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## North Dallas Gazette partners with Bear Creek Community Church again

By IVY N. McQUAIN,  
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Reading is the essence of basic understanding. For the children of the Summer Reading Program held at the Bear Creek Community Church reading and learning is a delight. For the past six years Maurice and Ruby

Walker have given their time to students from throughout Dallas in all grade levels seeking remediation and enrichment, as well as, for high school students seeking to gain community service hours for their resume.

"We started this program because Maurice and I were



already tutoring students from our schools on reading and other subjects, so much so that the kids wanted to extend it out into the summer months," said Ruby Walker, a longtime educator. "When we decided to say, 'OK let's expand and have a

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## Women and toxic relationships

By AYSHE TALAY-ONGAN, Ph.D.  
NDG SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

I was six years old and in first grade when I first loved a boy in my class. I wrote him a letter telling him I intended to marry him! Luckily, my Mom who intercepted its delivery found the note. She also assured me that I had



quite a long stretch of time ahead of me yet for my

love pursuits. I'm not so sure that I wanted to pursue this six-year-old boy, but later in life, I did pursue the love of my life, and luckily, he was worth his weight in gold.

Once again, I was lucky, or maybe somewhat wiser to make the right decision at the right time for the right person. But many women who fall in love continue their relationship even when their partners in loving express their attentions by behav-

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## Students from around the world attend music festival in Dallas

A slice of the world comes to Dallas by way of Elan International Music Festival, on the University of Texas Dallas campus from July 15 - 29. The festival brings masters, art students and instructors from all over the world together to learn, practice and improve their artistic performances.

"It is a life-changing event for the students who attend because it creates the opportunity for them to perform with masters," says Elan's founder, Gary Levinson. "This program is intended to elucidate various musical goals that they don't have time to work on during the school year and to make

for a more conducive environment for chamber music and orchestral training."

Top named musicians will teach private lessons, coach chamber and orchestra music. Richard Young, violist of the world famous Vermeer String Quartet; Charles Stegeman, concert-

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COMMENTARY

## Was Romney's NAACP address necessary?

By CAMERON SEARCY  
NDG INTERN

When Republican candidate Governor Mitt Romney stepped to the podium at the 103rd NAACP Convention in Houston last week, the audience saw a chess player making a bold, yet calculated move towards 'the king' without even knowing it. Some may question whether Romney's appearance that afternoon was sincere. However, the real question is, "Was it even necessary?" Is

Romney perhaps a few steps ahead of his critics? Not only those outside but those within his camp.

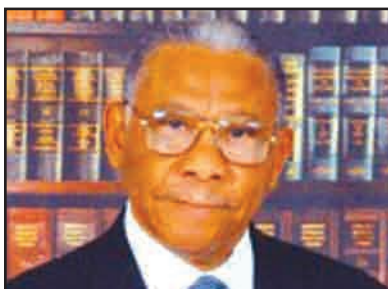
It is almost naïve to expect any politician to exude sincerity, regardless of what he or she may say or what tactics they utilize. There is a clear objective, which is to accumulate the support necessary for votes come Election Day. Whether it's for a seat in the Senate or the one in the Oval Office, they generally say and do

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## People In The News...



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## Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr.

BY SIS. SHIRLEY TARPLEY  
NDG RELIGION EDITOR

Pastor Robert E. Price, leader of New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dallas, TX, Inc. for more than 40 years, died Saturday, July 14, 2012 at his home at the age of 80.

During the more than 42 years that Dr. Price served as pastor of New Mount Zion Church of Dallas, Inc. his congregation grew from less than one hundred members to over 2,000 members. The church, New

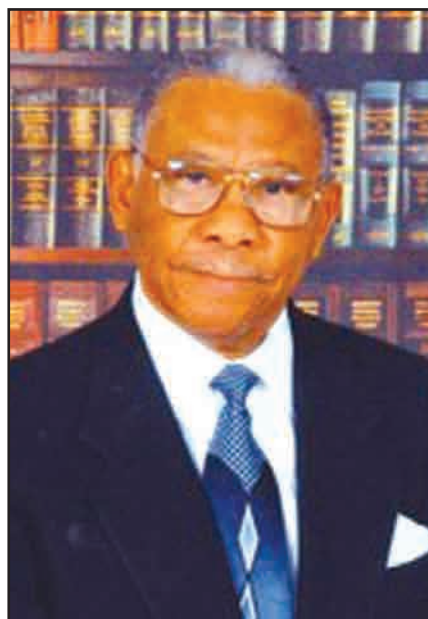
Mount Zion, was a direct reflection of his ambition, values and vision. The church now boasts 25 religious, educational, business and technological ministries to meet the needs of all its members. His inspiration compelled between 15-20 ministers to aid the pastor in ministering to those in need.

More than 30 years ago, Dr. Price started the church's day care center that now serves 110 families.

In 2000, his dream of having a credit union was achieved when the New Mount Zion Baptist Church Credit Union was chartered. The credit union serves close to 700 members of New Mount Zion and the surrounding community.

Dr. Price was a community leader for over 50 years. To this end, the Hamilton Park Post Office was re-named in his honor in 2007.

In June 2008, Dr. Price hosted the 102nd National Baptist Congress. This convention brought thou-



sands of attendees from across the United States to Dallas and generated \$8-10 million of income for the city and local businesses, and was covered extensively by *North Dallas Gazette*.

He worked 28 years for the Lomas and Nettleton Mo-

rtgage Banking Corporation and retired as Vice President. He was a resident of the Hamilton Park community for over 40 years and was an integral part of the Hamilton Park Pacesetter School and the overall Richardson and the Dallas Independent School Districts. He had an allegiance to or held office in:

- Hamilton Park Civic League
- Presbyterian Village North Board of Directors
- Greater Rising Star District Association

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## Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr.

Shockwaves of grief swept through the 6,000 plus member congregation of Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church (CCTOF) as news spread of the sudden death Sunday, July 15 of their longtime Pastor Rev. Dr. Jerome E. McNeil, Jr., who was 63 years old, had just completed his sermon at the 10:45 a.m. worship service and was greeting several church members seated in the back of the sanctuary when he fell ill.

Once word of his passing was shared on our website, it

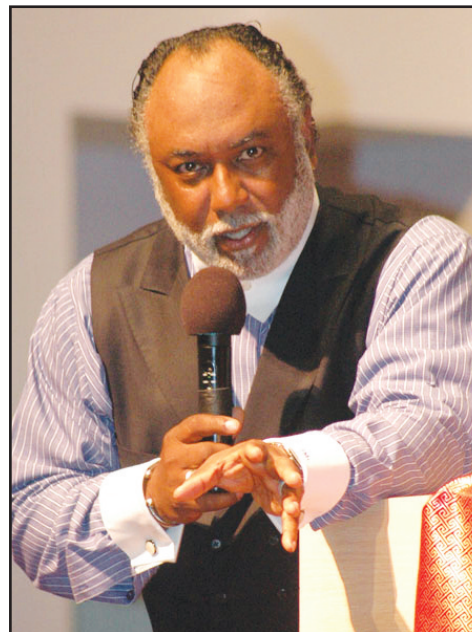
was soon flooded with comments like those of Paula, "Each and every Sunday that I walked through the doors at Christian Chapel, I knew that I would leave with a positive message. Thank you!!! Pastor McNeil. You will be missed."

In full time ministry for 34 years, McNeil served as the Pastor of CCTOF for 21 years. Under his leadership, over 80 ministries were established and it was one of the largest churches in the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) denomination.

Those who worked closely with McNeil in ministry fondly recalled how he often shared words of inspiration. "I'm often reminded of something McNeil said to me, 'God's Will will never take us anywhere that his grace will not keep us,'" states Rev. Norris Curry, CCTOF Associate Pastor and a longtime close friend of McNeil's.

