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# The Bold Times



Maurice and Ruby Walker

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## Inspiring students to do more than just learn

By IVY N. McQUAIN  
NDG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the past two summers I have had the honor of working with the wonderful students of the Bear Creek Community Church Summer Reading Program spearheaded by Maurice and Ruby Walker. I remember when the *North Dallas Gazette's* publisher,

Thurman Jones, discussed with me the opportunity to head up this special project. I was nervous indeed, but excited that he saw something in me to allow me the oppor-



The Bold Times Staff

tunity to represent the *North Dallas Gazette*.

My first summer in 2011, I worked with more than 20 students as the volunteer staff with putting together *The Bold Times*, affectionately named after Mr. Walker's affirma-

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## Wells Fargo agrees to \$175 million mortgage discrimination settlement

More than 30,000 minority borrowers to receive monetary compensation

By CHARLENE CROWELL

For the second consecutive month, one of the nation's largest banks has agreed to a multi-million dollar settlement of mortgage discrimination complaints. According to the U.S. Department of Justice

(DOJ), Wells Fargo Bank will pay more than \$175 million to resolve unfair lending claims against African-American and Latino mortgage borrowers from 2004 through 2009. It is the second largest fair lending settlement in the department's history.

According to DOJ, \$125 million of these monies will go to borrowers of color who were charged more for loans they got through mortgage brokers. Four thousand borrowers will be compensated for being steered into subprime loans with higher rates and fees, instead of re-

ceiving prime loans for which they qualified. An additional 30,000 borrowers will be compensated for higher costs they paid on their broker-originated loans versus other consumers. DOJ is now investigating

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## Is Representative Marc Veasey dancing to the tune of his piper?

Our View

Prior to 1964, disproportionate representation on Capitol Hill was an ad rem concern. For example, in the New Hampshire General Court one township with a population of three had a representative in the lower house. Another district with a population of 3,244 had the same representation rendering the vote of a resident of the former 1,081 times more powerful. This is only one of many examples. Many of these disparities were in urban areas, so as a result, these communi-

ties were grossly underrepresented.

In 1964, basing their decision on the ideal "one person, one vote", the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Reynolds vs. Sims* that the state legislature districts had to be approximately equal in population. Chief Justice Earl Warren stated "Legislators represent people, not trees or acres. Legislators are elected by voters, not farms or cities or economic interests."

In a perfect system, the voters elect legislators, not economic interests. But in

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## Malik Heard is a finalist in national SPARKLE Singing Challenge

By RUTH FERGUSON  
NDG EDITOR

Singing frees the soul, according to the talented 15 year-old sophomore Malik Heard. When asked what singing means to him, Malik stated, "Singing means to me that when you let out a note, you can be anybody you want



Malik Heard

to be and all your problems go away." It appears that listeners feel the same when they enjoy his melodic voice.

Recently selected as the Dallas SPARKLE Singing Challenge winner at the

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## Tia Norfleet

Professional racecar driver Tia Norfleet has visions of giving to a community that supports her. As the first, youngest and only African-American female driver on the NASCAR circuit, Tia Norfleet has set the stage to opening the doors of diversity in a highly controversial and predominately male oriented sport.

With lawsuits that have been filed as well by other minorities, which have accused NASCAR of racial discrimination, many people wonder why and how can Norfleet compete in this division of racing. "It is sheer passion and instinct that

drives this youngster to want to compete in this sport, she was born to compete," says Isaac Hayes, spokesperson/CEO of the online fund raising organization, Tiapower.com.

Norfleet comes from a family with a history in racing. Her father Bobby Norfleet made his NASCAR debut at the Portland International Raceway road course on March 26, 2000, where he competed against NASCAR driver Bill Lester making that race historical. It was the only time in NASCAR history that two African-Americans drivers have competed at the same time.

With many accolades of her own including being spokesperson for the Safe America Diving program, and appearing in commercials such as the Verizon wireless, numerous magazine ads and radio and television interviews. Tia Norfleet has given Black women everywhere new hope in following their dreams.

The million dollar question that many people ask is, will the NASCAR community accept Tia for who she is, and that is according to Hayes, a true competitor. "Our goal is to raise funds needed for everyone to find out," says Edward Williams, founder of the medium sized marketing company Team Tia.



Taking a page out of the country's 44th President

"To ensure the success of this effort to fundraise,"

Barack Obama's playbook, going grassroots to make history. Williams said "If President Obama can raise \$700 million, surely we can raise \$5 million to get Tia on the track. We have a good team and I think with the public's help we can get Tia on the track and testing in two weeks.

says Hayes, CEO of Tiapower.com, "we have inked a lucrative deal with Alvin Kline, the social media guru and wed success agency team to head this unique grassroots online crown funding campaign."

