted for us," said Redmon, who attended Morehouse College then later graduated from Northwood University.

StreamVenue Healthcare's solution ENDOCOM integrates into operating rooms existing hardware, connecting them to EndoCloud and StreamingOR services, Redmon said. Surgeons in several facilities nationwide, including Texas Institute for Surgery in Dallas, use the solutions daily.

It is ideal for minimally invasive surgical procedures across multiple specialties like orthopedics, spine, ENT and ophthalmology, he added.

Redmon, 31, developed the innovative video technology that offers new options to doctors and patients allowing real-time broadcasts of high-definition surgical video. The software produces two images on the screen at all times: a wide shot of the surgeon operating and a view from inside the patient showing every move of the surgeon. The streaming video can be recorded automatically or viewed by anyone in the world with a computer and an access code to the live procedure.

The technology allows skilled surgeons to teach advanced surgical techniques to other surgeons and to residents. Physicians

in hospitals with few experienced surgeons, rural areas and around the world,

can view these techniques and can ask questions in

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For protective services investigators, rolling offices allow stronger connection with clients

For most office workers, the main risk of interruption is from things like stuck elevators, fire drills and parents pushing Girl Scout Cookies on behalf of their kids. Lorena Alicia Solis of El Paso seldom faces any of these problems because — as with other state Adult Protective Services investigators — her office is her car.

Solis' agency, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), uses wireless communications and portable computers to jailbreak more than 560 investigators statewide from their cubicles and give them

more time to do what they signed on for: protecting vulnerable people from abuse, exploitation and neglect.

"I have a lot of devices with me at all times," Solis said, pointing to her SUV tricked out with a state cell phone, compact printer-scanner and ultra-compact computer. Working mostly alone, but with all of the needed gear at hand, she says the only interruptions she and her colleagues are likely to face are from police who sometimes quiz them about all the electronic gear they're packing.

Every day, first thing in

the morning, Solis fires up her mobile office and starts receiving case-related phone calls from her office, clients and 'collaterals' — people like doctors and home health aides who know about her cases and offer technical advice.

When Adult Protective Services agency receives tips or reports about possible mistreatment of older adults and younger people with disabilities, investigators like Solis immediately start gathering facts. Based on their findings, they support their agency colleagues in follow-up processes such as obtaining

in-home support providers, sharing information with other state agencies and making referrals to courts or law enforcement.

And, of course, they stay in constant touch with clients in the system, as well as their families, neighbors, legal guardians and other interested parties. The role demands a sensitive, balanced approach that honors the client's right to maximum independence while also fulfilling the agency's duty to protect their life, health and assets.

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cided that I would start a tax service business. I knew that the field was competitive, so I created a niche for my new business by offering pick-up and delivery services.

I was very excited to become a small business owner, but not so eager that I didn't take the time to deliberately plan and prepare for success. Before pursuing my first client, I made certain to develop a long-term business plan. Having a solid plan allowed me to define my business, outline my products and services, create my marketing strategy (including target audience and geography) and develop a financial plan. It also helped me look serious to potential clients, investors and lenders.

I learned that it is equally important to seek guidance from subject matter experts who specialize in small business. Most states have small business development centers or branches of the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) office that offer free business counseling and services for both start-ups and established businesses.

Having a relationship with a banker is also essential. You'd be amazed at what your bank has to offer. Whether your business is

large or small, a banker can help provide general consultation on ways to help grow your business. While some new businesses don't initially qualify for lending because of lack of collateral or poor credit history, most banks do offer other business products (like checking accounts), services (like overdraft protection) and tools (like online banking) to help new business owners better run their business.

My local bank became a great resource and provided me free tools and information to help me manage my business. For instance, my bank connected me with community agencies specializing in small business development. In fact, this led to a full-time employment opportunity with the NAACP Community Development Resource Center in Richmond, Va., where I was able to pursue my passion for helping individuals and families achieve financial success.

Some of the best advice I ever received was to make sure I never comingle my personal and business finances. When you're just getting started, it's typical to use your personal accounts for business expenses. However, establishing accounts in the name of your business creates a clearer financial picture, al-

lowing you to more easily track and manage business expenses. It also helps lenders and investors when making decisions regarding financing and investments.

Last but certainly not least, make it official. African Americans are infamous for "side hustles," and finding ways to earn extra income beyond your regular nine-to-five is generally encouraged. If you find yourself with a profitable business venture that is marketable and has the potential for long-term success, go ahead and file the appropriate paperwork to legally establish your business. This could create opportunities to grow your business and increase revenue by providing access to bank and government financing options, as well as other resources.

Long story short, over several years my business grew to serve over 100 clients and I was able to sell it and move on to other career aspirations. I know that this success came from careful planning and management and a willingness to seek advice. I also gained quite a few gems of wisdom as a small business owner that continue to benefit me today:

- Good service breaks down barriers.
- Follow through on

what you promise.

• Deliver your best.

• Network and seek guidance — no matter how much you *think* you know, there is *always* something new to learn.

• Regardless of whether you work for a company or are self-employed, leverage the skills you have to capitalize on opportunities.

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Healthy Foods: The Affordable Choice

BY USDA UNDERSECRETARY KEVIN CONCANNON

Fresh fruits and vegetables? Key elements of a healthy diet, for sure. But many people of modest means, including those served by USDA's nutrition assistance programs, wonder if they can afford to buy healthy foods like the wonderful fresh produce that can be found in summer abundance at America's farmers' markets.

As USDA Undersecretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, I find that perception a source of concern because we work hard to encourage all Americans to make healthy food choices – particularly those participating in USDA's nutrition assistance programs, from kids in school to the more than 46 million people participating in USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Well, I'm pleased to say that a recent study by USDA's Economic Research Service, "Are Healthy Foods Really More Expensive? It Depends on How You Measure the Price," found that healthy food choices, like fresh fruits and vegetables, may be more affordable than people think.

They found that while it is easy to buy "cheap" calories by using less-healthy foods, there are many healthy food choices that cost no more per portion than less nutritious foods. Measured by the cost per portion, or per pound, grains, vegetables, fruit, and dairy foods are actually less expensive than most protein foods and foods high in saturated fat, added sugars, and/or sodium.

