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Urban League offers emergency loans to homeowners

Homeowners at least 90 days late on their mortgage might get a reprieve.

The Urban League of Greater Dallas Emergency Homeowner's Loan Program that is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development (HUD) offers homeowners up to \$50,000.

Homeowners who are unemployed or have a reduced income may be eligible for the Emergency Homeowner's Loan program

that pays a portion of your monthly mortgage for up to two years or up to \$50,000. The deadline to apply is July 22. Congress provided \$1 billion dollars to HUD to implement EHL.

For more information

about the Emergency Homeowner's Loan Program, contact Clarene Whitfield 214-915-4639 or visit the Urban League website at www.ul-gdnctx.com, click on programs, and then click on Housing.

Irving ISD facing threat of new lawsuit

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Members of the community are again raising concerns about what they feel is a lack of fair representation in the Irving Independent School District. Despite having an overwhelming majority in the student population the district has an all-white school board. Community leaders have indicated they feel this is a vi-



olation of the Voting Rights Act. They took the matter to court and lost, but some believe now is the time to revisit the issue.

Despite having a school district population where only 12 percent of the students are white and 71 percent is Hispanic, the board is all-white. The Dallas Morning News reports only one

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Train Your Future

Collin County students learn life lessons today for a better tomorrow

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

Life's lessons make the best tools for teaching.

Just ask Patti Moore, and she will echo the sentiment. While working as a training manager in corporate America, she came across a situation



SPARK participants take part in a leadership exercise. From left are Indanezia Mosley, Kennedy Lawrence, Britini Ollins, Jaden Blue, Juwan Williams and Kevin Wilkins.

that serves as the inspiration for helping youth. One day while at work, she noticed four young men step into her office for a job inter-

view — dressed in tennis shoes and shorts.

"I told them to leave and come back dressed appropriately for an interview, like wearing a suit, tie and slacks and to leave their friends behind," she said.

They came back at a later time in the correct garb. The appreciative

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Minority youth media consumption may be hampering academic achievement



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COMMENTARY

Wal-Mart Decision: Next Steps for Women

By Lilly Ledbetter and Linda Hallman

A sharply divided Supreme Court ignored more than 40 years of established jurisprudence in its Wal-Mart v. Dukes decision, which severely restricts the ability of employees to fight discrimination as a class-action group. In a deeply misguided opinion, the majority ruled that the women of Wal-Mart cannot band together nationwide and stand up as one against the biggest retailer in the world. It's hard to manage the court costs and find the courage to keep going. We

only wish the women of Wal-Mart would not have to do that. Yet the high court decided they did not have enough in common to pursue a nationwide class-action suit, a sadly ironic twist for former employees of the great homogenizer of American retail.

The court's decision was not related to the merits of the case, however, and the women of Wal-Mart are already planning how to proceed next, either individually or in smaller, reformulated class-action cases. In fact, Wal-Mart may rue the

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John Legend

UNCF (United Negro College Fund) and BET have announced that they will join forces to make this year's edition of UNCF's long-running *UNCF An Evening of Stars*® the most exciting and moving in the program's 33-year history.

UNCF An Evening of Stars® has long been a showcase both for legendary and fast-rising stars from the music industry-recent performers and prior honorees have included Aretha Franklin, Jennifer Hudson, John Legend and Stevie Wonder-and for ed-

ucation success stories that embody the spirit of UNCF's iconic motto, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." ® Working together, UNCF and BET will combine the program's star-studded tradition with BET's proven record of attracting both the music industry's hottest talent and large, passionate audiences eager to engage in the issues we all face. Additionally, the new program aims to further rally the entertainment industry around the



importance of education and the doors it can open.

"Our students and their need for a good education deserve the large and passionate audience that watches BET," said UNCF president and CEO, Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D. "They deserve the best entertainers performing on stage and speaking out for the right to go to and through college, and they deserve to have their stories told in a way that everyone can

connect to. Together, UNCF and BET can create a show that entertains at the same time it delivers on the opportunity to inform and activate new viewers around the UNCF mission of education for all Americans."

"We're excited to partner with UNCF for *UNCF An Evening of Stars*® amplifying their message and assisting in their goal to better support African-American students and historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs)," said Stephen Hill, President of Music and Specials Programming, BET Networks.

"We have a phalanx of passionate BET folks (many of them HBCU grads) who look forward to producing and airing a great show celebrating the power of education and the need for everyone to engage with UNCF. We must ensure that we can educate our future."

The new *UNCF An Evening of Stars*® will be a musical variety show punctuated with short video segments spotlighting a few of the 60,000 students whose education UNCF supports every year, making the pro-

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Martin Luther King III

Martin Luther King III and Ambassador Andrew Young announced today that Bounce TV (bouncetv.com), the first-ever over-the-air broadcast television network for African-American audiences, will debut on Monday, September 26 at 12:00 Noon Eastern Time.

"September 26 will be an important milestone as we launch the first-ever independently owned and operated broadcast television network featuring African

Americans," said Mr. King III.

"Beginning September 26, our network will deliver free programming for our vastly under-served community and be accessible free, to all homes. We look forward to Bounce TV entertaining African American viewers, and frankly all Americans, for many years to come," commented Ambassador Young. MLK III and Ambassador Young are part of Bounce TV's Founding

Group and Board of Directors. Bounce TV is majority owned and operated by African Americans.

The fast-growing network also announced that it will be seen on Belo Corp.'s KHOU-TV in Houston, the eighth largest African American market in the country. "Bounce TV is perfect for Houston," commented KHOU-TV President & General Manager Susan McEldoon. "It will provide unique



alternative programming for our large African American audience. We look forward to September 26 and becoming the new exclusive home of Bounce TV in Houston."

Bounce TV will target African Americans primarily between the ages of 25-54 with a programming mix of theatrical motion pictures, live sporting events, documen-

taries, specials, inspirational faith-based programs, off-net series, original programming and more. The network will be seen in Houston, Cleveland/Akron, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Hartford/New Haven, Norfolk, Dayton, West Palm Beach, Birmingham, Memphis, Louisville and Richmond among other markets. Bounce TV will air twenty four hours a day, seven days a week as a digital terrestrial network designed for carriage on the digital signals of local television stations.