Hayes continues, "I am confident that Alvin Kline along with Team Tia and the additional benefits and memorabilia we are offering the donors at Tiapower.com should allow us the chance to find out." As Tia prepares to take the wheel, the world holds on and wonders if the community that she supports will support her. The answer awaits at the finish line.

## John Ellis Price

The University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas) announced Tuesday that President John Ellis Price will step down next year after his three-year presidential contract concludes. He has held the campus CEO role since the institution began in 2001. Price will leave office on August 31, 2013.

"Building a university from the ground up was an once-in-a-lifetime career challenge that presented me with growth opportunities few educators are given,"

President Price said. "This university is on its way to great things, and I'm a stronger professional because of my experience at UNT Dallas. More importantly, my time here has given me the opportunity to work with exceptional minds and committed, talented people, including faculty, staff and UNT Dallas and System leadership who have great ideas and a passion for higher education."

Price notified University of North Texas System

(UNTS) Chancellor Lee Jackson and the UNTS Board of Regents in March that he would end his tenure as president on August 31, 2013, the end of his current contract. Since then, he has been working to lay the foundation for an orderly and smooth transition to new leadership.

"When I was offered this position, I said I would only do so if I could lead the creation of a different kind of university with truly innovative approaches. So, in coming to Dallas, I had three goals: create the university, achieve its initial accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and provide the university with a strong foundation for future success," Price said.

Price added: "We achieved goal one when we became the first public four-year university in the City of Dallas and the 38th general academic institution of the State of Texas on September 1, 2010. We were recently notified by SACS that our application for separate accreditation has been approved which authorizes SACS to assemble a visitation team and schedule a university visit as early as Spring 2013 so we are close to achieving goal two. Our current work with the Commission on Building the University of the 21st Century will yield recommendations on innovative approaches to creating a New University."



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## Michael Ward

Michael Ward, an extraordinary jazz violinist

will headline the entertainment for the Urban League of Greater Dallas 45th Anniversary Gala. Old School crooners, VINJAC, will also perform. The event will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel,



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2201 Stemmons Freeway at 7:00 p.m.

Ward's musical career was no accident. The San Antonio native began playing musical instruments at an early age and

regularly attended band practice with his mother, jazz singer Carol Ward. He enrolled in a string class in grade school to learn piano and read music and through a process of elimination ended up with the violin. Through high school he tried other instruments but always went back to the violin. While attending Southern University in Baton Rouge, Ward decided he would become a jazz guitarist because he felt he could not make a living playing the violin. His roommate gave him a tape featuring famous jazz violinists Noel Pointer and Jean Luc Pointe and Ward again picked up the violin. He joined a group called the 4 am Band and worked throughout the city.

He later moved to New Orleans, started his own

band and worked in neighborhood bars. He says he always felt as if the entire city of New Orleans was in attendance. Ward has toured, not only in the U.S., but many foreign countries and played with some of the premier musicians including Wynton Marsalis, Ronnie Laws, Marion Meadows, BB King, Bonny James, Norman Brown, Najee, Kirk Waylum and Gladys Knight. He has performed for two American Presidents, George Bush Sr. and Bill Clinton and at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage festival every year for the past 27 years and the Essence Music festival in New Orleans for 9 years.

With five CD's to his credit and over 100 recordings with various artists with diverse styles

of music, he has emerged as one of the leading student

dio violinist in the business. See WARD, Page 6

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## Voter Photo ID laws have harsh impact on poor, elderly and minority voters, study says

BY KHALIL ABDULLAH

(New America Media) If no one provides him with a ride, Jose Zuniga, 83-years old and wheelchair-bound, would have to take two or three buses and travel 20 miles to reach the nearest south Texas government office that could issue the new photo ID he will need to vote in upcoming elections.

Zuniga is one of a particular sub-set of an estimated 500,000 eligible voters in 10 states who could be negatively affected by stricter photo ID laws. They do not own a car nor do they drive. They live more than 10 miles away from a state office that can issue the ID required to vote and that would be considered a fulltime facility, that is, one that is open more than two days a week.

In Texas alone, close to 13 percent, or nearly two million, of the state's voting-age citizens live more than 10 miles from the nearest state office that can issue a voter ID.

Texas is one of 10 states examined in The Challenge

of Obtaining Voter Identification, a newly released study by the Brennan Center for Justice. The states, selected because of their more restrictive legislation for government-issued photo ID requirements, are Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

"For this study, we wanted to look at how difficult it would be for those estimated three to four million voters in the affected states to obtain voter ID," said Keesha Gaskins, senior counsel at the Brennan Center and the study's co-author. "What we found really undercuts the claim by many proponents of these laws that eligible voters can easily obtain an ID to vote."