This is great news for all those trying to get by with a limited food budget – like people receiving SNAP benefits. You don't have to compromise on good nutrition just because money is tight. And just in time for summer.

If you haven't been to one of the nearly 7,200 farmers' markets across the



country, I encourage you to do so. Farmers' markets offer shoppers a wonderful place to find the fresh fruits and vegetables and other local produce so important to a healthy diet – particularly now when farmers' markets are practically bursting with a bounty of summer produce.

USDA strongly supports farmers' markets. And the Food and Nutrition Service, which I oversee, has farmers' market programs for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants, for seniors, and for WIC mothers to help provide healthy food for them and their children.

We also encourage farmers markets to accept SNAP electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards,

which makes it easier for SNAP participants to make purchases.

Farmers markets are the ultimate win-win situation. They're a win for customers because they can easily buy the freshest produce available. They're a win for producers because they are a convenient local market for their products.

They also provide a chance for customers and producers to meet face to face and build better understanding of community agriculture and what customers want.

So visit a local farmers' market today – you're in for a treat. And remember, fresh fruits and vegetables are not only the healthy choice – they're the affordable choice, too.

Overeating, aging and memory loss

A study indicates overeating may eat into older peoples' ability to remember. Researcher Yonas Geda of the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, saw it in data on more than 1,200 people ages 70 and 89.

Dr. Geda says people who ate more than around 2,200 calories a day had more than

twice the risk of mild cognitive impairment, a form of memory loss. But calories of around 1,600 to 2,200 did not show the risk.

So Dr. Geda says, "Watching one's diet has benefit for many things. In fact, one thing I heard is that what is good for your heart is good for your brains."



McKinney Fire Dept. responds to Dollar Tree Store Fire Sprinkler System Assists in Quick Control of Fire

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 4, McKinney 9-1-1 began receiving calls that a man had entered the Dollar Tree Store at 3001 S. Central Expressway, sprayed lighter fluid and ignited a fire in a storage area at the rear of the building. More than 12 McKinney Fire Dept. units and 34 personnel responded, as well as multiple Police officers.

Upon confirming that employees and customers had safely exited the store, other businesses in the retail center were evacuated as a precautionary measure. A short time later the suspected

arsonist exited the premises, by now filled with toxic smoke. The man was immediately arrested.

While businesses located on either side of the Dollar Tree received smoke and water damage, the fire did not spread beyond the store. According to Fire Prevention Chief Dwayne Henderson, only sprinkler heads in the immediate area of the fire activated prior to Fire Department arrival, preventing spread of flames to other areas of the building, or to other businesses. Henderson stated, "The active fire protection system – the fire

sprinklers – worked as designed. Only the sprinkler head(s) at the location of the fire operated – not all the sprinklers in the building. The spread of fire was limited and much easier for MFD units to control and extinguish."

The benefits of fire sprinkler systems in certain commercial structures and multi-family housing properties has long been recognized and mandated; but, according to MFD spokesperson Stacie Durham, sprinkler systems can be equally effective in private residences.

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A Day of Glamour: Honoring single moms on Father's Day

Although the ideal situation for a child is to be raised by both a caring mother and father, sometimes life's circumstances such as death, their parents' divorce or separation can sometimes leave their mothers as single parents.

According to the 2010 United States Census report, there are approximately 14 million single moms with children under the age of 18 living at home. These women often do not have the money or resources to pamper or enjoy themselves because they are busy playing roles of both mom and dad to their children.

In honor of these women, Faithful Vows is hosting "A mini day of Glamour: Honoring Single Moms on Father's Day" Sunday, June 17 at 2:30 p.m., at Roman Hair Salon located at 3030 N. Josey Lane in Carrollton.

Faithful Vows is a company that creates sentimental experiences with original greeting cards and framed poetry of appreciation for special occasions including the celebration of a new baby, Mother's Day, Fourth of July and Father's Day.

"Faithful Vows is always there to let your loved ones know how much you care," according to owner Faith Camp.

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real time.

There are benefits relative to liability management as well, Redmon said. Most medical malpractice suits are settled because definitive proof of what happened during surgery often is missing, Redmon explained following the Awards luncheon. "StreamingOR is better than a paper trail; it is a video trail."

Redmon said we can expect to see more hospital patients request that their surgery be recorded and archived in the EndoCloud for electronic medical record purposes.

As a company that specializes in making creative products to remind people of their importance and value, this event is an opportunity to honor single moms for having to serve "double duty" of being both a mom and dad for their children. The event will provide "a one-stop shop" for these single moms to get pampered with massages and facials and glamorized with makeup, clothes and hair care treatments.

There will be light refreshments, raffle prizes ranging from makeovers with a \$100 value, hats and spa treatments for both men and women. Various clothing, accessories, facial and makeup services can be purchased during the event. Vendors include Chandriques Handbags & Accessories, Massage Therapy by Brian and the F.A.C.E. Factory.

Ten percent of the proceeds for every sale of Faithful Vows greeting cards or framed poems purchased or ordered on the premises will go towards the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Cystic Fibrosis is an in-

herited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide). A defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections and obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food. This disease does not receive the same level of government funding for research as other health conditions. Therefore, community support is very important in their pursuit to fight this disease.

Although the event is focused on honoring single moms, it is free and open to the public ages 12 and up. Moms, Dads or just those who love their parents are invited to support a good cause, network with community members and enjoy live entertainment on June 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Roman Hair Salon in Carrollton. For more information visit faithfulvows.com.

Chapter Founders Golf Tournament

Dallas, Irving, Fort Worth, Allen, Garland, Mesquite, Frisco, Plano, Coppell, Richardson and other metroplex cities Southern University Alumni Federation, Dallas Chapter, is hosting the Dallas Chapter FOUNDERS golf tournament on June 23 at the Eastern Hills Country Club, 3000 South Country Club Road, Garland. The event celebrates the establishment of the Dallas Chapter on April 10, 1955 by sixteen graduates: Walter Berry, Lila Bradley, Vasti Bradley, Abner Coit, Emmet Conrad, Marion Henry, Mary Henry, Joseph Lewis, Joseph Lockridge, Dorothy Meshack, Judson Meshack, Elston Miles, Ballard Mitchell, Althea Simmons, Betty Tanner, and Clyde Williams.