Dr. Susan Chaney

Dr. Susan Chaney, professor of nursing at the



Center, recently received the 2011 Texas State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

Each year during the AANP national conference, the organization recognizes one nurse practitioner from each state who demonstrates excellence in practice, research, nursing practitioner education or community

honor for me as both an educator and nurse practitioner," Dr. Chaney said. "I appreciate the recognition from my peers."

Dr. Chaney also is a nurse practitioner for Parkland Hospital's Homeless Outreach Medical Services program. For more than 15 years she has worked with the underserved homeless population. She also serves as a preceptor for her nurse practitioner students to work with this population.

Dr. Chaney conducts research in the areas of domestic violence, smoking cessation and weekend programs in nursing. She has received several grants and has published extensively in these areas. Currently, she is a co-administrator of a \$744,422 federal grant awarded to TWU to expand its weekend nursing program in Dallas.

Dr. Chaney is a member of several nursing professional organizations, including AANP, the Texas Nurse Practitioners, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and Sigma Theta Tau International – the honor society for nursing. She currently is a member of the nominations committee for AANP and is an on-site evaluator for CCNE. She serves on the board of directors for the Texas Nurse Practitioner Foundation and is the past president of the North Texas Nurse Practitioners.

The AANP was founded in 1985 and is the oldest and largest full-service national professional organization for nurse practitioners of all specialties. With more than 31,000 individual members and 165 group members, AANP

represents the interests of approximately 140,000 nurse practitioners around

the country. For more information about AANP, visit www.aanp.org.

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Debt talks mired in theater

By Charles D. Ellison (NNPA) While the White House and Congress clash like JoS. A. Bank-suited gladiators in a tamed scene from "Spartacus," a rapidly approaching debt ceiling deadline looms on the horizon: Aug. 2.

Fears abound over fiscal "Apocalypse Now" — scenes of bomb runs dropping napalm on economic sanity with House Republican freshmen on the side lines yelling about "loving the smell of default in the morning." Contrary to some opinions, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) really wants a deal. Yet, there are mixed signals emanating from the House GOP leadership helm. He's waving his arms about, flashing his tan, and waxed polemic during a recent press conference about "... no agreement in public or in private" regarding the debt ceiling.

"It's not like there's some imminent deal about to happen," goes Boehner in his trademark avuncular style and Cincinnati chest thump. "There are serious disagreements about how to deal with this very serious problem."

But, that just means he's instigating for an eventual deal, poking and prodding for the limits in the conversation. He still acknowledges that if the debt ceiling is not raised by Aug. 2, the nation will be in "an awful lot of jeopardy."

Moments out on the links chuckling over putts and drives probably brought both Boehner and President Barack

Obama a bit closer together in these remaining weeks before the nightmare of Greek-like chaos hits stateside. No one can be for certain. But, both of their respective offices remain tight-lipped and wary of confirming unofficial weekend meetings between the two.

"We're not going to get into specific meetings, or read them out, or preview them, because we believe that is the right approach to increase our chances of reaching an agreement," said White House Press Secretary Jay Carney rather dryly last week.

"If you can find people who would rather know the content of an individual meeting the president may or may not have had with a member of Congress than an actual accomplishment from Washington, I'll buy you lunch," Carney joked further.

Which annoys many of the Hill's Democrats — especially progressives — even further upon hearing reports of a president calling all bluffs with plans for an even bigger deal: \$4 trillion. While talks have slumbered on for months over \$1 trillion in cuts for the short term and \$2 trillion just to get by until the 2012 election cycle, the White House pushes a messy mountain of chips on the table with \$4 trillion in proposed cuts over the next decade.

An endless loop of reports and grapevine gossip from the White House suggested many of the savings will come out of Social Security, Medicare and

Medicaid. That seemed to align with the timing of a sudden and rather unprecedented enthusiasm in the debt ceiling talks as the president began injecting himself into the conversation out of frustration that Vice President Joe Biden's cozy-over-tea Blair House talks weren't going anywhere.

That's alarming House Democrats — even while they see a political opportunity to reinsert themselves while helping Boehner rally the votes needed to offset insurgent Republican members unwilling to support a debt ceiling package.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), convinced that proposed draconian GOP cuts on Social Security and Medicare will offer vindication and a return to power in 2012, was on fire later in the week when White House budget director Jack Lew attempted to sell wolf tickets. "Don't insult us," blasted Pelosi in a comeback-girl pose that pushed Lew back in his committee hearing seat. "You guys don't know how to count."

Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD) was also jumping into the discussion, on talking point with Pelosi, as Democrats — for the first time in a while — seemed disciplined and on message. Edwards, one of many Congressional Black Caucus Members miffed with their former alum-turned-president on a number of fronts, definitely wants to have that discussion "down the line

... making sure [entitlements] are stable and solvent." She's animate during a brief YouTube interview on Crewof42.com: "But, let's not conflate the issues. They didn't cause the deficit and they don't need to be on the table."

"The debt ceiling talks are far more than political theatre," says Lauren Burke, a longtime CBC watcher and chief editor of Crewof42.com. "They are the first step in what may be a major and fundamental change in how the federal government treats low income citizens. That Social Security is a part of the negotiations provides a window into what the GOP is really about: moving money going to the government into private sector hands."

But while skirmishes on the Hill erupt into uncertainty over whether or not leaders of both parties can come to agreement, there is increasing noise surrounding a nuclear option progressives are eager for the president to engage: the 14th Amendment.

Formerly a long shot, liberals in the fray are now invoking the Constitution as zealously as tea party conservatives, arguing that there shouldn't even be a discussion or debate on the debt ceiling since it's "unconstitutional." Should debt ceiling negotiations fail, argue the talking head class, the President is well within his authority to simply shut the (tea) party down and impose the 14th

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day it fought against allowing a single class-action case. The company's gamble—that if it could throw up enough barriers, the women would quit—is not going to pay off, and the Goliath retailer may soon end up with more Davids than it ever wanted to fight.