In some instances, the states' data corroborate the study's findings. The study does not speculate about the political intention of the supporters for more restrictive ID laws, though partisan opponents of the laws note that, with few exceptions, the legislatures that enacted them

have been Republican controlled. Rather, it graphically shows how poverty, states' persistent underinvestment in public transportation -- especially in rural areas -- and bureaucratic inefficiencies among different agencies, combine to pose daunting challenges for many Americans to obtain documentation required to vote in states where the laws have been proposed or allowed to stand.

In Wisconsin, one town's government ID-issuing office is only open on the fifth Wednesday of the month. Admittedly, the town's population is under 5,000, but the fifth-Wednesday rule results in the office being open only four times during 2012. With February and May behind us, it will open again on Wednesday, August 29, but not in September. If you miss August, wait until October 31.

"In other states," the study noted, "Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Texas — many part-time ID-issuing offices are in the rural regions with the high-

est concentrations of people of color and people in poverty."

There are stark examples of how limited hours could affect working, eligible voters who need a new photo ID. "In South Carolina, only six of the state's 68 ID offices are open on Saturday. No state ID-issuing offices are open on Saturdays in Alabama, Kansas, Mississippi, Texas and Wisconsin. All ID-issuing offices in restrictive voter ID states are closed on Sunday," the study notes.

The study also shows just how potentially pernicious structural barriers can be, and not just for rural populations. In Rock Hill, S.C., according to the study, "the city's largest concentration of eligible black voters — nearly 42,000 of them — live in the city center. Yet the city's one ID-issuing office is located seven miles outside the city center. The city has no regularly scheduled public transportation; the only available public transportation to an ID office re-

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today's broken political apparatus the unfortunate permeating reality is he who has the gold makes the rules or in this case the laws.

Let's take a look at some of those Texas legislation and their impact:

Senate Bill 21 relating to furthering competition in the communications industry passed July 17, 2005.

House Bill 168 extending the hours of sale for alcohol passed April 21, 2005.

House Bill 3732 passed May 28, 2007 and was created to provide financial incentives for coal plants by allowing limitations on the appraised value of the property used for such purposes. Thus enhancing pollution control property tax exemptions, and exempting ultra clean energy sales from gross receipts taxation.

House Bill 2683 diverts funds from TANF to promote marriage programs and other family strengthening programs passed April 12, 2007.



Marc Veasey

HCR 183 is a bill urging Congress to reject provisions of President Barack Obama's budget that would eliminate certain deductions currently available to the oil and natural gas exploration industry, passed May 30, 2009.

HCR 60 is a bill urging Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification the Parental Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, passed May 18, 2011.

In all of the aforementioned bills, Rep. Marc Veasey cast a vote which benefited not those whom he promised to advocate

for, but rather those who contributed to his campaign account.

Verizon; Time Warner; Beer Alliance of Texas; BG Distribution Partners; Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas; Chesapeake Energy Texas Pipeline Association — just to name a few.

In the dirty business of politics, it is understood candidates

receive monetary campaign contributions from corporations, however, in a true democracy we do not expect those contributions to be cloaked bribes. We are not accusing Rep. Veasey of being "on the take", but as the old saying goes where there is smoke, there is fire. Furthermore, his voting record over the past six years in no way indicates he has ever been about the business of promoting the interests of his constituents.

Our goal is neither to persuade, nor dissuade you, but rather to present the facts so that you may make an informed decision. Do not take our word, nor the word of a preacher or

anyone else who is giving Marc Veasey a blanket endorsement in the runoff election on July 31 for Democratic nomination for Congressional District 33. Voters are invited to investigate his record for yourself and determine whether if sent to Washington, will he advocate for his constituents or his financial donors.

There was a reason why Chief Justice Warren and the other Supreme Court justices voted to equalize the legislative representation in Washington. The people sent to Washington are there to represent "we the people", not the economic interests of corporate America. How can Tammy the school teacher or John the carpenter compete with a multi-million or billion dollar enterprise? It is the quintessential case of David versus Goliath. We all know how that story ended. Yes, sometimes even big bullies can be defeated one stone at a time; in this case one person, one vote.

Pick up your stone, cast your vote.



## Four new confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus in Garland

On July 23, 2012 the Garland Health Department (GHD) received a report of four laboratory confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV). The patients reside in the 2900 block of Western Drive; the 1500 block of Murray Drive; the 800 block of Woodland Drive; and the 1100 block of Intervale Drive. Five confirmed

human cases of WNV have been reported in Garland in 2012. Mosquito adulticide is scheduled to be sprayed to the surrounding areas of these cases on the nights of July 23 and July 24 to minimize the risk of additional infections.

Thus far, 2012 has been a very active year for WNV which has been detected in twenty four mosquito samples

collected throughout Garland. Citizens can view a map depicting areas where WNV virus has been detected and subsequently sprayed to reduce the adult mosquito population on the City of Garland webpage at [www.garlandtx.gov](http://www.garlandtx.gov).