The format is four-person scramble. All registered golf teams are ex-

pected to arrive at the course on June 23, no later than 11 a.m. to check in and use practice range. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Golfers will be able to purchase mulligan and raffle tickets. Prizes include 2012 RocketBallZ driver, RocketBallZ 3 wood, RocketBallZ 3 Hybrid, two-night hotel lodging, ProV1 golf balls, etc. The tournament will also feature special individual and team competitions including closest-to-pin, longest drive, and "move-it-up for an eagle" hole. Practice rounds @ Eastern Hills Country Club at reduced rate are available on June 19, 20, 21, and 22 for registered golfers.

Golfer registration forms are available from SUAF-Dallas Chapter members, the Chapter website, and at the Eastern Hills Country Club in Garland, Texas. The registra-

tion fee is \$320 per four-person team. Teams must register not later than JUNE 9, 2012. The tournament field is limited to the first 36 registered teams (144 golfers). Registration fees include green and cart fees, range balls and post-tournament meal in air-conditioned dining room.

Individuals, golf associations, churches, sororities, fraternities, companies and other community-oriented organizations may also sponsor holes at \$50 per hole and purchase ads in the Jaguar Tournament Souvenir Journal (Full Page \$100; Half Page \$50; Business Card \$35; Patron \$5). JAGUAR Supporters may also select Corporate Sponsorships and/or make donations to the Lagniappe "Quest For Excellence" Scholarship Fund.

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1385	Chocolate Overall Odds are 1 in 3.48	\$5	06/22/12	12/19/12
1382	Happy Hearts Cash Overall Odds are 1 in 4.73	\$2	06/28/12	12/25/12
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Free meals to be provided to Dallas youth

Dallas ISD's Food and Child Nutrition Services, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Agriculture, will provide free meals to Dallas children and youth, ages 1 through 18, through the Summer Food Service Program.

The Summer Food Service Program will run from Monday through Friday starting June 4 through Aug. 17, with the exception of July 4. The program's goal is



to ensure that youth throughout Dallas will not go without proper nutrition during the summer months.

Dallas ISD students who attend summer school will receive free breakfasts through the Breakfast in the Classroom program.

Approximately 50,000 meals will be prepared for distribution daily.

The participating sites will be located at Dallas ISD schools, parks, colleges,

churches, and activity centers throughout Dallas.

For more information

and a list of participating sites, visit the Web sites www.dallasisd.org/summer-

meals or www.summerfood.org, or call (214) 932-5500 or 2-1-1.

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ing to analysts' projections.

"This project is extremely important not only to me, but to the city of Dallas as well," said Shareefah McConnell, the project's first investor, and president of Strategizing Insurance Advisors, LLC. "I believe the technology Mr. de Beasley created is assured to set Dallas on the map for globally innovation, and it will be the first of its kind."

Local investors said they're looking at businesses that will have a direct impact on their communities. The wave of new investment comes after more than four years of seed funding that B-System has received to file for a patent, create the business plan and preliminary design for the system. With nearly \$100,000 invested and thousands of hours of sweat equity, bSecurity Systems, LLC is poised to move forward, supporters said.

"When Bill Gates was forming his little company which grew into Microsoft, I didn't know anything about it during the development stage," said Linda Hayes, president of the Southern Communities Investment Club, and Realtor. "But I know about B-Systems and its potential impact on Dallas, Texas, the United States, and the world."

Lana Jackson, owner of LJ Services, a tax, payroll, accounting service company for individuals and businesses, said the potential of this project is huge. "I have been following this project for four years," Jackson said. "This project is great for growth in our community and for all of Dallas. This is a lifetime opportu-

nity to get involved on the ground level."

Tom Hill, who ran the EDS Fellows and the Distinguished Engineering Program, has been a longtime supporter of the B-System Identity Management System (IMS), says this is a huge step forward for this project. "Since the proposed system protects social security numbers and other personal privacy attributes; the development jobs, implementation jobs and operations jobs created by the system will most certainly be contained within the USA."

"B-System will use multiple processes and algorithms for authenticating users, looking up matching faces on multiple photos, automatically recognizing facial features in graphic editors, and locating faces on still images," said Rowe who has been a programming consultant for more than 20 years. "With this type of system, the nation as a whole will benefit."

The B-System Privacy Protection Method, in part, offers a more effective and secures the means to issue and protect the national use of the social security number. The software is conceived to provide the federal government and commercial outlets an innovative method that will effectively deter and dramatically prevent ID fraud and save hundreds of billions of dollars annually in monetary and other forms of loss that is associated with being a victim of ID Fraud.

Hayes said she's excited about the future of the B-System solution and the opportunity for residents of the southern sector of Dallas to

invest in their own community. "I invested now because it's affordable," Hayes said. "So, I founded Southern Communities Investment Club, which allows the community to invest in B-System during the development stage ... The southern sector of Dallas has been promised so much over the years, and delivered little. Members of my own community discovered this club so now, it's time to get behind something that can make a difference for and in the very community I live and work in."

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Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Clowns take reading seriously at area libraries, July 2-3

Want to learn what it takes to soar on the flying trapeze or just what goes into those cream pies that the clowns throw? Then join Kelly, *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Ambassador of Laughter*, for some serious fun on Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3 at area libraries. He will be making special appearances at the following...

Monday, July 2, 1:00 PM; Schimelpfenig Library; 5024 Custer Road; Plano, TX
Monday, July 2, 4:00 PM; Christopher A. Parr Library; 6200 Windhaven Parkway; Plano, TX

Monday, July 2, 7:00 PM; Maribelle M. Davis Library; 7501-B Independence Parkway; Plano, TX

Tuesday, July 3, 11:00 AM; Charles J Rike Memo-

rial Library; 203 Orange St; Farmersville, TX

Tuesday, July 3, 1:00 PM; Melissa Public Library; 3411 Barker Ave; Melissa, TX

Tuesday, July 3, 3:00 PM; Howe Community Library; 315 S Collins Fwy; Howe, TX

Kelly is no class clown, but is certain to add amusement to a special 30-minute circus storytime, which will encourage children not only to read, but also to discover, dream and learn! The library event is free and open to the public. For more information on the additional libraries the clowns plan to visit, go to www.ReadingwithRingling.com.