Unfortunately, many other employee class-action cases are now destined to be stuck at a red light, while employers are getting the go-ahead to continue to rely on highly subjective gender discrimination practices, hurting women and their families. And this disturbing ruling extends beyond class-action certification, echoing other recent stories of institutions that were "too big" to be held accountable. First, the banks

were too big to fail, and American taxpayers bailed them out even as they were losing their homes and jobs. Now, Wal-Mart is too big for justice, even though American women still face a persistent pay gap that not only undermines their families' economic security but undercuts the nation's recovery as well.

But American women will press on as we always do, emboldened again by a Supreme Court majority that just doesn't get the realities of the modern workplace. Wal-Mart plaintiff Edith Arana's moving story of her fight against discrimination drew big applause at AAUW's recent national convention—an indication of our continuing

support for the women of Wal-Mart.

We'll also be looking into other options to deal with this wrongheaded decision. The court has been wrong before—as we know all too well—but our government is structured so that we can right those wrongs through other channels. Perhaps this decision will give Betty Dukes her own bill or motivate Congress to finally pass the Pay-check Fairness Act, which aims to stop unfair pay before it starts and came within a hair of passing last year. We're sure the Obama administration and its multi-agency Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force will also be brainstorming to address this latest misstep from the court. This kind

of injustice demands action.

Setbacks in achieving women's equality aren't new. Ever since women started claiming our rights and fighting for equal opportunity, the powers that be have tried to thwart our plans. Although we wish the Supreme Court had understood the need for women to band together and fight, this decision is just one more battle in the ground war women have been fighting for years. It's just a chapter, not the end.

Ledbetter, the namesake of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, lives in Alabama. Hallman is executive director of AAUW.

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Justice for John Rally on Sunday

Supporters of Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price are hosting a community-wide rally at the St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, Sunday, July 17 at 4:30 p.m. The rally is sponsored by Justice for John, a committee of concerned citizens, social justice organizations, churches and civic groups.

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson,



professor of Sociology at Georgetown University, will speak along with Dr. Zan Holmes, Jr., pastor emeritus of St. Luke. The 94.5 radio show, Freddy Haynes Unscripted, will broadcast live from the rally. The Justice for John committee recognizes that Commissioner Price has stood for us and we will stand with him. They are

urging those who believe in JUSTICE FOR ALL are urged to attend.

Info: St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church; Rev. Tyrone D. Gordon, Senior Pastor; 5710 East RL Thornton Freeway (I-30 East); Dallas, TX 75223

For more information call 972-298-2248 or email justice4jwp@gmail.com.

CSI for kids at SMU Camp

The Caruth Institute for Engineering Education at SMU's Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering will host its second annual Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Summer Camps in July for students going into the sixth and seventh grades in the fall. During the week-long camps,

campers will hear from CSI experts ranging from law enforcement officials to biometric scientists who will teach the campers about the tools they use in their daily jobs. Campers also will participate in hands-on activities such as

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Long-running play to come to Majestic Theatre

By Tonya Whitaker
NDG Staff Writer

Black theatre has seen its share of productions that speak to the heart of the black experience. Thomas Meloncon's social commentary play, *The Diary of Black Men*, is no different. It is slated to come to the Majestic Theatre stage at 8

p.m. July 22 at 8 p.m. and 4 and 8 p.m. on July 23. The theatre is located at 1925 Elm St. in Dallas.

The Diary of Black Men, described as a choreopoem, is touted as one of the most successful stage plays in black theatre history. For more than a quarter century, the Houston-

ian's play has wowed audience in the United States and in the United Kingdom. Although the play addresses buzz topics relevant to the black male during its originally penning in the last 1970s, latest rendition of the play addresses the same group of topics: love, trust and black family

values.

The play, directed by Russell Andrews, centers on the relationships between black men and women through the eyes of six male stereotypes: the player, a blue collar worker, a militant, an urban professional and intellect, a black Muslim and a pimp.

The subtitle of the play, "How Do You Love a Black Woman?," adds to the inquisitiveness of the play. While there are no female speaking parts in the play, the black female in the play is telling of the black male-black female dynamic.

The cast includes

Clifton Powell (Next Friday and Friday After Next), Hosea L. Simmons (Workshop), Huntsville native Russell Andrews, Larry Gilliard Jr. (The Wire) and Carl Anthony Payne (Cosby Show and Martin). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Dallas Bar Association offers legal forum summer series

The Dallas Bar Association Speakers Committee,

in conjunction with the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association

and the History & Social Sciences Division of the Dallas Public Library, will present a series of legal forums for the public. The forums will be held in The Studio on the third floor of the Central Dallas Public Library, at 1515 Young

Street, in downtown Dallas. Driving directions to the library are available at <http://www.dallaslibrary2.org/directions-central.php>.

One-hour programs will be presented in English and Spanish as follows:

•Saturday, July 16, 2011

Employee's Rights at Work; 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (English); 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Spanish)

•Saturday, August 20, 2011; Basic Overview of the Criminal Law Process; 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (English); 3:30 p.m. to 4:30

p.m. (Spanish)

The purpose of the forums is to better inform the public about various legal topics. For more information, contact Michelle Wong Krause, of Wong Krause & Associates, at mwong@airmail.net.

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NAACP Garland branch hosts 9th annual Community Health Fair and Back-to-School Rally

On Saturday, August 20, 2011, the NAACP Garland Branch will host the 9th Annual Health Fair and Back-To-School Rally at the Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, Garland, Texas, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Partnering with the

NAACP Garland Branch for this community outreach event are: Baylor Hospital – Garland, Parkland COPC, City of Garland, Garland ISD, Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, Garland Area-wide Brotherhood, Garland Club of NANBPWC,

Inc., Richland College and Theta Alpha Chapter – Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Chairperson for this event and the NAACP Garland Branch Health Committee is

Carol Blakes and she can be reached at c_blakes@hotmail.com or 214-537-5435.