He was known nationally as an evangelist, pastor, teacher, and preacher and had recently been inducted into the inaugural edition of the Who's Who in Black Dallas. According to Dr. Dan Fitten, Pastor of St. Matthews CME

Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, McNeil's many honors and awards never changed his focus on preaching the uncompromising gospel of Jesus Christ and being a mentor to others. "Dr. McNeil was my prayer partner, confidant, brother and closest friend for over 22 years. Above all, he was my personal pastor and presence that will be hard to replace," reflects Fitten.



Rev. William Spearmen, one of many dozens of McNeil's sons in the ministry adds, "Dr. McNeil epitomized the passion, purpose and power of who and what God's man should be."

Dr. McNeil was a nationally recognized evangelist, counselor, teacher, workshop facilitator, speaker and author, who emphasized a biblical response to the current issues facing modern

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## Mellody Hobson

The Board of Directors of After School Matters, the nonprofit organization



that provides high quality, out-of-school time oppor-

tunities for Chicago high school teens in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology, announced today that Ariel Investments President Mellody Hobson will serve as the organization's new chairman, a position that had been vacant since the passing of its founder Maggie Daley in November of last year.

Additionally, it was announced that Nora Daley Conroy will join the organization's

board of directors and Patrick Daley will join its advisory board, carrying on their mother's legacy of ensuring that Chicago teens have opportunities to develop their talents and gain critical skills for work, college and beyond.

In announcing these appointments, Roger J. Kiley, Jr., vice chairman of After School Matters Board of Directors, expressed great confidence about the future of the 21-year-old nonprofit organization. "Mellody's strong financial leadership and managerial skills are just what we need to sustain the vitality of our organization and ensure that we continue to fulfill our vision to help Chicago teens discover their potential and find their path to a meaningful life," said Kiley. "I know that Mel-

lody and our new CEO, Dr. Mary Ellen Caron, will help our organization grow and expand to meet the needs of even more Chicago teens."

Beyond her work at Ariel, Hobson serves as chairman of the board of trustees for Ariel Investment Trust. Hobson currently serves as a director of DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc., The Estée Lauder Companies Inc., Groupon, Inc. and Starbucks Corporation. She also serves on the boards of various civic organizations, including the Field Museum, the Chicago Public Education Fund and the Sundance Institute. A nationally-recognized expert on financial literacy and investor education, Hobson is also a regular contributor on ABC's "Good Morning

America." Hobson earned her AB degree from

Princeton's Woodrow Wilson

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## It's Time to Create a Different Model for Housing

BY DOUG PIBEL

(American Forum) Recently, the story broke that foreclosures were at the lowest level since 2007. That sounds like great news—we're finally cleaning up the mess from the real estate bubble. Except for one thing: Realty-Trac.com, a marketer of information on foreclosed real estate, noted in April that the number of short sales (where a bank allows an owner to sell for less than is owed on the mortgage) were up by 33 percent from last year. In other words, there's still plenty of distressed real estate; the banks are just using a different method to get rid of them.

The fallout from the bubble and the associated financial meltdown continues to cause pain for a lot of people. The standard question among economists is, "What can we do to get things back to the way they were?" But it's not clear why we'd want to do that. There's no point in trying to return to inflated

prices that have everything to do with speculation and nothing to do with real value. There's nothing to be gained by recreating a market where everyone buys the biggest house they can afford—and maybe a bit more.

Why not ask, instead, what we can do to create a different model for housing—one that embraces the best of tradition and the best of new thinking. Since 1950, the average size of a new house in the United States has more than doubled, even as average household size has decreased by nearly a quarter. The average American now has living space just shy of 1,000 square feet—nearly the size of the average house in 1950. Have our needs really changed that much in six decades? Or have we been sold something we don't really need?

While not a scientific survey, here's an interesting data point: One of the perennially popular articles on the YES! Magazine website is the story of Dee

Williams' tiny house. Williams moved from a 1,500-square-foot house to an 84-square-foot house she built herself for \$9,000. That's extreme, for sure, and no one expects the majority of Americans to go that far. But the continued interest in the concept says that people are realizing that smaller is better.

A return to smaller houses has many advantages. They're less expensive to build, so you don't have to get the biggest mortgage you can afford to own one—and your chances of ending up as a foreclosure statistic are lower. They're easier to heat and cool, saving both dollars and resources.

Not everyone is going to build a new house, and there's a huge stock of existing larger houses. But those, too, offer the opportunity for living smaller. An increasing number of people are "doubling up," living with friends or family—whether out of economic necessity or desire to downsize both living

space and expenses. The nearly 18 percent of existing housing stock that's larger than 3,000 square feet could be divided into multiple dwelling units.

The Census Bureau estimates that more than 18 million houses stood empty during 2011, even as hundreds of thousands of people were homeless. Millions more are insecure in their housing because they're burdened with underwater mortgages or because they're renting.

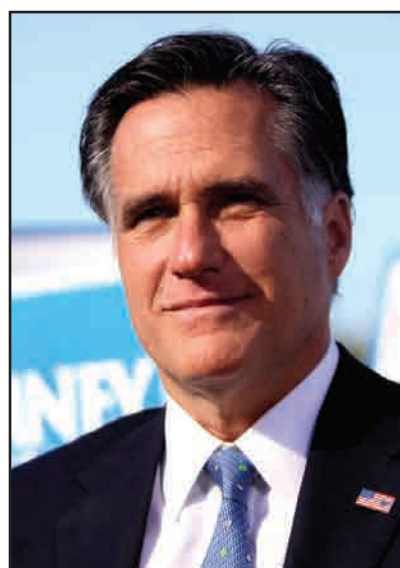
The real solution to the wrecked state of U.S. real estate is not to try to get things back to where they were. It's to find creative ways to match supply with demand, to change the way we finance housing, and to recognize that owning the biggest house on the block could be the American nightmare rather than the American dream.

Doug Pibel is managing editor of YES! Magazine, which recently published an issue on homes in a post-bubble world.

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whatever it takes to reach their goal, even if it includes shaking hands, kissing babies, and making some mock promises along the way. Romney's desire was to receive the respect of the NAACP, but the public should not believe for one second that he sees their respect as synonymous with votes. Many also believe it wanted to appeal to the moderate independent voters by appearing to reach out to African Americans.

Obtaining the African-American vote has been difficult for many Republican candidates, no matter how well-equipped for the job they may be. In Romney's case, he has too much baggage in his corner, never mind his faith in Mormonism, a religion that denied the membership of Blacks until 1978. While this fact may be worn out, it gives an honest idea of the hurdles Romney has to



Mitt Romney

clear just to get an iota of the Black vote President Barack Obama is expected to receive.

A vital aspect of being a politician is playing the game, despite what the reception will be. Romney going in front of the NAACP showed that he is far from afraid of venturing

into a hostile situation and hold his ground on such topics as eliminating Obamacare while smiling through his teeth. The jeers from the crowd simply played into his favor. He was able to present himself as a deacon of the Republican party, willing to place himself in the line of fire for the sake (and protection) of their principles.

Are Romney's actions necessary? Yes. Romney is creating an image of strength by exploiting the source of one of his key weaknesses: gaining the Black vote. He showed his willingness to tell it like it is, even if the audience does not like the message. For many his

boasting on this fact later in the day at a fundraiser and statement that if people want something for free they should vote for the other guy that was perhaps more insulting than his token plaudits in Houston to the NAACP audience.

In the past, Romney has been labeled as a pushover, lacking of a personality that can compete with that of President Obama's, and in some cases, closer to a liberal than a conservative. However, if he has any characteristics in common with a liberal, it is what Malcolm X described as being the 'sly fox,' showing his teeth to Black folk while working for the approval of his Republican peers. It is a tactic that could very well win over those conservatives who question whether or not Romney is truly on the right side of things. No pun intended.