Kelly, the Ambassador of Laughter, will be in town to help kick-off "Reading with



Ringling Bros.!" The library reading program is easy and fun for kids to participate. The best part is that kids can earn a free circus ticket by simply doing their library reading! Children from ages 2-12 enroll with the librarian, who will give kids everything to start their library reading.

For more information, visit www.ReadingwithRingling.com.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey presents FULLY CHARGED will play at American Airlines Center, August 1-12, and Fort Worth Convention Center, August 15-19.

Josh Carlton wins Orville Rogers Run for the Hills 5K

The International Museum of Cultures annual Orville Rogers' Run For The Hills, 5K Run/1.5 Mile Walk drew records crowds with one team boasting 68 participants.

Josh Carlton ran the course, which includes a unique trail experience in 17:45 minutes. In the women's division, Althea Carlton ran the 5K in 21.35 minutes.

Honorary Chairman, Thane Baker, Olympic gold medalist of the Australia and Helsinki games began the



Josh Carlton

Run and joined 94 year old Orville Rogers at the podium

for making the award. Win Hatt and John Davis co-

chaired the events for the twelfth time, experiencing continual growth in participation.

Following the RUN ethnic entertainment was presented by the St. John's Baptist Church Grace Praise Team and the band of Christ Our Lord Church in celebration of International Museum Day.

The museum is open daily, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 972-708-7406 for Docent led tours and other information.

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grade students to mail letters to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to increase their awareness about colleges and universities and the importance of pursuing education beyond high school.

Many of the HBCUs contacted by the students, responded by sending the group of third graders personalized notes and memorabilia. Inspired by the story, Urban Financial Services Coalition-D/FW decided to "adopt" the students by mentoring and encouraging them to pursue education beyond high school.

Throughout the years, the organization has nurtured an on-going relationship with the students by engaging them in college-related activities which included providing resources for developing personal, professional and communication skills; financial planning; preparing college and financial aid applications; and attending college tours and sporting events. Urban Financial Services Coalition-D/FW called this project the "McMillan 20: College Bound....Reaching for the Possible" and committed to award a scholarship to each

student upon high school graduation to apply towards their post secondary education expenses.

Now, nine years later, Urban Financial Services Coalition-D/FW is in touch with eighteen of the twenty students who are just a few weeks away from high school graduation. The "McMillan 20: College Bound... Reaching for the Possible" Program Finale and Scholarship Awards Luncheon will recognize each of these students by awarding them with the scholarship promised nine years ago.

This celebratory luncheon will take place at the Cedar Crest Golf Club on Saturday, June 23 from 12 - 2 p.m. It will feature many highlights to include a motivational keynote address; delectable cuisines prepared by Award-winning Chef Keith "Buttons" Hicks of Buttons Restaurant; celebrity guest presentations; an awards ceremony and a musical performance by students that participated in the program.

Tickets are only \$40 and can be purchased online at <http://mcmillan20luncheon.eventbrite.com>.

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Sunday, June 10
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Hawaiian Falls Garland parking lot

Saturday, June 16
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Saturday, June 16
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Road and Bridge District No. 3



June 1, 2012

Dear Constituents,

When you first elected me as County Commissioner in 1984, I was the first African American in the history of our county to occupy the office. I was seated as the only Democrat among four Republican peers. The odds seemed insurmountable at times, but this community has never let me down or forsaken my efforts.

While being the first elected is gratifying, my aim has never been to be the only. Last year, I led the court in drawing new lines that established a minority opportunity district with the intent of having another African American at the dais.

In the midst of one of the most turbulent and unsettling election cycles ever, I made the decision to make a difference. The creation of a new minority County Commissioner District meant that I had to relinquish precincts and communities in my previous district that had been very favorable to me. Conversely, I took on some new precincts that have not been as favorable to Democrats in the past.

As a result of the most recent election, January 2013 will bring with it a new Dallas County Commissioner's Court that will be comprised of four Democrats and one Republican. As a matter of fact, Dallas County is only one of the 254 counties in Texas that is solidly Democrat. It's been a long, hard road to get to this point, and there are many in this community who have joined me to see it to fruition.

It's never been about me. It's about you and us. It's about our county, our future and our ability to live safe, quality lives, equal in opportunity, regardless of race, gender, or social standing. I will always honor my mother's Golden Rule. She would remind me that no one has to do anything for me, and in her spirit, I just want to say Thanks.

Thank you for honoring the lives and sacrifices that allowed us the right to vote, and Thanks for voting for me.

Thank you for your words and deeds of support and encouragement, I needed them.

Thank you for the confidence that you entrust in my hands, I don't take it for granted.

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Rowlett Station: Extend a welcoming gesture to residents and neighbors

Rowlett, Texas started in the mid 19th Century as residents of Tennessee settle in the area. Daniel

Rowlett connected to the network of rail line that will allow residents of North Texas communities to live,

establish an artistic vision, conduct local research and refine the artistic expression in the station.

tion. While in the midst of design for the Rowlett Station, the art committee inquired about expanding the

natural elements such as cattails, native flora and fauna, birds, bicycles, children and images that harkens to the historical elements of the area and the progress shown by the extension of the President George Bush Turnpike and the close association with Lake Ray Hubbard.

The architects of KAI Texas continue their design and management efforts for station and transit-oriented design by providing a destination that will provide a new chapter in the proud history of Rowlett, Texas.

Darren L. James, President & COO of KAI Texas stated, "The beauty of the

process is the transformation from the community's verbal and visual cues expressed in the art committee meetings to the artist's artistic touch embraced and realized architecturally into the built form rising today in downtown Rowlett. It is always exciting to see something that was an idea in your mind's eye turned into a space that will be enjoyed by generations to come."

As with all creative endeavors the greatest satisfaction comes when the intended users travel through and enjoy the designed environment as anticipated.



Artistic vision of DART's future Rowlett station.