In excess of 1100 Garland area residents (based on previous year's attendance) are expected to attend this event and receive a variety of services including:

•Free school supplies for GISD students (courtesy of

Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church)

•Childhood immunizations (\$10.00 per child – accompanied by an adult with shot record)

•Health and wellness information

•Child safety information

(Garland Police Department)

•Health screenings (cholesterol, glucose, diabetes, blood pressure, vision and more)

•Voter registration and education

•Education opportunities and financial aid

Remington College-Dallas campus offers complimentary haircuts for kids

Cuts for Kids event provides two weeks of complimentary back-to-school haircuts starting August 9

Remington College-Dallas Campus is again offering complimentary back-to-school haircuts for children this summer. The event is called Cuts for Kids and will

run for two weeks.

Last year, Remington College provided a total 3,312 haircuts across the country through its Cuts for Kids program.

Parents can bring in children ages 17 and under for a complimentary haircut provided by instructors and students in the Remington College-Dallas Campus cosmetology program.

"Back to school expenses can really add up, especially during these tough economic times," said Skip Walls, Remington College-Dallas Campus President. "Cuts for Kids is a way for us to help parents save some money and help kids look and feel their best when they go back to school."

The Cuts for Kids event runs from Tuesday, August 9



through Saturday, August 20. The Salon at Remington is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Parents can make appointments by calling 972-698-3890 or just walk in.

Adults who bring a child

in for Cuts for Kids will get 50 percent off select services for themselves, including haircuts, styling and nail care. Contact The Salon at Remington for details.

The Remington College Cosmetology Program teaches students the art of hair, skin and nail care through traditional classroom instruction and hands-on

training. Students have the opportunity to work with real clients in a salon-like setting.

The Salon at Remington is located at 1640 Eastgate Dr. in Garland.



begin Tuesday, August 9 and

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dusting for fingerprints, examining a crime scene and using facial and iris recognition techniques. They also will learn about deception and interrogation using polygraph machines.

The Caruth Institute will host two camps, one for girls and one for boys. Both camps will be hosted on SMU's Dallas campus, Monday through Friday, July 18-22 (girls), July 25-29 (boys) 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission for the camps has reached capacity with campers selected from

more than 25 local middle schools and teachers from Dallas schools, as well as a KIPP school in Philadelphia. All teachers who participate in the camp will receive a kit for sharing camp activities with students in their classrooms in the fall.

The SMU CSI Camps are part of the Caruth Institute's overarching mission to increase the number and diversity of kids pursuing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines and careers.

"Through hands-on activities and experiences like this CSI Camp, we give kids the opportunity to use the science and math they learn in school and show them how those skills can be applied to the real world and even a future career," explains Dr. Delores M. Etter, executive director of the Caruth Institute.

For more information on SMU CSI Camps check out www.SMU-CSI-camps.com or contact at CSIncamps@smu.edu.

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gram a celebration of the best in entertainment and education. In addition, the new format will allow performers to perform the songs they are identified with and want to promote, thereby attracting the

hottest talent and music. The show will be taped before a live audience on August 14, 2011 and will air on BET Networks this fall.

This year's show is made possible by Target, Presenting Sponsor of

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NNPA Conference in Chicago



Dr. Eric Dyson, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Dr. Cornell West were among the esteemed speakers at the National Newspaper Publisher's Association Summer convention. The meeting was held June 22-25 in Chicago.



Al Sharpton is warmly greeted before speaking at the NNPA luncheon on June 24.



Columnist George Curry speaks with Rev. Jesse Jackson



Sunnyvale Heat Fair

Brenda Aguilar, Yesenia Sigala-Garcia, Daisy Rodriguez and Claudia Pena, all representing Pediatric Clinic of Mesquite and the Kids Wellness Center, provided health information to the public at Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale's recent health fair. Hundreds of people attended the fair.

Low cost rabies vaccine and registration

Is your pet current? Garland's Animal Services Department encourages all pet owners to keep their dogs and cats up to date on rabies vaccination and city registrations.

Saturday, July 30, from 2 to 4 p.m., Garland Animal Services will offer \$5 rabies vaccinations for

dogs and cats. Registration will be required for Garland residents. City registration for a spayed or neutered pet will be \$1 and \$15 for an unsterilized pet. Microchip implants will be available for \$5, plus the \$16.99 product registration fee. All dogs must be on a leash and cats in carriers.

These services will be available at the Abe J. Tugle Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, 600 Tower Street.

For more information about adoptable pets and responsible pet ownership, visit www.GarlandAnimalServices.org.



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Oak Cliff Cultural Center, 223 West Jefferson Blvd. in Dallas, offers Tango classes every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple per class. www.tangocanyen-guedallas.com

The Art Centre Theatre, 5220 Village Creek Drive in Plano, will hold auditions for its summer productions. *Seussical* on May 7 and May 14; *Into the Woods* on May 21 and May 28 and 13 on June 11 and June 18. All auditions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theatre will also host a slew of summer dances for young children. www.artcentretheatre.com

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Shakespeare Dallas presents performances of *Cyrano De Bergerac* on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:15 p.m. at the Samuell Grand Amphitheatre, 1500 Tenison Parkway in Dallas. Admission for shows is \$10 adults and \$7 seniors and students. Tuesday and Wednesday are free. Children 12 and under are always free.

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July 20

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July 24

SADE with special guest **John Legend** at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Ave. in Dallas at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$52.50 to \$152.50. www.ticketmaster.com

July 26

Irving's Business Welcome to Mayor Beth Van Duyn from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South, 2001 Valley View Lane, Irving RSVP at irvingchamber.com

July 27-August 7

The **Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus** will bring its 200th anniversary show coming to American Airlines Center. www.ringling.com

July 28-July 31

Comedian **John Witherspoon** at Addison Improv, 4980 Beltline Road #250 in Dallas. Tickets are \$25. Call 972-404-8501.

July 30

3rd Annual Scholarship Concert will kick off at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is Wow Gospel- Lincoln High School Style. The world-renowned Maurine F. Bailey ALUMNI Concert Choir of Dallas Lincoln High School invite you to attend this free gospel concert full of contemporary and traditional songs. All current and former students, community organizations, musicians, and gospel music lovers are encouraged to come and be blessed. The concert will be held at New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 2419 Metropolitan Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75215-3535 Telephone: 214-421-7211 Donations accepted. Proceeds from the concert benefit the Audrey Louis Jones/Maurine F. Bailey Concert Choir Scholarship.