## Menopause: Make it a positive change for you

BY DR. JILL WAGGONER

There are some good-natured jokes that have been made about menopause over the years, but for some women, it's not a laughing matter. Most of the millions of women going through menopause experience at least some of its symptoms, including hot flashes, night sweats, mood swings, weight gain, difficulty sleeping, vaginal dryness, and memory lapses or difficulty concentrating.

"Menopause occurs when a woman permanently stops having menstrual periods," says Jill Waggoner, MD, an independently practicing physician on the medical staff at Methodist Health System. She explains that a woman has completed menopause when menstrual periods have ceased for one continuous year and that the average age of menopause is 50-51, but menopause can occur when a woman is in her early 40's or as late as her 60's. Some women undergo surgical menopause when their ovaries are removed. Early menopause can be caused by some medical treatments like chemotherapy or even by excessive athletic training.

**Treatment?** "It's not a disease, so there's no treatment," says Dr. Waggoner. "The goal is to relieve symptoms, which may last up to five years." She suggests eating healthy fats, like Omega 3 fish oil found in salmon



Dr. Jill Waggoner

and sardines, and exercising on a regular basis to help relieve symptoms. "Do weight-bearing exercises like walking to improve bone density," says Dr. Waggoner, adding that exercises decrease the risk of heart attack and stroke, and help to decrease stress. Many women ask if they should consider hormone replacement therapy (HRT). "The answer is unique for every woman," says Dr. Waggoner. "You should discuss it with your health care provider." She does encourage women to do their own research on HRT so they come to the discussion understanding the risks as well as the benefits.

Dr. Waggoner has another bit of advice for women undergoing menopause. "Think of menopause as a butterfly experience," she says. "It's a natural stage of life and a period of time for

change – a new phase in life. Women who have this attitude fare better during menopause because they are happier."

She adds that many women feel frustrated when they reach menopause because they may have spent their entire lives doing for others and neglecting themselves. Think of menopause as a time of self-discovery and reassessment. What do you want to achieve? Get rid of some things you no longer need. Try

new adventures. Start speaking your mind. A lot of stress comes from women not being able to do what they want to do. "Educate the people you love, and let them know that now is the time for you to do the things you want to do," says Dr. Waggoner. "Assure them that they will be okay and so will you."

### How Do You Support the Menopausal Woman?

**Educate yourself.** Menopause is real, and for many women it can be life altering.

By learning everything you can about this phase of life you can better understand and assist your family member or friend as she makes this transition.

**Communicate and listen.** It is very important for everyone involved to communicate effectively. Menopause not only affects the woman, but also those who love her. While it is important to express what you are feeling about the changes your loved one is experiencing, it is even more important to listen to their feelings about those changes.

**Believe her.** For many years women were told that what they were experiencing during menopause was "all in their head." It is critical that those around her believe her when she expresses what she is experiencing. Although you might not relate to what she is going through, the important thing is to be empathetic and supportive.

**Be patient.** Sometimes she might not be able to explain exactly what she is feeling or why she is feeling it.

Just be patient until she works out her feelings and is ready to communicate them to you.

**Don't personalize her mood swings.** Remember this is not about you! So her anger or frustration is not directed at you. Give space and understanding, which can go a long way in maintaining the relationship. Remember she can be angry or sad or frustrated, and you can listen to her without making it about you.

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## Richardson and Murphy may build and co-own recreation center

Last week, the Richardson City Council supported the Richardson Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation that Richardson and Murphy pursue a 50-50 split of both capital and operating costs if the two cities fund a new recreation center proposed for Breckinridge Park.

Richardson and Murphy have been in discussions for several months about possibly working together to build a recreation center that would serve both communities.

Advantages of a partnership include the ability to

share capital and operating costs, which would allow construction of a larger center with amenities that would not be feasible if Richardson and Murphy were to build separate facilities.

The area surrounding Breckinridge Park is considered underserved by indoor recreation opportunities. Breckinridge Park's master plan for the future includes a recreation center to one day be built on the site.

Possible amenities are still being refined but include a gymnasium, a community room/events hall,

fitness and weight room areas, a jogging/ walking track, an outdoor leisure pool and an indoor family aquatics area.

Construction and operating costs for a future facility will depend on the level of amenities that are included. Both cities agree that creating unique activities would generate the most benefit to try to attract residents. The City of Richardson anticipates that funding for a joint facility would need to be supported by a future bond program that would have to be approved by voters.

## TxDMV releases new general-issue plate

What's black and white and read all over?

"The Texas Classic," the new general-issue license plate released by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV).

The Texas Classic is white with black lettering, and features the Texas star, state silhouette, and "The Lone Star State" slogan. It also comes with a new security feature.

The TxDMV is currently shipping The Texas Classic plates to the state's 254 county tax offices. But don't rush out to get it. To save taxpayer money and avoid waste, counties must first exhaust their inventory of the current general-issue plate before issuing the new one.

For the fashion conscious, the black and white plate's classic design will go with any color car or light truck. If you think of yourself as a little retro then this plate is sure to match your taste. And if you just want a simple, easy-to-read license plate, this is the one for you.

While the TxDMV does not expect any license plate design to please everyone, The Texas Classic offers something for all Texans: Public safety.

"The TxDMV Board unanimously approved this plate design because it meets high standards for public

safety, and that is our first priority," said TxDMV Board Chairman Victor Vandergriff.

"The majority of the almost 22 million registered vehicles in Texas display the general-issue plate," Vandergriff added. "The Texas Classic plate design isn't colorful like some of the specialty plates or the current general-issue plate, but it is a purposeful license plate that is supported by law enforcement."

The Texas Classic includes:

- Two new, high-visibility security threads embedded into the license plate sheeting. Texas is the first state in the country to provide dual security threads, making it easier for law enforcement to spot legitimate plates.

- Bigger plate numbers. The plate letters and numbers are a full inch wide and just over 2 1/2 - inches tall.

- A new license plate pattern. Plates will be issued with three letters followed by four numbers. By keeping the letters and numbers separate in the alpha-numeric pattern, the seven-character license plate number is easier to remember. This is convenient for plate owners, and also

provides better recall for law enforcement and citizen witnesses.

The TxDMV believes many Texans will embrace The Texas Classic. The top-selling license plate design for the state's specialty plate marketing vendor, My Plates, is a black and white design.

Texans who prefer to have a different plate design may choose from a variety of specialty license plates available from the TxDMV or My Plates. Currently, there are about 1.2 million Texas vehicles with specialty license plates. Specialty plates have the added advantage of personalization, which is not available on the general-issue license plate.

Those who like the current multi-colored, general-issue plate can keep those plates until they are due for mandatory replacement. All state license plates are replaced every seven years due to a loss in reflectivity.

More information on license plates, including The Texas Classic, is available at [www.TxDMV.gov](http://www.TxDMV.gov).



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## Camp immerses youths in science and university life

Two dozen middle and high school kids recently visited UT Dallas for an immersive college experience aimed at cultivating their interests in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

From June 3-6, UT Dallas, with sponsor Time Warner Cable and community partner Project Still I Rise Inc., hosted the Urban STEM Initiative Camp, which served unrepresented male students from urban areas.

Campers slept in the residence halls and ate in the dining hall to get a feel for what college life might be like. Time Warner Cable provided backpacks, calculators, t-shirts and other items to enhance the campers' experience on campus.



**A team of three high school students, including freshman Kevin Mondy Jr., won the robotics competition.**

During the camp, the visitors were divided into teams and participated in workshops and pre-college seminars on financial aid, the college application process, scholarships and college life. Students also competed against one another with daily challenges in mathematics and robotics.