Rowlett was provided a land grant in 1835 for military service during the Texas Revolution. He and other Tennessee residents established a settlement near a branch of the Red River which later came to be known as Rowlett Creek. In 1880 a post office was established to provide mail service for the influx of settlers from other regions across America and French and German immigrants from the Southern and Central areas of Texas. The Post Office was renamed Rowlett to honor the connection to the creek and the area's leading citizen.

In the late 1880's the railroad reached the town firmly establishing the connection to water and rail. KAI Texas was selected as the architect and the arts-in-transit coordinator for the Rowlett Station at the terminus of the 4.5 mile Blue Line extension from downtown Garland into Downtown Rowlett. Revenue Service is scheduled for December 2012 with

work and play throughout the Metroplex and ride the DART rail service to reach destination zones in other communities.

Each community is special and unique in its own right and the residents of each exhibit and demonstrates civic pride and commerce within their boundaries and the surrounding cities and towns. Rowlett is no different, with its 100+ years; this city has a lot to put on display for its citizens and neighbors.

The process for station design allows personalization of each station with the incorporation of art integrated in the architectural design. DART hires an artist with ties to the local community and works with the local government, in this case, the Mayor, City Manager various City Councilpersons and Rowlett citizens in a Station Design Committee. The artist, architect (KAI Texas) and local arts committee meet approximately four times in public meetings to

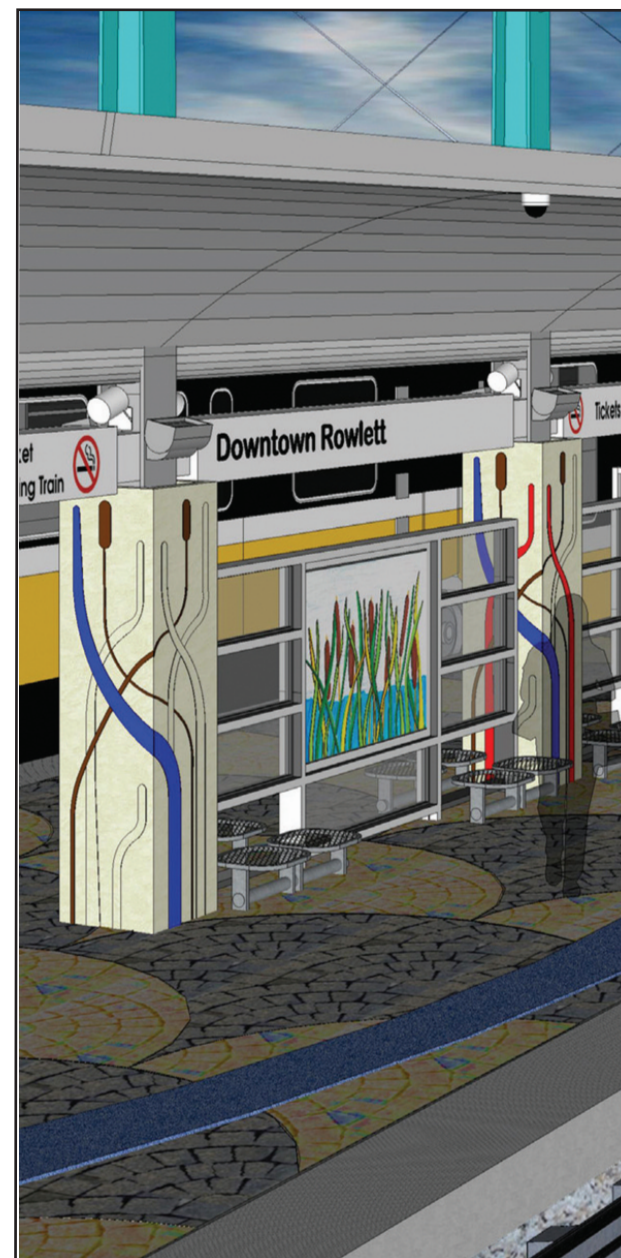
DART has a staff liaison and since the Blue Line Extension was a Design Build delivery led by Austin Bridge and Road with Parsons Brinkerhoff, each had representatives at the meetings. At the initial meeting they took a bus tour of the surrounding area led by the local citizens on the Arts Committee. They toured various civic treasures and historical locations and through consensus determined the overriding them for the art was Progress through reflection of the natural beauty and amenities available in Rowlett.

DART has established design standards for all of their stations for ease of operations and maintenance across the entire system. As KAI Texas has designed and participated in design of over twenty-two (22) stations for DART and an additional forty-five (45) nationally, the firm was instrumental in the integration of local artistic flavor that customizes each sta-

art installation to extend a welcoming gesture to residents and neighbors alike as they enter the adjacent Park & Ride lot.

The center-loaded platform has three canopies for wind and weather protection for riders. The paving pattern has lily pad medallions adjacent to a blue ribbon emulating the Rowlett Creek, which leads passengers from the station into the 'Art Maze'. The 'Art Maze' is comprised of translucent acrylic panels with the artist impressions of the Rowlett and the things highlight the local culture and unique attributes. As a rail passenger you can follow the meandering blue path from the platform to the landscaped art installation. As the Art Committee expressed during our meetings they wanted art that was reflective of the area and worthy of creating a destination for local school children and citizens of Rowlett.

The art is truly reflective of Rowlett. It includes



Snow White and the Huntsman Review

BY ALVIN STARKS,
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

"Lips red as blood, hair black as night, bring me your heart Snow White," according to Charlize Theron's Ravenna in the film *Snow White and the Huntsman*.

Theron is pit against Kristen Stewart's Snow White in a gothic world fantastically created by debut director Rupert Sanders. Theron is brilliant in her performance as Ravenna, the evil queen who has staged a coup to overthrow the king and imprisoned Snow White. The grotesque and heinous actions she commits throughout the film will force audiences to cheer for her demise. However, Theron's portrayal of the wicked queen could garner sympathy from moviegoers on a deeper, psychological level, because no one wants to grow old, sickly and lose their beauty.

Kristen Stewart does an adequate job as Snow White. Her tortured performance as the beautiful princess, who escapes into the Dark Forest out of the reach of the wicked queen, is similar to her performances as Bella in the *Twilight* movies. It would have been great if she had



more lines to display more range within the character. Her transformation from captive princess to fierce warrior was a bit rushed and lacked the evolution necessary to make her role in the final battle believable.