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, corner of Canton and Akard streets in Dallas, will host a listening party for *Medicine*, featuring Ruben Studdard, Ann Nesby and Jasmine Guy at 6 p.m. at the Clarence Muse Theatre. Attendees must RSVP at TBAAL Box Office by 2 p.m. July 30.

July 31

North Dallas Community

Baptist Church at 1718 Trinity Valley Drive, Ste 101 in Carrollton, TX 75006 (near Luna & I-635) will celebrate their **PASTOR & WIFE 11TH ANNIVERSARY** for Billy R. Robinson, Sr. Pastor at 11 a.m. The guest speaker is Rev. Charles S. Wattley, Pastor at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. Food served after church service, ALL ARE WELCOME!

August 6

Maze featuring **Frankie Beverly and Boys II Men** will play the Verizon Theatre. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8.

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Minority youth media consumption may be hampering academic achievement

By Nadra Kareem Nittle (America's Wire) Krystal Murphy received her first cellphone at age 13 and she used it solely to keep her parents in the loop about her activities. Four years later, her use of the phone has changed dramatically. Now 17, she relies on it to text friends, surf the Internet and send messages on Twitter. "I'm on my cell all day, every day, as soon as I wake up and until I go to bed," says the African-American teen from South Los Angeles.

According to a Northwestern University study of youth media consumption, Krystal's habits are widespread among young people of color. Released in June, "Children, Media and Race: Media Use Among White, Black, Hispanic, and Asian American Children" found that those between ages 8 and 18 use cellphones, television, computers and other electronic devices to consume an average of 13 hours of media content daily. That's 4-1/2 hours more than their white counterparts.

The study has renewed debate about whether minority youths spend too much time on media consumption and not enough on reading and studying. While some people insist that the disparity in media consumption contributes to the education gap between minority and white youths, others cite it as a positive that can aid a child's educational growth.

"I think that the results of this study coupled with the other factors that we know influence student performance," says Sharon Lewis, research director for the Council of the Great City Schools, an advocate for urban public schools and students. "When you combine all of this together, it's another indication that we need to take extra steps to reach [minority] youth."

"Factors such as health, such as preschool experience, such as a sibling that may not have graduated, such as coming from a single-parent household and then you add this [media consumption] to it—it's another indication."

Past reports have shown a correlation between television viewing and low academic

performance. A 20-year study of 678 families released in 2007 by the New York State Psychiatric Institute found that teens who watched three or more hours of television daily had an 82 percent greater chance of not graduating from high school when compared with those who watched less than an hour. However, critics of that study say students who struggle academically may be more inclined to watch TV to avoid the rigors of schoolwork.

The Northwestern study is said to be the first in the United States to examine children's media use by race. Nearly 1,900 youths participated. The study re-analyzed data from previous Kaiser Family Foundation studies on media consumption, finding that racial differences in children's media use remained static when accounting for socioeconomic status or whether youths came from single- or two-parent homes.

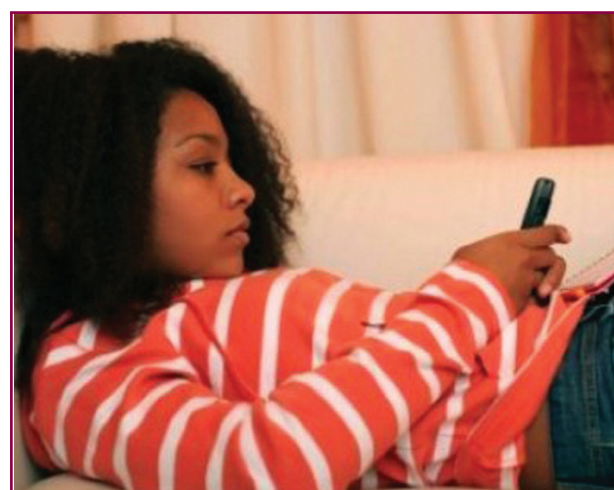
The results, which appeared to counter concerns about a possible digital divide and may give parents and educators new strategies to meet needs of minority youths, surprised Ellen Wartella, head of Northwestern's Center on Media and Human Development. She co-authored the study.

"Recreational media use is an enormous part of young people's lives, more than we ever thought," she says. "It's quite clear we have a group of young people who are tethered to their technology."

The report finds that black and Latino youths spend one to two more hours daily watching TV and videos, an hour more listening to music, up to 90 minutes more on computers and 30 to 40 minutes more playing video games than white youths. During the past decade, black youths have doubled their daily media use, and Latino youths have quadrupled theirs, according to Wartella.

Asian-American youths also consume more media than their white peers. Asians lead all groups in use of mobile devices at 3 hours and 7 minutes

daily, compared with 2 hours and 53 minutes for Latinos, 2 hours and 52 minutes for blacks and just 80 minutes for whites. Asians also spend 14 more minutes daily watching traditional TV than do white youths and more than an hour daily than whites watching TV online, via TiVo or on DVD. Nevertheless, Asian-American youths remain high academic achievers, challenging the contention that media consumption



tion hurts student performance.

Kerry Riley, an affiliated scholar at the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, says media can help students of color in the classroom.

"For me, the issue isn't having more media," says the professor of ethnic studies. "It's access to higher standards of media." He adds that teachers and mentors of minority youths increasingly expose them to social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook to help them learn about many issues.

Riley says he has directed students to use cellphones in class to access music videos and shown them cartoons such as "South Park" and "Family Guy." Incorporating media in class to showcase popular culture, he says, has helped blacks and Latinos understand how music forms and television shows can function as parodies of Western society.

"We helped them to understand these weren't just elements of popular culture," Riley says. "They were exist-

tential forms of social critique that related directly to their lives. So I, as an African-American professor, was able to use popular culture via Google, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook as a pedagogical tool to help educate African-American and Latino youth and increase their academic performance."

Northwestern's Wartella agrees that greater media consumption isn't necessarily a

media, doesn't necessarily recommend advising youths of color to watch less television. It depends on whether they're intellectually engaged, he says.