"With the advent of technology and globalization in the new millennium, it's important for students to have an educational foundation that prepares them to compete in the modern economy," said Arthur Gregg, assistant vice president for multicultural affairs and director of the Multicultural Center.

The teams of three were given the task to build their own self-programmed robots and then battle their inventions against one another.

"The sensors worked better where we positioned them, and that led to better attacks," said high school freshman Kevin Mondy Jr., whose team won the competition.

In the new Science Learning Center (SLC), campers also were exposed to positive images of professional engineers as representatives from Rockwell Collins spoke about their roles as systems engineers.

"This is all new to me. I want to be a civil engineer, so it's different and interesting to hear about other areas in the field," said Oshe Mazin, a senior from Red Oak High School.

"We're grateful for our premier camp sponsor Time Warner Cable and for sponsor Rockwell Collins. The Urban STEM Camp has been a great opportunity - we were so proud to have these awesome young men on campus," added Gregg.

## Local judge wins a victory in her battle with City of Dallas

Dallas Municipal Judge Phyllis Lister Brown earlier this year fought to stay on the bench while she pursued higher office. Her position was an appointment by the City Council, and the city charter requires appointed officials to step down when seeking higher office. Over the last two decades Brown was re-appointed several times to the position. However, the city sought to remove her after she filed as a candidate in Democratic Primary for the 162nd District Court position. Her current term was slated to end on May 31, 2012.

Her legal counsel filed a petition for injunctive and declaratory relief in November 2011 in anticipation of her kicking off her campaign. Brown's attorney's asserted that the charter's guidelines does not apply to her because she "is neither an appointive officer of the City" and Brown does not hold a "place or position with the city." On February 9 a lower court ruled in her



**Judge Phyllis Lister Brown**

favor and allowed her to remain on the bench awaiting trial. But the Dallas City Council voted for her removal and the matter moved forward in the courts.

According to an email from Brown's spokesperson Colby Walton summarizing the 5th District's Court of Appeals ruling on July 5, "The City had appealed the trial court's adverse ruling with respect to the City's governmental immunity defense (the "plea to the juris-

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## Complimentary Back-to-School Haircuts for Kids Available from Remington College-Dallas Campus

*Cuts for Kids event provides two weeks of complimentary back-to-school haircuts starting August 14*

Kids will be headed back to school before you know it, and Remington College-Dallas Campus is

again offering complimentary back-to-school haircuts for children this summer. The event is called

Cuts for Kids and begins Tuesday, August 14 and runs for two weeks.

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## Taste of Dallas 2012



NDG photographer Frank Lott captured photos from the 2012 edition of Taste of Dallas which thousands enjoyed July 13-15 at Fair Park. The 26th Annual Taste of Dallas raised money for the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, their national offices are based here in Dallas.

The event featured not only food from popular restaurants and chefs throughout the city but in a nod to the growing popularity of food trucks, they were also allowed to participate. Guests enjoyed great food, music and activities for kids.

*Photo: Cigarillos' Promotional Representative Kim A. and Danitra Marshall of Waco TX. Photos by Frank Lott*

## Richardson Fire Department dedicate new facility



City of Richardson officials at ribbon cutting for new fire station.

The Richardson Fire Department held a dedication ceremony and open house on July 12 to celebrate the opening of the new Fire Station 4.

The new station, funded by the 2010 Bond Program, replaces the old Fire Station 4, which was built in 1973. The new station, located at 1500 Apollo Rd., includes features to meet regulatory requirements not able to be accommodated at the old site and will accommodate today's operational staffing needs and larger fire vehicles.

## HOBSON, continued from Page 2

son School of International Relations and Public Policy. She also received an honorary doctorate degree in humanities from Howard University.

In her role as board chairman, Hobson will be responsible for engaging and cultivating new board members; expanding the organization's donor base to include major private gifts and individual

donors; and providing strong support for After School Matters leadership in their efforts to expand access to and continue to improve the quality of the organization's programs.

"I am proud and honored to step into the role of chair of the After School Matters board. I recognize that, as the first and only person after Maggie Daley to serve in this position, I

have big shoes to fill. But, I share Mrs. Daley's vision of helping young people and will work to preserve and protect her legacy," said Hobson. "The future of our teens is important to Chicago and its corporate community. They are our future workforce and we have a vested interest in supporting their growth and cultivating their talents."

## HAIRCUTS, continued from Page 6

Remington College has provided more than 8,000 complimentary haircuts across the country through since the start of the 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.

"Cuts for Kids allows us to help parents save some money on back-to-school expenses and helps children look and feel their best when they go back to school," said Skip Walls, Remington College-Dallas Campus President.

Event dates: Tuesday, August 14 through Saturday, August 25.

To schedule an appointment: call The Salon at Remington at 972-698-3890. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Adults who bring a child in for Cuts for Kids can get 50% off select services for themselves, including haircuts, styling, manicures and pedicures. 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.

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# Where Does DJ Kayotik



## Get His Funk?

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## MCNEIL, continued from Page 2

families and communities through his teaching and preaching ministries. Also a community activist, Dr. McNeil was one of the founding members of Dallas' African American Pastors Coalition and Denominational Prayer Coordinator for the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. His passion was prayer and equipping others for ministry.

Being a man of integrity is what CCTOF Senior Associate Pastor Rev. Vanessa Ingram says she will remember McNeil for. "He modeled integrity in everything he did. He walked worthy of his calling."



**Dr. Jerome E. McNeil**

Longtime CCTOF member Arlicia Wince-Rickman echoed Ingram's sentiments. "Pastor Jerome E. McNeil, Jr. was an 'Incredible Servant of God.' From the onset of my arrival at CCTOF, he navigated my Christian walk with his strong belief in Prayer. He

is/was my Spiritual Leader, Preacher, Teacher and Friend who had an amazing gift to take any subject matter relate it to scripture and make it relevant! I am forever grateful for his teachings and the legacy he has etched in my heart forever. I love him and miss him dearly!"

His death is deeply mourned by his wife of 39 years, Billye, two daughters, Charla and Vanita (Michael) and two granddaughters, Kyra and Melodee, extended family, friends, church family, ministerial colleagues, along with countless sons and daughters in the ministry.

### The Celebration of Life Services for McNeil

Thursday, July 19  
at 7 p.m.

### Praise Celebration Featuring CCTOF

### Music Ministry

Friday, July 20  
at 3 p.m. – close

### Public Viewing \*

Saturday, July 21  
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Public Viewing  
11 a.m.

### Celebration of Life

\*Black and Clark Funeral Home, 2517 East

Illinois Avenue in Dallas, TX 75216

All events take place at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church, 14120 Noel in Dallas, unless otherwise noted.

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- Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas

- National Missionary Baptist Convention of America

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- Prairie View A&M National Alumni Association

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Dr. Price graduated from Prairie View A&M University in 1954 with a degree in Agriculture and



**Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr.**

Mathematics. He also attended Bishop College in Dallas, Texas for training in the field of Theology. He received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Saint Thomas Christian College in November 2003.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Deloris Brashear Price, their three children, three grandsons and three great-grandchildren. He was known to be a man of true benevolence and will be remembered for his kind and generous spirit.

### Home-going Service Information for Pastor R.E. Price

**Viewing:** Friday, July 20; 4-6 p.m.; New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Inc.; 9550 Shepherd Road, Dallas, 75243; 214-341-6459

**Wake:** Friday, July 20; 7-9 p.m.; New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Inc.; 9550 Shepherd Road, Dallas, 75243; 214-341-6459

**Homegoing Celebration:** Saturday, July 21; 11 a.m.; New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Inc.; 9550 Shepherd Road, Dallas, 75243; 214-341-6459

His home going services will be held at New Mount Zion Baptist Church on Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21.