Chris Hemsworth delivers as the drunken huntsman who has lost the only thing in the world that he loves. Hemsworth's has way with archaic language and action sequences; he was perfect for the role of the huntsman. His onscreen chemistry with Stewart is undeniable and is a joy to watch.

The dwarves are played by a talented group of British actors: Nick Frost, Ian McShane, Bob Hoskins, and Toby Jones. The dwarves are portrayed as scavengers, once noble warriors, who have fallen on hard times due to

a decayed economy caused by Ravenna's merciless reign. They offer comic relief at appropriate times during the film to break the tension, which is welcome considering the atmosphere.

During the fall award season, the cinematography of the film may garner Oscar buzz. Wraiths, harpies, ghoulish trees with serpents for branches, and an awe-inspiring troll inhabit the dark forest, which aesthetically is as integral to the story as a cast member. It represents a microcosm of the atmosphere of the film. Two of the most riveting visions in the film are the scenes of Ravenna bathing in white liquid that encases her nude body, and the second scene of Ravenna crawling out of a pool of black oil which displays power and vulnerability.

Snow White and the Huntsman is an epic, action adventure, grounded in a grim world. Sander's adaption of the classic tale is striking and a delight to beyond. The film is definitely worth seeing despite a few hiccups in the script. In the midst of Hollywood's run of fairytale remakes, *Snow White and the Huntsman* is indeed the fairest of them all. The movie is worthy of 3.5 out of 5 stars.

NDG Gossip: Amar'e Stoudemire and Alexis Welch will finally tie the knot!

BY KENDRIA BROWN,
NDG INTERN

Alexis Welch received a marriage proposal from her boyfriend of 10 years, Amar'e Stoudemire. Stoudemire plays for the NBA New York Knicks and the couple has three kids together. Since Stoudemire already has the woman and the kids, he finds that he is missing that sacred union we call marriage.

While in Paris this past weekend, the Eiffel Tower was not the only scenic thing in sight for the couple, especially not Welch. Stoudemire pulled out a \$1 million 8.5 diamond carat ring, and you can guess how surprised Welch was as she responded predictably so to the occasion with a simple "yes." That is more than enough bling for



Stoudemire proposes to long time girlfriend in Paris.

the lady who has bore your three children and has been there for you season after season. Welch could not have asked for a better ending.

Stoudemire feels it was much deserved for the special lady in his life, since the baller tweeted "Paris, the food, & lights were very romantic. When she

said yes, it was surreal. I'm still floating." Sounds like real love that is down to last.

While basketballs will bounce down court for Stoudemire, wedding bells will also be ringing in the near future for him and Welch. The couple plans to wed in 2013.

Adventures in Odyssey's Ultimate Casting Call to be Held at Mardel Bookstore

Adventures in Odyssey, the number one kids' Christian audio show, is coming to Arlington. Mardel Bookstore will be hosting the "Get in the Show!" Ultimate Casting Call contest, where kids ages 6 to 15 will have the chance to win a part in an upcoming Adventures in Odyssey seasonal episode.

Beginning at noon on Friday, June 15, kids will audition to be one of three finalists—one winner and two runners-up. The winner will be featured in Volume 58 of Adventures in Odyssey, coming out in 2013. Participants and fans will also be able to meet Adventures in Odyssey actors

and writers who will attend the event to answer questions.

This special event will be broadcast live by 90.9 KCBI radio from noon to 2:00 p.m. with radio personality "Bongo Rod" Butler and Adventures in Odyssey writer Paul McCusker hosting. Event participants will have the opportunity to win free giveaways, including a grand prize of the complete set of Adventures in Odyssey albums and Imagination Station books one through seven, a \$1,400 retail value. Other giveaways include tickets to a live performance by the actors of Adventures in Odyssey on Saturday, June 16 at Irving Bible

Church.

To audition at Mardel's "Get In the Show!" event, contestants must bring a friend to read lines with and come equipped with their own cameras, phones, or other devices to record themselves reading two short scripts. After the event, contestants can upload their video auditions to whitensendblog.org/getintheshow. Copies of the scripts will be provided at the audition or can be downloaded in advance from this website. Kids interested in becoming contestants can also visit the site for acting tips and to see the official rules for the contest.

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sharp and will host a series of spectacular events, including: the pony express relay race, steer wrestling, ladies barrel racing and wild bull riding to name a few. These cowboys and cowgirls will be competing for cash prizes of up to \$25,000. Come out and wit-

ness a one of a kind, black rodeo.

Ticket prices are as follows: \$10.00 Reserved Seats and \$25.00 Box Seats

Tickets for the Rodeo can be purchased at the African American Museum, located at 3536 Grand Ave. Dallas, TX

75210 in Historic Fair Park or <http://museum.ticketleap.com/dallasblackrodeo/>. Group discounts are available. For additional information or for sponsorship inquiries, contact Jelani Jones at jejones@aamdallas.org or 214.565.9026 ext. 304 or visit www.aamdallas.org.

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Community Calendar

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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 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.fis-sihaie5@gmail.com

June 8
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June 8-9
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2nd Annual Glam Galore Shopping Soiree at The Richardson Civic Center Grand Ballroom from 5 - 10 p.m.

June 9
Bill Cosby at the Winspear Opera House Info/Tickets: www.attpac.org.