The New York State Psychiatric Institute study found that students who passively absorb entertainment on television find classroom lessons boring. Gutiérrez advises parents that rather than leaving children alone to watch favorite shows, they should join them and initiate meaningful discussion about what's on the screen.

"Studies in the past have shown that when children saw a stereotypical portrayal of an Indian or black or Mexican, it helped to have parents there to challenge the message," he says. "There weren't many Latinos on TV, so if a Ricky Ricardo type came on, the child could hear the parent saying, 'People think we're all like that.'"

Such critical feedback from parents helps children of color not to internalize racially demeaning messages, according to Gutiérrez.

Of course, not all minority youths spend much time watching television. Melissa Reed, 15, of the San Fernando Valley in California, says she rarely tunes in. Instead, the black teen exercises regularly and spends "maybe like up to five hours listening to music on my iPod." Melissa also spends about an hour daily on her computer but not necessarily for homework.

The Northwestern study found this trend among youths of all races. White, black and Hispanic juveniles spend on average of 16 minutes daily on computers for studies, with Asian-Americans using computers for that purpose a mere four minutes more.

That the Northwestern report showed little difference in numbers of computers in homes of white, black and Latino children surprised Gutiérrez. Homes of each of these groups have about two computers, while Asian-American homes average three.

"This runs counter to the digital divide talk of the late '90s and early part of the millennium when they said that

black and Latino youth would be left behind technologically," Gutiérrez says.

Now that minority youths rely daily on new and traditional media, parents and educators should engage them by using these tools, says Lewis of the Council of the Great City Schools. "Educators need to be more familiar with this new media, so we can use this to our advantage, so young people can have an educational experience with it that's meaningful."

Krystal and Melissa say teachers routinely assign them homework requiring Internet use and that taking shortcuts that way is all too easy. According to Melissa, students must be motivated to use technology to develop better thinking skills.

"I think the Internet can easily give you answers if you use it just to look up answers for homework, but it doesn't really help," she says. "That's the easy way out. If you actually want to learn, that's not going to help at all."

Parents can help by monitoring how children use different forms of media and for what length of time, Lewis says. The worst thing parents can do is allow children to shut themselves in their rooms while using media because that offers no way to gauge whether critical thinking skills are being used, she says.

Wartella agrees. She says media shouldn't function as baby sitters but should entertain and inform youngsters, and connect them with parents.

"Parents should start talking to young people about what media they're using and why they're using it and try to figure out what's going on," she says. "It's the way we communicate with our children."

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Seven time Grammy Award winning recording artist, producer and nominee will.i.am will spin music's hottest tracks as the "Choice" DJ at TEEN CHOICE 2011. Additionally, music sensation and nominee Jason Derulo is set to perform his new single "Don't Wanna Go Home" at the awards ceremony airing live Sunday, August 7 at 7 p.m. on FOX 4 Dallas.

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once each day for all of their favorite TEEN CHOICE 2011 nominees at www.teenchoiceawards.com.

As frontman and producer behind the multi-platinum group The Black Eyed Peas, will.i.am has helped guide them to become one of the most innovative groups for over a decade. They have sold over 58 million records worldwide plus 24 million digital tracks and won six Grammy awards. On his

own, will.i.am has established himself as one of music's top producers. He has collaborated on tracks with Justin Timberlake, John Legend, Kelis, Nas, The Game, Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, Sergio Mendes, Carlos Santana, The Pussycat Dolls, Busta Rhymes and fellow Black Eyed Pea, Fergie.

Miami-born Jason Derulo recently released his new single – "Don't Wanna

Go Home," – from his hotly anticipated second album "Future History," due for release in September. Derulo ruled the airwaves last year with his three smash hit singles, the multi-platinum debut "Whatcha Say," the multi-platinum "In My Head," and the multi-platinum "Ridin' Solo," off his self-titled debut album. He has sold more than 13 million singles and 850,000 albums worldwide.

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Amendment.

Katrina vanden Heuvel, unapologetic liberal chief editor for The Nation, calls it "Obama's best option" in a recent Washington Post op-ed. With that backdrop, President Obama may find that there is only one course left to avoid a global economic calamity: Invoke Section 4 of the 14th Amendment, which says that "the validity of the public debt of the United States ... shall not be questioned." This constitutional option is one that the president alone may exercise.

University of Baltimore law professor Garrett Epps claims he's the first to have sparked the public flame on the topic, promoting the idea that even though "Constitutional interpretation is rarely cut and dried ... a lot of executive power specialists have looked at it and taken it seriously."

"It's not a nutty idea, let me put it that way," contends Epps. "The situation hasn't ever arisen before to my knowledge."

"There is a very serious argument that the debt ceiling itself is needless, and even unconstitutional," observes Epps. "Certainly there's nothing in the Constitution providing for or requiring a debt ceiling. Many scholars argue that when Congress appropriates funds it implicitly authorizes the Treasury to borrow to pay the appropriated monies, and that a separate statute can't prevent the funds from being expended unless it explicitly repeals the appropriation."

But, former Republican Rep. Ernest Istook (R-OK), now a Distinguished Fellow at the Heritage Foundation, profoundly disagrees. "No. The 14th Amendment does not give absolute authority to the president regarding the debt. That interpretation certainly con-

flicts with Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, which gives power to Congress to borrow and determine the debt of the United States."

Istook contends that the initial purpose of the 14th Amendment was related to post-Civil War factors, "... a way to ensure the U.S. was not going to pay the debts of the Confederacy. Not to give anyone authority over the debt. That requires a certain level of selectivity and prioritizing that only the Congress can do."

Istook points to Sen. Pat

Toomey's (R-PA) proposed Full Faith and Credit Act legislation as a step in that direction. Toomey is looking for a way to service the debt while dramatically reining in spending.

Epps contends that if the President were to call on the Constitution as an impasse-breaker to avoid a meltdown in the global markets, it "would unquestionably be a constitutional crisis" — which could be an even worse situation.

"I would expect the only two mechanisms to solve it

would be a) a move to impeach the President and/or b) the 2012 elections, which would allow the people to weigh in,"

says Epps. "I don't see a way in which a presidential decision to breach the debt ceiling could make it to federal court."