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# The City of Irving and Irving Bible Church partnering to serve residents in need

BY: JACKIE HARDY  
NDG CONTRIBUTING  
WRITER

Irving's Department of Housing and Human Services (HHS) and Irving Bible Church (IBC) are defying the rules of separation of church and state through their partnership and development of its Services to Empower People (STEP) Program. This program provides one-time emergency financial assistance to Irving residents over an eight-week period using the church's benevolence funds established by their benevolence fund guidelines.

The STEP program is a short-term assistant program providing financial assistance for a maximum of two months of rent with the client receiving a second month of assistance based on them demonstrating a good faith effort in meeting the action plan requirements set by the client and their case manager.



prove their current situation.

"It's a very unique program, as you don't hear every day about churches giving money to their local city government to manage for them and it's a model that can be picked up and taken from city to city," Anna Heil, Global Partnership Director for Irving Bible Church (IBC) said. "That's what we hope will happen, being able to fill that gap obviously as city government has lost a lot of funding."

Despite the decline of

with other homeless assistant programs strive to help Irving residents facing the pressures making ends meet.

HHS has a trained staff that is able to understand and identify the client's needs and work with them to develop an action plan. The goal of the STEP program is to ensure that people who are seeking assistance from the church are provided with the tools to retain self-sufficiency and enhance their ability to overcome financial hardships.

The Department of HHS utilizes a holistic approach in the assistance, training and resources they offer to clients. They include:

- Counseling (i.e. budget, credit),
- Education (job training/career transition, GED, citizenship prep classes, and ESL programs), and
- Financial assistance (rent/utility).

With the STEP program in its infancy stage, they are working with limited funds because there is not a new internal source for funding this program other than what comes from the faith-based organizations. Irving Bible Church (IBC) is the primary funder for the program as

they committed \$90,000 for fiscal year 2012-2013.



According to Heil, IBC is totally committed to the success of this program and developing additional

fundraising initiatives through scholarship funds, pursuing grants and creating marketing strategies and tangibles to promote the program to other church organizations. IBC hopes all churches, big or small within Irving, will want to get involved with the program.

"If other churches are looking to revamp their benevolence as well we are looking at packaging and marketing this and take it to the inner city to train and pass it off to other cities around the area," Heil said.

The department is hopeful that other faith based organizations will see the benefit in joining IBC by becoming partners in the STEP program to allow the department the opportunity to maximize all its contributing funds for homelessness prevention as 100 percent of donations will go toward financial assistance for its clients.

Chris Hooper, director of HHS, said he is excited about the program and hopes the response from other faith-based organizations will be positive. His department recognizes it will take a collaborative effort from everyone within the community to increase awareness and solve the problem of poverty and homelessness in Irving.

Heil said she hopes also other churches and local governments will want to get involved with the STEP program and come together to bear the burden of helping those in their community who are in need.

"It's a great testament to be able to serve those in our community because it is just for Irving..." she adds.

For more information about the STEP program and/or to learn more about becoming a partner contact Anna Heil of Irving Bible Church at 972-560-4600 or via email at aheil@irving-bible.org.



**Services To Empower People**  
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## STEP Program Overview:

A church and city partnership created to provide one-time emergency financial assistance to Irving residents over an 8 week period. Numerous churches in Irving have partnered and designated funds to the City of Irving Housing and Human Services department to be used for rental and utility assistance. While providing financial assistance, we also seek to provide people with the tools necessary to improve their current living situations through specific classes. The client advocate will provide the individual with an 8 week action plan tailored specifically for that individual and will encourage them through this process. The individual will attend classes such as Life Skills, Budget Coaching, ESL, Career Transition Workshops etc. at the different churches in the area and will also be provided with an option for free medical care and counseling, if deemed necessary by the client advocate. Our goal is to approach the problem in the most holistic way possible and to empower people to better themselves so they can provide for their family in the future.

## Client Approval Process:

Partner Churches will refer the individual into the program.

The individual is responsible for calling the Housing and Human Services department to schedule an intake interview.

Once the intake interview is complete, the client advocate will then approve or deny the individual.

Once the individual has been accepted into the STEP program, the client advocate will provide an action plan for the client that they are responsible to complete over the next 8 weeks.

Housing and Human Services will work directly with the apartment/landlord or utility company to work out payment arrangements. Payment will be made directly to the apartment/landlord or utility company.

If the client refuses to comply with the outlined plan, he or she will no longer be eligible to receive the financial assistance. Any disputes will be directed to the referring church whereas all matters will be resolved and/or handled.

## Program Eligibility:

Applicants **MUST BE** Irving residents  
Applicants must provide basic information and necessary documents (i.e. lease agreement, utility bill) to be considered for financial assistance

Applicants are required to participate in any necessary training and/or counseling as determined in their action plan developed by the Housing and Human Services Case Manager

Applicant must be committed to becoming self-sufficient once assistance ends

**NOTE: ELIGIBILITY IS BASED ON FUNDS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE STEP PROGRAM**, if unable to provide assistance applicants can dial 211, an information hotline that provides information about critical health and human services available in their local community, and/or be referred to other homelessness prevention agencies.

SOURCE: Irving Bible Church and Department of HHS

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"We feel like there's this niche population that is not able to get help and that is where the church needs to step in and really care for these people," said Heil.

IBC is taking a different approach towards common issues like unemployment, poverty, and homelessness that local communities may have. This partnership and program began last month with a mission to provide for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of Irving residents by equipping, encouraging, and empowering each individual to im-

the City's unemployment rate, as reported by the Texas Workforce Commission, from seven percent in January 2012 to 6.3 percent. Irving citizens are still struggling to pay their bills or rent. According to demographical information provided on the City of Irving's website, the city has over 91,000 household units. The 2010 Census shows 55.8 percent of those households are renter occupied. The STEP program organizers, along



## NDG Gossip: Young Buck sentenced to 3 years in prison

BY KENDRIA BROWN  
NDG INTERN

Because of a tax evasion investigation which resulted in a federal raid of his home, rapper Young Buck, real name David Darnell Brown, is facing time in prison. In 2010, the rapper owed more than \$300,000 in unpaid taxes. When the federal agents came to his Tennessee home to repossess belongings for collection purposes, they made the discovery of a firearm. He was charged with unauthorized weapon possession, which comes with a possible 10-year sentence.



Young Buck

However, the former G-Unit rapper made a plea bargain to do three years in prison, and can be out in 18 months with good behavior. He was sentenced on July 13 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Buck is no stranger to the courts but he does feel that he is moving forward from a troubled past. In 2005, Young Buck pleaded no contest to a case in which he stabbed a man at the 2004 Vibe Awards. He cites the judge's exclusive discretion in making his sentence decision, "With the judge not considering my history to subtract some time, I'm just thankful for what time I do have," Buck told MSNBC.

Young Buck has a new outlook on his life saying,

"I've had some rough times. I've been fighting the bankruptcy situation, as well as my court situations. My pride is through the roof. My head is held high. I'm just looking to get all this behind me."

Young Buck must report to prison on August 13, 2012 to begin serving his sentence. Upon being released from prison, the rapper will then be placed on a three-year probationary period.

In an attempt to pay off some of his tax debt, the rapper's belongings will be auctioned off starting next week.

To view more [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9fJbHxzPSc&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9fJbHxzPSc&feature=player_embedded).

## Gospel Poet, Rapper Redefines the Genre

BY KAILA HEARD  
(NNPA) When Iona Gunn describes what exactly it is exactly she does when she steps up to a microphone to recite her poetry while music plays in the background, she typically, says "it's poetry with an attitude."

But in many other circles, Gunn's artistry is described as Christian rap. However, the word can still conjure up negative images among some people, particularly for those from an older generation.

The 49-year-old poet, wife and mother of three can understand some elders reluctance to embrace the hip hop genre.