June 10
Doctor Miracle at the Dallas Children's Theatre, 5938 Skillman at 3 p.m.; Cost is \$5; Info: 214.443.1000

June 11
Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Business Development Corporation 23rd Annual Golf Tour-

nement at 7:30 am, 825 W. Wintergreen Rd in Desoto; \$150 per player; Info: 214-421-5200

June 15
LMFAO Sorry for Party Rocking Tour at American Airlines Center at 7 p.m., tickets are \$25-\$99 @ Ticketmaster.com

June 16
25th Texas Black Invitational Rodeo at State Fair Coliseum in Fair Park at 7 p.m.; info: <http://www.aamdallas.org/index-a.php?p=6>

June 17
Join the **Father's Day House of Blues Sunday Gospel Brunch** 11am and 1:30pm. Live Gospel Show with Lady Diamond and special guests Zion Travelers. Reservations 214-978-2583 or www.ticketmaster.com

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June 22 – July 12
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Wyly Theater www.DallasTheaterCenter.org

June 22-23
George Lopez Comedy Event at the Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm, at 8 p.m. Info: ticketmaster.com

June 23
Buddy Guy/ Johnny Lang blues artists at Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie at 8:30 p.m.; tickets \$15 and up; Info: 972-854-5050

The K104 Future of Hip Hop Concert Series Pluto Party at the Palladium Ballroom at 9 p.m.; performing artists include Future, Pusha T, and Yung Nation; tickets \$75; Info: 972-343-2444

June 24
12th Annual Battle of the Brains at Josey Ranch Lake Library at 1700 Keller Springs Rd. in Carrollton from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m.

June 25
Greater Lake Highlands AARP Chapter 3881 Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Lake Highlands United Methodist Church, 9015 Plano Rd.; Info on Social Security and Medicare; Lunch after meeting

June 25-29
Xtreme Response Camp provides a hands-on look at public safety and disaster preparedness for ages 12-16. Cost is \$140 per child. Info: cityoflewsville.com or 972-219-5012

June 26-27
Michael Jackson Immortal World Tour with Cirque du Soleil at American Airlines Center, tickets are \$50 - \$150 @ ticketmaster.com

June 29
New Edition with El DeBarge at Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m.; tickets starting at \$54; Info: axs.com

July 1
Shark Conservation at Museum of Nature & Science in

Fair Park - Learn why many shark species are in decline and what you can do to help ensure a bright future for one of the ocean's top predators.

July 4
The Plano Symphony Orchestra along with the Plano Civic Chorus and the Patriotic Pops Chorus present this **4th of July concert** at 3 p.m. at the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts at 2351 Performance Drive, in Richardson. Info: 972-473-7262 or planosymphony.org

July 6
Ledisi R&B Performance at the Majestic Theatre at 8 p.m. Info: Ticketmaster.com

July 12
“The Resurrection of Harriet Tubman.” Lecturer and actor Melissa Waddy-Thibodeaux will give a live storytelling performance in which she will dramatically relate tales from the life of the famed African-American abolitionist, Union spy and Underground Railroad operator. 6:30 p.m. at Lewisville Public Library

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among Solis' clients is vulnerability — sometimes to other people, sometimes to the effects of poverty, sometimes to their own mental and behavioral issues.

The challenges she deals with include clients who are compulsive hoarders (often at risk from fire, falling-related injuries and diseases caused by vermin infestation), people who've had their utilities disconnected, people who can't afford food or medications and family members feuding over issues such as sale of the client's home or property.

For clients at risk of exploitation, Solis keeps a close eye on all financial transactions. "Folks who are vulnerable often have a lot of people around them who say they're 'friends.' You have to be alert that your client is not being taken advantage of," Solis said.

Some threats, such as medical neglect, call for instant response. "I had one case where a man had gangrene in his legs, but he was in denial; he thought the pink

and red splotches on his skin meant he was healing. We got the necessary court order for him to be examined. He wouldn't have sought medical care on his own, but it saved his life."

More routinely, Solis deals with caregivers who mean well and simply don't know where to turn for help. In these cases, Solis can help them provide the loved one with services such as assistance with bathing, cleaning or meal preparation.

Whenever possible, Solis leaves it to her clients to decide how much assistance, if any, to accept. But for those who are struggling to admit an obvious need, Solis offers advice that also speaks to her agency's purpose: "There comes a time in life where we have to admit we need help. We've helped others for so long, but now it's time to allow ourselves to be helped."

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June 11-15, 7 p.m.

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June 21, Noon

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Join us for our Friends and Family Picnic @ Huffines Park, 1500 Apollo Park, Richardson, TX 75081. Call the church for details.

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June 11, 7 p.m.

You're invited to our Wednesday Night Live in the Joycie Turner Fellowship Hall on Belmont Drive. Also, come to our Corporate Prayer and our Kidz Zone (an environment to equip children to grow and to show God's love.)

June 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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June 10

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June 13, 7 p.m.

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June 10, 9:30 a.m.

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Also, join us at our Church Picnic after Morning Worship.

June 11 – 15, 7:30 p.m.

You're invited to Vacation Bible School. Call the church for times and other details.

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June 10, 8 a.m. And 11 a.m.

Join us in our Morning Worship times and stay for our Sunday School at 10 a.m.

June 11 – 15, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Join us for Vacation Bible School; the theme and scripture reference is "Fishin on a Mission with Jesus." There are classes from 2 years through adults.

June 13, 7 p.m.

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June 12, 7:30 p.m.

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"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not." **Genesis 28:16. (KJV)**

Jacob was forced to flee his family after receiving the blessing of God from his father, Isaac. He ran because of his broken relationship with his brother, Esau, who threatened to kill him. He was alone after leaving his family and was sleeping in the wilderness. It is here that Jacob encountered God personally for the first time. In a dream Heaven was opened up to him. The Lord spoke to him there and gave him a promise to give him the very land on which he was lying.

This encounter with God made him realize that God was in this place, even though he had not been aware of it. God had to remove Jacob from all that was of comfort to him in order to reveal Himself to Jacob. What began as a crisis that forced him to be removed from his family and friends led to an encounter with the living God and a fresh vision of God's purposes for his life.

How often we go about our daily routine and fail to recognize that God is in the place where we are. God had to bring Jacob to a place of separation from his old life and remove all his worldly possessions. He was alone with God at Bethel; nothing else could distract him from an encounter that would change his life.

God often must do radical things in the life of the Christen in whom He has special plans: separation from family, removal of physical and/or emotional resources. These are often

hallmarks of ownership by God that build a vision into a life.

But, what you must do is hear God speak to you. My older sister would often tell me that God speaks to His children in a quiet voice and we must slow down, get in a quiet place and listen to what he is saying.