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Proposed federal budget cuts could end HUD counseling

Despite serving over 11 million families since 2006

By Charlene Crowell

As President Barack Obama and Congress strive to resolve different priorities in the nation's 2012 federal budget, some are proposing an end to the only federal program that provides valuable housing counseling to millions of Americans. Majority members of a House subcommittee seek to zero out the \$87.5 million program offering at-risk services has helped served more than 11 million Americans since 2006. The range of services offered benefit homebuyers, homeowners, renters and the homeless.

Housing advocates are also warning against the likely scams that will result from the service void.

If allowed to be axed from the new budget, not only will thousands of people will not be served; but thousands of housing counselors will be laid off and some local agencies could close their doors. Most importantly, the homeowners now facing foreclosure will no longer have qualified, reliable and free services in their local communities.

In response, housing advocates have only a few days to organize and present an online petition supporting preservation of the counseling services. Although at press time over 2,000 people had signed the petition begun by the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, (<http://www.change.org/petitions/tell-congress-restore-housing-counseling-to-keep-people-in-their-homes>), many more signatures will be required to overcome the proposed cut.

While many foreclosures have occurred in urban areas, there are signs that future scams will occur in suburbs as well. Just a few days ago, Supreme Court Justices in Nassau County, New York froze the multi-million dollar assets

of two companies that demanded upfront fees in exchange for a promise to secure mortgage modifications. Reportedly, the firms took money from more than 1,000 families across the country.

In suburban Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Marci Polokoff, a counselor told her suburban paper, The Courier Times, "One of my biggest concerns, knowing all this funding is going away, [is that] a lot of scams are probably going to pick up because people aren't going to get the free services that were out there. They're grasping for straws trying to find somebody to help them. They're not going to be educated not to [fall for scams]."

The According to the Coalition of HUD Housing Counseling Intermediaries, the need for housing services already exceeds current funding levels. A significant number of those served were senior homeowners. HUD data shows that 430,000 seniors were counseled on reverse mortgages as an option to preserve their financial independence.

Research from the Center for Responsible Lending

confirms that from January 2007-2009, 2.5 million foreclosures were completed and an additional 5.7 million homes are in imminent risk of foreclosure. Additionally, the Federal Reserve Board, National Council on Aging, the Urban Institute, and the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard have all concluded that housing counseling is an important prevention against further foreclosures.

Currently, free federally-funded housing counseling services administered by local service agencies offer:

- Pre-purchase counseling and education for first-time homebuyers
- Post-purchase counseling and education for homeowners
- Reverse mortgage counseling for senior homeowners
- Renter counseling, including for families transitioning out of homeownership
- Counseling for homeless individuals and families seeking shelter or other transitional housing

With demonstrated consumer needs matched by respected research findings, it

is indeed odd that some in Congress would prefer cutting proven services. But this development is also an important reminder that ours is a participatory

democracy. As citizens, we must stand up and speak to preserve what works for our nation.

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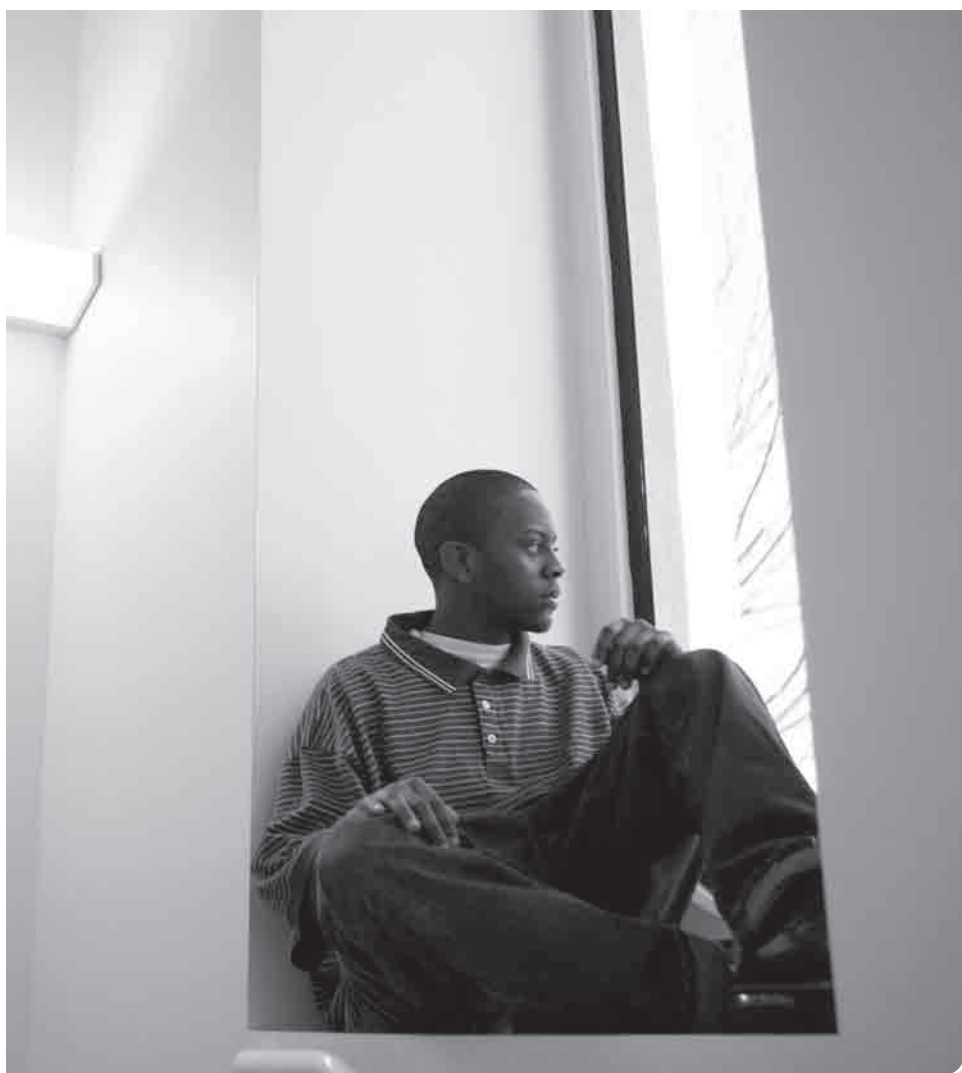
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Hispanic has served on the school board in the history of the district.