"At first, I didn't like it either because I couldn't un-



derstand what people were saying, so [rap] was closed off to me," she recalled. "So my brother began coach me and he said, 'rap ain't nothing but with poetry with an attitude.'"

**The Hell That I Live With**

The hell that I live with it has a name I keep it to myself because of the shame

The trials are hid by the smile on my face trying to make the pain go away

The hell that I live with others do not know they see me as I come and as I go

The hell that I live with it's a reflection of the mistakes that I made along the way

The hell that I live with makes me want to through up my hands and quit

The hell that I live with leaves me wondering "Is it worth it?"

The hell that I live with I'll accept it for now because one day when Jesus comes I'll wear a crown. —Iona Gunn

Slowly she came to appreciate the genre more. Yet it was not until last

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## Judge orders audit of Chris Brown's community service

(NNPA) According to the Associated Press, a judge ordered an audit of Chris Brown's community service progress after a prosecutor handling his felony assault case cited a possible discrepancy in the amount of work he has performed.

Deputy District Attorney Mary Murray requested the audit because she says the records are not clear on how many hours Brown performed and where the work has been done. Brown had



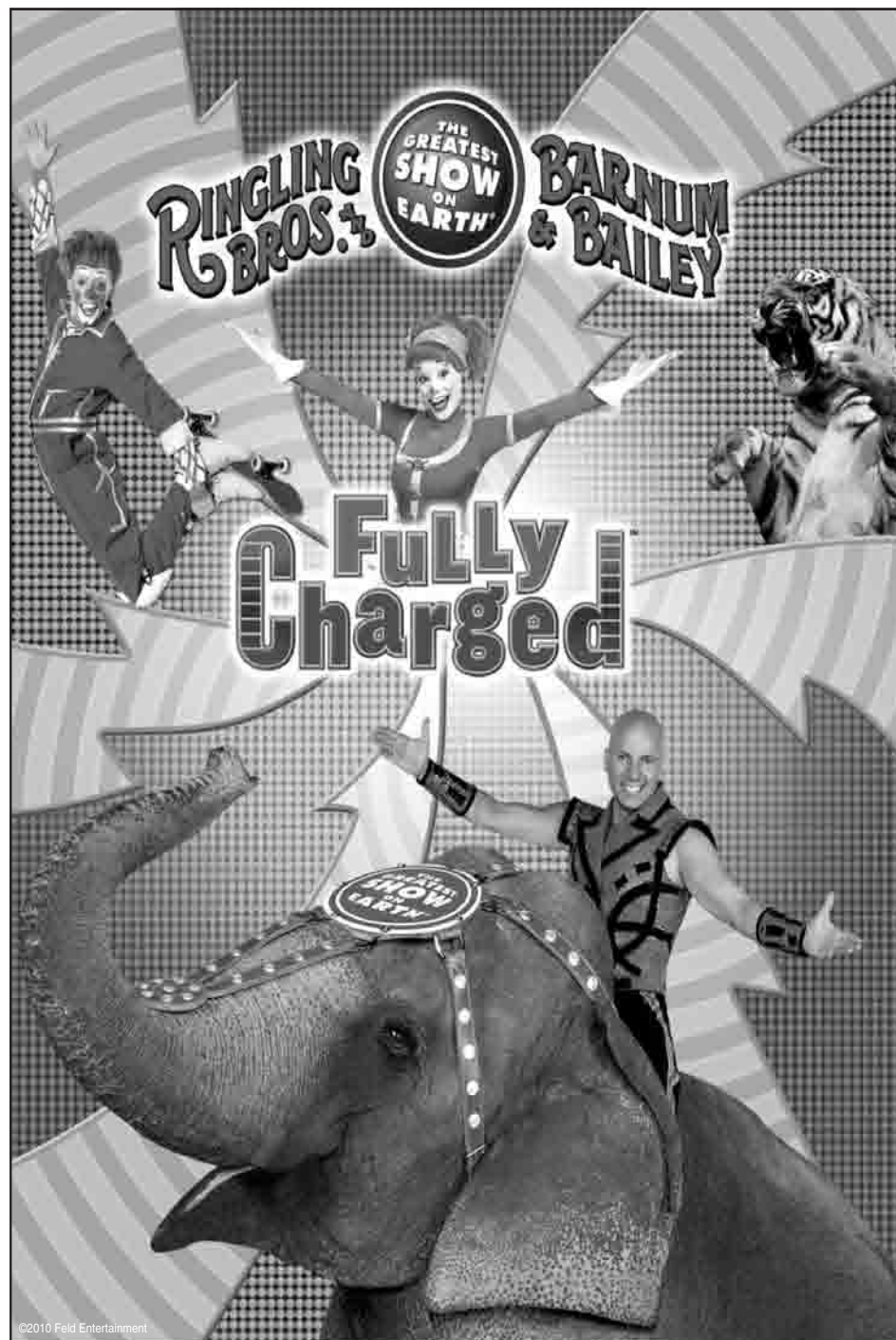
been allowed to perform six months' worth of community labor in his home state of Virginia, but a judge said probation officials in Los Angeles should review detailed

records to ascertain how much work he has actually done.

Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg said Brown had completed a significant number of hours, but did not elaborate.

Brown's attorney Pat Harris did not object to the audit, and said after the hearing the issue was related to which jurisdiction his client performed his community service in.

The judge said part of  
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iors that demean rather than elevate them. This is the case of toxic relationships. Toxic relationships suffocate and injure, where as love nurtures and honors. And many women know that theirs is toxic, yet stay in it.

We don't hear of men in toxic relationships so much.

For one thing, traditionally, and even at this day and age, power is attributed to men — physical power, financial power, and almost genetically-coded power that comes with being the male of our species. And when one person holds power over another, human nature is such that, it often reflects as shades of self-centeredness, if not manipulation or domination.

Many women have become much more aware, and walk proud as they negotiate the power game, refusing to settle for the

short end of the stick. And in the same breath, we should state that men have come a long way from their traditional roles and have learned the art of being an equal partner.

Meanwhile let's not sugar coat the violence against women: five million women in the US report physical abuse every year. Note that these are the reported cases only, and do not include other forms of toxic relationships where women are subjected to emotional and psychological abuse. And how many of the toxic relationships in which the woman partner is made to feel inferior — explicitly as by abusive language, or implicitly by irony and putdowns — could possibly get reported?

I feel this is an individual issue and the best time for a woman for (proactive) decision is when the writing is on the wall; that

is, before marriage or commitment, where possible. If a woman is not being respected and honored for her personhood prior to a commitment, chances are slim that she will be after tying the knot. Love's eyes may be blind, but women are wise, women are intuitive and women can sense a threat to their own well-being and to the welfare of their loved ones.

At times this takes a huge resolve and immense strength. When women cannot be protective of themselves from toxic relationships, I hope they have the courage to question themselves as to why they put up with it, and seek counseling.

Below, I have put down some basic questions to determine the strength of a relationship and how nurturing and honoring it may be. I invite you to rate your rela-

tionship. You can quit while you are ahead, or give him your all for a very long time. As to the middle ground... Such is our force of belief in love and positive outcomes!

*Dr. Ayshe Talay-Ongan is a psychologist and an emeritus academic. Her life's work has been one of university teaching, research and providing therapy to children and families. As a developmental psychologist and university professor, she has written three textbooks and numerous scholarly articles. Talay-Ongan is Turkish by birth, American by citizenship and currently lives in Sydney, Australia, and sees herself as a true Citizen of the World. She is married with two grown daughters and their cat, Simba. More info at [www.turquoisealovestory.com.au](http://www.turquoisealovestory.com.au) or [www.facebook.com/turquoisealovestory](http://www.facebook.com/turquoisealovestory)*

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diction"), and the Court of Appeals has now affirmed the trial court's order on that jurisdictional issue and sent the case back down to the trial court (101st District Court – Judge Lowy) for a trial on the merits. A date for the new trial has not yet been set."