"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: . . ." **John 10:26-28 (KJV)**

There is a story of an Englishman and his encounter with a Muslim while walking in the country. The Englishman wanted to share the gospel with this man but knew little of Muslim beliefs. The two men agreed they would each share their beliefs with one another. The Muslim went first and dominated the time of sharing. The Englishman asked the Holy Spirit how to share his faith with the Muslim. He then asked the man if he consider his god



Sister Malu Cano, speaking at Word of Life COGIC in Carrollton, Texas, her subject, "Judge Yourself by the Word" found in Galatians 6:1-10.

his father who speaks. "Certainly not," replied the Muslim man.

"That is one of the big differences between your god and my God. I consider my God as my Father who speaks to me personally." "You cannot prove that," stated the Muslim man. The Englishman again prayed to himself, "Lord, how do I prove this to this man?" A few moments later

the two men began walking toward two young ladies on the other side of the road coming toward them. As they approached, the Englishman spoke to the ladies and made small conversation. He then said to one woman, "I believe you are a nurse, is that correct?" The woman was startled that a man whom she had never met had just informed her of her occupation. "How

would you know that? I have never met you before," she questioned. He replied, "I asked my heavenly Father and He told me." The Muslim had his proof. Many of us do not hear God's voice because we do not believe He speaks or desires to speak to us. In order to hear, we must listen. In order to listen, we must believe that He speaks.

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spread that many leading banks who shunned this form of plastic convenience years ago, are now offering their own prepaid cards.

For consumers, prepaid cards are convenient and usually safer than carrying large amounts of cash. But as with any financial service, there are seldom-mentioned issues that affect usage. For example, lost or stolen prepaid cards often lack the protections afforded credit or debit cards. The card issuer may also encourage purchasers to use a number of add-on services such as overdraft. In many cases, add-on charges wind up costing far more than they are actually worth.

Most importantly, prepaid card usage can also incur multiple and hidden fees that drain the actual amount of money available. Although exact fees and related charges will vary by issuer, several of the most common are:

• **Activation** – Just getting a prepaid card can range

from a low of \$3 to as much as \$39.95;

• **ATM transactions** – Card users seeking cash at these machines incur a charge per withdrawal.

• **Balance inquiry** – Finding out how much remaining money is available incurs a charge

• **Customer service** – Free with some cards; but fee-based with other issuers to speak with someone about an account.

• **Inactivity** – If the card is not used within a designated time period, a dormancy fee applies and can cost up to \$9.95 each month.

• **Monthly fee** – This one applies when the card is used frequently ranging from \$2.95 to as high as \$9.95. Some issuers waive the monthly fee when large balances are maintained.

• **Paper statements** – As online statements are generally available without charge, consumers preferring a paper statement with itemized transactions will typically incur fees ranging

from \$1 to \$5.95.

If you think that prepaid card users are nickel and dimed to death, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is wondering as well. This week the CFPB held a public hearing in Durham, North Carolina. Featuring two panel discussions – one from the prepaid card industry; the other representing consumer perspectives, CFPB came to Durham to listen and learn. Created through the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform Act, CFPB authority includes regulating the prepaid industry and other non-bank enti-

ties. A portion of the two-hour session was an open microphone that enabled consumers to share their experiences and/or concerns.

Martin Eakes, representing the Center for Responsible Lending on the consumer panel, urged that CFPB exercise its authority with protections as needed. He also offered three specific consumer-focused hopes for the future of prepaid cards: No tie-in to debt products; no penalty fees; and no mandatory arbitration.

"The very label 'prepaid card' connotes a promise

that the account cannot be overdrawn", observed Eakes. "It is also the single-most cited reason for customer choice of this product. Banning overdraft and non-sufficient fund fees are the

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Fatherhood: Rising to the Ultimate Challenge by Etan Thomas

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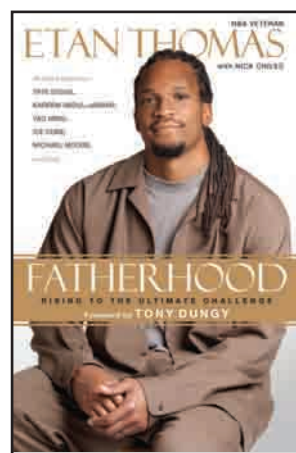
Generations ago, it seemed that fathers were breadwinners, disciplinarians, and little else. They loved their children, but caring for them was what their mama did; it was never expected of a father. This, as well as the unfortunate rate of fatherless households, has caused many men to be unfamiliar with what fatherhood could be.

But there is "beauty and manliness in showing love and affection toward your kids," says Thomas. There are "joys of fatherhood," and this book was

written with the hope that men could finally learn to seize that joy.

The first lesson is easy: Be there. Stay in your children's lives, stay actively involved, offer them one-on-one time, keep it simple, and learn to listen because those "little moments" will affect your lives.

Use the best of what you had growing up and make memories with your kids. Let the happy times "sit on your heart." Don't be afraid to show love, and don't forget that discipline is also love. Know that "the key is constant contact" and that there are some things that only a man can teach a kid. Also, know where you came from, take pride in yourself, and remember that



your kids are watching you.

Show affection to your wife or significant other in front of your children. Learn to appreciate what you learned from your own father, and don't be afraid

to mentor someone without a dad in his life.

There are, says Thomas, many "...guys who could be swayed, moved, pushed into better lives if more of us just let them know we care."

"Fatherhood" seems, at first, to be an ambitious project.

Author Etan Thomas (with Nick Chiles) pulled together fathers from the sporting world, Hollywood, music, movies, and politics. They asked the men to write essays on being a dad and on their own fathers. Thomas says he wanted his book to be the first place young men go when any issue concerning fatherhood arises.

It was ambitious – and well-done.

Just reading this book will make you smile because of the simple pleasure that oozes from its pages. This is a book that kids will be glad their dad reads. It's also the book moms have been waiting for because, in fact, Thomas includes a chapter that remarkably lauds single mothers.

If you are a dad or about to be one, or if you need a gift for your own father, you can't go wrong with this wonderful, joyous book. For him, "Fatherhood" will truly pop.

Fatherhood: Rising to the Ultimate Challenge by Etan Thomas with Nick Chiles, foreword by Tony Dungy, essays by various men (New American Library, \$25.95, 291 pages)

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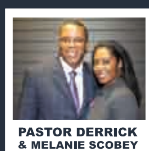
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