Last year a lawsuit challenging the district's at-large system failed but U.S. District Judge Sidney Fitzwater left the door open to redistricting without a lawsuit once the results of the 2010 Census were announced. When Judge Fitzwater dismissed the lawsuit in January 2010 he wrote, "After the results of the 2010 census are published, [Manuel] Benavidez may be able to obtain the relief he seeks - trustees elected from single-member districts - without the need for another lawsuit."

On Thursday, July 14 Hispanic community leaders are hosting a meeting at the Santa Maria de Guadalupe Church located at 2601 S. MacArthur Blvd. in Irving. The meeting is an effort to inform the parents of the next steps toward convincing the school board to voluntarily move to a single-member district. If the school board rejects the request some members of the Hispanic

community are suggesting the possibility of a new lawsuit. Manuel Benavidez was the plaintiff in the previous lawsuit against the district and he is reportedly planning to attend Thursday's meeting.

The school board met

early last month to discuss with their attorneys their options and possible vulnerability to a new Voting Rights Act related lawsuit in the Hispanic leadership's efforts to transition to a single-member system of representation.

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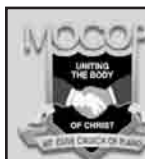
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Suddenly, an old man appeared at the front of the crowd and said, "Why your heart is not nearly as beautiful as mine." The crowd and the young man looked at the old man's heart. It was beating strongly, but it was full of scars; it had places where pieces had been removed and other pieces put in, but

they didn't fit quite right an there were several jagged edges. In fact, in some places there were deep gouges where whole pieces were missing. The people stared—how can he say that his heart is more beautiful, they thought?

The young man looked at the old man's heart and saw its state and laughed. "You must be joking," he said. "Compare your heart with mine, mine is perfect and yours is a mess of scars and tears." "Yes," said the old man, "yours is perfect looking but I would never trade with you. You see, every scar represents a person to whom I have given my love—I tear out a piece of my heart and give it to them, and often they give me a piece of their heart which fits into the empty place in my

The Beauty of The Heart

heart; but because the pieces aren't exact, I have some rough edges, which I cherish, because they remind me of the love that we shared.

Sometimes I have given pieces of my heart away, and the other person hasn't returned a piece of his heart to me. These are the empty gouges—giving love is taking a chance sometime. Although these gouges are painful, they stay open, reminding me of the love I have for these people too; and I hope that someday they may return and fill the space that I have waiting. So now do you see what true beauty is?"

The young man stood silently with tears running down his cheeks. He walked up to the old man, reached into his perfect young and beautiful heart and ripped a piece out. He offered it to the old man

with trembling hands. The old man took his offering; he placed it in his heart and then took a piece from his old and scarred heart and placed it in the wound in the young man's heart. It fit, but not perfectly, as there were some jagged edges. The young man looked at his heart, not perfect anymore but more beautiful than ever, since love from the old man's heart flowed into his. They embraced and walked away side by side.

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young men later thanked Moore for her valuable advice.

Now that her days of training adults are a distant memory, she uses those past experiences today to prevent the youth from becoming misguided adults.

As founder and executive director of Train Your Future, Moore oversees a handful of informative and educational sessions that prepares today's teens now to success when they reach adulthood.

Moore said there are three components to the 2-year-old nonprofit organization's basis: the Speak, Purpose and Real Knowledge (SPARK) summer leadership program, the Family Awareness Conference Tour (FACT) and afterschool seminars.

The second year of SPARK kicked off July 11 for 11- to 16-year-old boys and girls in the McKinney Housing Authority. Through the use of games and lessons that challenge conventional thinking, participants learn

about the purpose for their lives and set realistic goals.

"We ask the kids what you want to do, what is your purpose and set goals to get there," Moore said.

Other topics discussed in the six-week long series includes

program director Cheneda Samuel, help teens with resume writing and the appropriate dress for an interview.

A fun, but serious portion of SPARK is financial literacy. Moore said this portion

deals with helping teens understand the money traps that adults face, such as payday loans and not seeing the benefits of utilizing a checking account versus going to a check cashing store that charges over-the-top fees.

"Through the game, it is our goal to help them live within their means," she said.

SPARK is the first level of the leadership series program. Once students complete SPARK, they advance to the next level of the pro-

gram.

"Students look forward to returning and finishing the program," Moore said. "After four years, they become trailblazers and can earn laptops once they finish the program. In addition, they can contribute to the program and go out to the community provide their testimony about the program."

Although the impact the program has on the students is not seen immediately, Moore said parents have told her they have seen a difference in their child, including being more focused in school and earning better grades.

In addition to SPARK, in the fall, through its collaboration with Abba House, another nonprofit organization, the Moore's organization will partner with Richardson ISD for power lunch sessions for boys and power puff lunch sessions.

In October, TYF will sponsor its second FACT conference. Last year's event was held at Richland College in Dallas. Moore said the conference is an innovative

way to reach youth and their families through educational workshops, seminars, panel discussions and a keynote speaker. Last year's facilitators presented topic such as gangs, violence, effective communication, college

parenting, self-identity and self-respect.

For more information on Train Your Future, visit www.trainyourfuture.org or on Facebook at Train Your Future.



SPARK students during a trip to the Dallas World Aquarium in downtown Dallas. Front row from left, Leah and Christy Leffall; second row Kennedy (2nd row left to right) Kennedy Lawrence, Jaden Blue, Indanezia Mosley, Z'Licia Lusane and Cheneda Samuel; third row, Britni Ollins, Juwuan Williams and Michael. Top is Kevin Wilkins.

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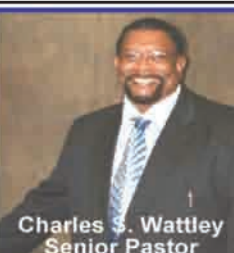
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