Walton added, "The City's procedural gambit, the jurisdictional argument, has been denied, and Judge Brown should now be able to get her case heard. And it

will be heard by Judge Lowy, whose previous injunction order was based on his finding that Brown had 'demonstrated a probable right to the relief sought in that the City Officer Resign to Run Provision appears inapplicable on its face to municipal judges.'"

Brown is facing Maricela Moore in a runoff for the Democratic Party nomination. Early voting is July 23-27 with Election Day on July 31.

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master of the Pittsburgh Opera and artistic director of multiple world famous music festivals; and Levinson who is also the Senior Principal Associate Concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony.

Elan International Music Festival was originally designed to "provide a technical and musical foundation for students who never received it for a variety of reasons." With a background as a Juilliard graduate, Levinson is poised to

pass on invaluable skills to future generations.

Students and faculty will be performing a series of concerts open to the general public. There is no charge for most of the concerts.

This two-week event is "the sum of the best music that Dallas has to offer," said Christopher Ryan - President of the Board.

For more information about the program or concerts, visit the web site [www.http://www.elan-music.org](http://www.elan-music.org)

### Dear Friends,

As the District Attorney of Dallas County, I am proud to support Domingo Garcia. Domingo is the only 33rd District congressional candidate who has a strong history and track record as a coalition builder. He also cares about the needs of our community.

- Domingo Garcia marched for civil rights alongside Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery and Caesar Chavez.
- He led busloads of African American and Hispanic leaders to stand up for immigrant rights in Arizona.
- Domingo served as trusted confidant and Texas campaign manager for Rev. Jackson during his historic campaign for U.S. President.

Domingo Garcia built support from all corners of Dallas and successfully fought for single-member city council districts. As the result, all residents of Dallas now have a voice and fair representation at Dallas City Council. As Dallas' first Hispanic Dallas Mayor Pro Tem, Domingo worked with the late Al Lipscomb to establish the Citizens Police Review Board, bringing an end to racially motivated police crimes.

As a Texas State Representative, Domingo Garcia built the coalitions needed to win passage of the landmark James Byrd Hate Crimes Act. He also sponsored the 10% Rule which has leveled the educational playing field for minority students who want to go to college.

As a lifelong democrat, Domingo Garcia supported Barack Obama from the earliest days of his presidential campaign; served as a local co-chair for the Obama campaign; and, today, advises President Obama on minority outreach for his re-election campaign.

Domingo Garcia is the only choice for the 33rd Congressional District. Voters in the 33rd Congressional District deserve a coalition builder with a proven track record. We need someone in Washington D.C. who will stand alongside President Obama and fight for education, safer neighborhoods, and a stronger economy. We need Domingo Garcia because he will work for all of us ... not special interests. On July 31, I encourage you to vote for Domingo Garcia, Democrat for Congress.

Sincerely,



Craig Watkins  
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**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: sandylake.com

**Through September 9**  
**The Magic School Bus Kicks up a Storm** at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park at 10:30 a.m.; Book readings are on June 23 (Ms. Fizzle appearance), September 1, and September 8; Admission is \$7-\$10; Info: 214.428.5555

**Through September 14**  
**Shark Feedings** on Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555

**Through September 15**  
**Shark Dissections** on Saturdays at 1 p.m. at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555

**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.fissiahaie5@gmail.com

**Through July 22**  
**Dallas Summer Musicals-Cathy Rigby is PETER PAN** at the Music Hall at Fair Park; Tickets \$15-\$75; Info: 214.413.3940

**July 21**  
**A Little Look at Manners, Courtesy, and Kindness** for Grades 2-3 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 & Grades 4-5 at 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at TCU; [www.lifelong.tcu.edu](http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu)

**July 22**  
**Upcoming Special Spiritual Event Services** with Rev. Larry Gardner at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, 1944 E. Hebron Pkwy. In Carrollton at 10

a.m.; Info: [www.lwaypr.com/RevLarryGardner.html](http://www.lwaypr.com/RevLarryGardner.html)

**Gospel Brunch** at House of Blues at 11 am; Info: 214.978.2583

**Shark Sunday: Shark Stewards Texas** at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; 214.428.5555

**July 23**  
**Greater Highlands AARP Chapter 3881 meeting** at 9:30 a.m. at Lake Highlands United Methodist Church located at 9015 Plano Road, Dallas.

**July 26**  
**VNA's July Bereavement Luncheon** at noon features Linda Jones discussing "Writing to Heal" at the Church of the Incarnation, Dallas

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**July 29**  
**Nicki Minaj Pink Friday Tour** at Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie at 7:30 p.m.; All ages; tickets starting at \$80; Info: [axs.com](http://axs.com)

**July 29**  
**North Dallas Community Baptist Church Pastor and Wife's and Church 12th Anniversary** will be celebrated at 11am at the North Dallas Community Baptist Church, 1718 Trinity Valley Drive, Carrollton. Info: [ndcbc.org](http://ndcbc.org) or 972-484-1185.

**American Idol Live! Tour 2012** at American Airlines Center at 7 p.m.; Info: 214-221-8326

**August 1 - 12**  
**Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus: Fully Charged** at American Airlines Center. Ticket are \$15 - \$100 at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com)

**August 3**  
**Six of the Matter:** A taste of everything. If you enjoy country, classic rock, current hits, dance/ disco, get ready to party 7 - 9 p.m. at Firewheel Town Center in Garland

**August 5**  
**Life in the Deep Ocean** at Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park part of Shark exhibition - Dive to the darkest depths of the oceans to discover the animals that call this strange world home.

**Shark Sunday: Life in the Deep Ocean** at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555

**August 10**  
**Cover Down performing at Firewheel Town Center in Garland.** They are an energetic dance party band from the Dallas area playing the best hits from the 70s to today. Info: [Facebook.com/FirewheelTownCenter](http://Facebook.com/FirewheelTownCenter)

**August 11-12**  
**Discovery Days: Discover Going Green** at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428.5555

**August 12**  
**Mindless Behavior #1 Girl Tour at the Verizon Theater in Grand Prairie** at 7p.m.; Also featuring Lil Twist & Jacob Latimore; Info: <http://www.axs.com/dallas-tx/music-events/mindless-behavior-2012-august12-3634-3.html>

**August 19**  
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the issue was that the court hadn't received detailed logs of Brown's community service, which is supposed to comprise of graffiti removal, roadside cleanup and other manual labor. Schnegg said those logs had previously been provided, but not for recent updates.

Brown, 23, remains on probation for beating his then-girlfriend Rihanna in February 2009. He has completed domestic vio-

lence and anger management counseling.

Schnegg ordered Brown to appear at the next hearing, tentatively scheduled for Aug. 21. It will be the first time Brown has had to appear in court in several months, and the R&B singer has generally received favorable reports from probation officials and Schnegg.

Brown's attorney Mark Geragos asked that the singer's probation be terminated in February. But a

judge declined, stating that the Grammy nominee should complete more of his community service obligations.

At the time, officials reported that Brown had completed half of the six months' worth of roadside

cleanup, graffiti removal and other manual labor that he was ordered to do after pleading guilty.

Brown is serving a five year probation sentence.

Information from The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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year at the request of her nephew that Gunn recited her own poetry to a beat.

"I just tried it," she said. Her nephew and his friends loved it. So, she began reciting her "poems with an attitude" at different venues including a youth congress hosted by the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Orlandao last year.

"They just went crazy and someone compared me to Nicki Minaj," she said with a laugh. "I did not know what that was suppose to mean, but to the youth it meant something great. So I realized that they really liked it." And although Gunn has loved to write for several decades she makes sure to acknowledge that her creativity was a gift from a higher power.

"I don't sit down and make up anything," she explained, "the poems come when the Holy Spirit feels like filling my mouth or my mind with the words."

Gunn has found that pattern to hold true ever since she first began writing poetry in the early 1990s. One of her first, and now one of her most popular poems, reflects upon the life and impact of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. But beyond famous figures, her poems cover a vast array of topics including faith, abuse, relationships and in particular drugs.

"I want to reach those in the community that are struggling with drugs to let them know that they don't [drugs], they have can

have a better life without it," said Gunn, who used drugs herself as a teen.

To help her poetry reach a broader audience, Gunn has begun to perform at more venues, posting on YouTube, while also selling copies of her poetry and her own poetry CD, "The Hell That I Live With."

For more information, contact Gunn at ionia-Gunn@yahoo.com.

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## July 20, 2012

Join us at our 3rd Friday Women’s Bible Study to share and understand how to apply biblical principles to everyday life.

## July 22, 9:35 a.m.

You’re invited to our Sunday School at 9:35 a.m. and to stay for Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

## July 25, 7 p.m.

Come to our Wednesday’s Bible Study to learn more about God’s Word and help us to praise and worship His holy name.

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## July 21, 11 a.m.

Ladies you are invited to our Women of Wisdom meeting as we study and discuss God’s Word. Call the church for details.

## July 22, 2012

Join us in worship at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

## July 25, 7:30 p.m.

Come to Bible Study as we go further in and deeper down into

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## July 21

You’re invited to our Women Justified by Faith Prayer Breakfast. Call the church for details.

## July 28

You are wanted and needed at our Community Give Back. Call the church for details.

## July 22, 9:30 a.m.

Join us and experience the joy of praising and worshipping God to the fullest at Story Elementary School, 1550 Edelweiss Drive, Allen, TX. We will praise God for His blessings.

## July 25, 7 p.m.

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

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## July 23 and 26, 7 p.m.

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

## July 25, 7 p.m.

You’re invited to our Midweek Service as we worship and praise God.

## July 28, 7 p.m.

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## July 22, 7:30 a.m.

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## July 23, 7 p.m.

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## July 24, 7:30 p.m.

You’re invited to our School of The Prophets as Pastor Voss; who is also a prophet, bring the Word of God; and we worship and praise His Holy name.

## July 26, 7:30 p.m.

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You may be called to a ministry of prayer and intercession. You may be called to a ministry of healing in your own neighborhood. No matter what your

calling is, it's important that you be about the business of walking in the path that God has for you.

Don't allow your life to become so overwhelmed with other things that you don't have time to pursue "your calling." Have a talk with God, then discipline yourself to stick to what you are called to do. Make up your mind to prayerfully trim away the things that you may be tempted to add to your life that will hinder you from "your calling." Think about it, "your calling" is vital to God's plan. "Your calling" is Holy, and it is yours alone.

Think about what you want your epitaph to say. How do you want people to remember you? What type of legacy will your life leave behind?

It has been told of an interview of a very successful and powerful man. When he was asked what he wanted his epitaph to say; this man ran an international business that is a household name to all. He was a professed Christian, but he had difficulty answering the question. "I always knew someone would ask that question some day. I am not sure I am any

more prepared to answer it now either," was the man's answer. He grappled for a few nice words, but it was clear he had not seriously considered his life much beyond his business success.

It is said of George Washington Carver that he got up early in the morning each day to walk alone and pray. He asked God how he was to spend his day and what He wanted to teach him that day.

Carter was offered six-figure income opportunities from Henry Ford, and he became friends with presidents of his day, yet he knew what God had called him to do. His epitaph read:

"He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world."

"He will bless those who fear the Lord—small and great alike." Psalm 115:13.

The following is something that was given to me long ago. I pray you are able to apply some of these things to your life as well.

CREED: To live each day as though I may never see tomorrow; to give the advantage, but never ask

for it; to be kindly to all, but kinder to the less fortunate; to respect all honest employment; to remember always that my life is made easier and better by the service of others; and never forget to be grateful.

To be tolerant and never arrogant; to treat all people with equal courtesy; to be true to my own in all things; to make as much as I can of my strength and the day's opportunity; and to meet disappointment without resentment.

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While this is the Walkers final year hosting the program, the North Dallas Gazette is proud to sponsor the entrepreneur aspect of the program. Last year our staff worked with the students and the volunteer teachers, to put together a newsletter for the entire Dallas area to enjoy. The program kicked off earlier in July and will end on July 26, culminating in the printing of the community newsletter.

Last year the students were full of energy as they took on the roles of editors, photographers, graphic designers and staff writers. This year is no exception with 17 students eager to participate in what could be the program's final year.

The role of managing editor was assigned to Ryan, a Ranchview High School junior who boldly stated, "I was born to lead."

His staff ranges in age from 8 to 16 and he looks forward to producing this year's newsletter edition, making it even better than last year. The kids have enjoyed special guests and field trips and will close out

the program, which only runs for a month, with a ceremony to acknowledge the accomplishments of the students and volunteers.

Volunteer teachers, Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Walker, enjoy being able to truly teach the students in their own way without interference from others. Both of the ladies have volunteered their weekdays for five and three years, respectively.

The North Dallas Gazette staff is excited to work again with the Bear Creek Summer Reading Program and cannot wait for our readers to enjoy the issue on July 26.

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
NDG Contributing Writer

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As long as there's a box of crayons by your elbow, you're a

happy kid and someday, you might be a world-famous artist. But what if there was a picture of you hanging in a museum? In the new book *Hope Somewhere in America* by Sydelle Pearl, illustrated by Astrid Sheckels, you might see what it's like.

Hope Sequoyah was born just as the Great Depression began. Her mother gave her a unique name because everybody needed hope, and because her mother wanted her to stand tall like Sequoyah trees.

Five years later, Hope got another name and this is her story.

It all started because her mother loved to paint. Mama had a job as a librarian, but knit-

ting and painting were her favorite hobbies so she practiced and took classes until she could paint a canvas apple that looked good enough to eat! She was so good, in fact, that she was invited to show her paintings at an exhibit.

It was a special exhibit, which called for a special painting, so Hope's Mama decided to create a portrait. She asked Hope to pose with her teddy bear and that was hard. Hope had to sit for long hours and hold very still.

Even a few weeks later, the painting wasn't finished but Mama was very excited with it. She took it to show her teacher and he got very excited, too. He



asked to meet the little girl with the unique name.

At the studio, Mama's teacher, Mr. Brackman, asked Hope some questions. He asked about her hair bow and her teddy bear. Then he told her he'd like to paint her picture, if that was okay.

Hope liked the idea, and she liked Mr. Brackman. Staying still for him wasn't as hard as it was for Mama, but Mr. Brackman's painting took a lot longer. Three months later, he called his finished painting *Somewhere in America* which was, he said, almost like calling it

Hope...

*Hope Somewhere in America* is cute and colorful, charming and a little cheeky, and based fictionally on a real painting. That very interesting "extra" may lend more meaning for 5-to-8-year-olds who might appreciate what's going on in author

Sydelle Pearl's tale, especially if you can catch the real painting on tour or in the Smithsonian.

As for smaller kids, I think that, while Astrid Sheckels illustrations are wonderful, this book may be a challenge for a flock of wiggly toddlers. They may like the story, but it's longish for that age group.

Still, give it a whirl and see what happens, particularly if your child loves to draw. For little artists-in-the-making, *Hope Somewhere in America* will paint a wonderful picture.

*Hope Somewhere in America* by Sydelle Pearl, illustrated by Astrid Sheckels (Twin Lights Publishers, Inc., \$16.95, 32 pages)

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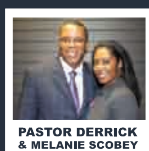
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