WNV rarely causes severe illness or death, but citizens should remain vigilant

and take common sense precautions to minimize the risk of exposure. To protect yourself from exposure to WNV, limit outdoor activity during evening and early morning hours when mosquitoes are most active. While outdoors, wear light-colored, long sleeve clothing, and use an insect repellent containing DEET, according to its label

directions. Most importantly, citizens should take measures to eliminate any standing water on their property, such as birdbaths (clean them twice per week), pet water dishes, clogged rain gutters, tires, and buckets. Containers that can hold an inch or two of water for just a few days can breed mosquitoes. Report any standing water that you are not able

to eliminate yourself to the GHD.

If you have questions or would like to report standing water please call the Garland Health Department's mosquito control hotline at (972) 205-3720. Further questions on WNV should be directed to the City of Garland website, [www.garlandtx.gov](http://www.garlandtx.gov), or 972-205-3460.

## Baylor Medical Center ranked among top hospitals in DFW by U.S. News

Baylor Medical Center at Irving is ranked 28th in Texas as well as 10th in the Dallas metro area by U.S.

News. Baylor Medical Center at Irving is a general medical and surgical hospital in Irving, TX. It performed

nearly at the level of nationally ranked U.S. News Best Hospitals in 2 adult specialties. It scored high in patient

safety, demonstrating commitment to reducing accidents and medical mistakes. Baylor Medical Center at

Irving has 210 beds. The hospital had 10,701 admissions in the latest year for which data are available. It

performed 4,095 annual inpatient and 9,635 outpatient surgeries. Its emergency room had 61,284 visits.

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competition held at Valley View Mall on July 14. He faced amateur singers ranging in age from 13-40 years old. Each contestant was required to sing a sixty-second a cappella version of Celebrate or Something He Can Feel. Malik's winning rendition of Celebrate earned him \$500 and a chance to compete for the Grand Prize, which includes:

- an appearance on BET's 106 & Park
- professionally record a song with the Punch Monkeys producer and writing team
- a MySpace homepage feature

Singing has been a part of Malik's life from an early age. "My parents did not know I could sing, until I sang Silent Night at the day care program," he shared. From there he has gone on to sing not only around the house, but also at church and at school.

A multi-talented performer, the Rowlett student, recently starred in a local production of High School Musical in the lead role Troy, the basketball player. Malik enjoyed the experience and he does not rule out the possibility of writing music, but singing remains his first love.

When asked to name his musical inspirations Malik immediately mentioned superstars Beyoncé and Usher, "I love the creativity they bring to the table."

When discussing the local contest, Heard admitted he was nervous when he discovered he would not simply be singing in front of few judges in a room. Instead, he was on a stage in the middle of the mall in front of the other competitors and mall shoppers. When you watch the video you can tell that even before he is barely half way

through the song, he has won over the audience.

"At first I was really nervous, but it was a good experience," he shared. Malik found himself thinking, "I can't believe this is happening, I am blessed to be here." Malik's friends were very supportive of him telling him, "They are so proud of me and you are going places."

While this may certainly be flattering to a young man, but Malik's support system is strong. His parents, Shannon and Nikki, help him to navigate these challenging waters while keeping his feet firmly on the ground.

Member of the Potter's House in Dallas, faith is a key foundation for the family. Speaking by phone also, his father Shannon pointed out he and wife believe in the Bible's encouragement found in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

For example, the contest laid out specific guidelines on the website, "I had him learn the rules. I was telling him how important it is to follow the rules," and according to Shannon they both observed contestants eliminated for not following the guidelines.

Naturally Shannon is happy to see his son thrive at something he enjoys, but the primary objective of his parents is to help Malik, "Focus on what his gift can be," according to his father.

Shannon encourages his son to remember, "I don't want you to chase this business, chase your gift and let stuff follow you. Learn to be a professional, take it serious and handle yourself appropriately."

The family is enjoying the experience together but win or lose Malik will be fine. His father shared, "Malik is a teenager, I am a parent/coach, providing him the opportunities to practice his gift. I am hot tied into Malik getting a record contract. Let's go down the road and let God guide us. If you get a contract, great. You could inspire inner city kids to sing, something much more rewarding." But Shannon laughingly added that if Malik does discover fame and fortune, mom and dad of course could use a new house.

Heard is now competing against 14 other singers around the country. The voting kicked off on July 25 and will continue daily until August 10. Visit the website daily and vote as often as you like at <http://www.myspace.com/sparkle>. Malik is in the first slot on the second row.

## Nutrition, business go hand in hand at LATISM meeting

BY TONYA WHITAKER

(SNI) Business and health were on the minds of those in attendance at a Tweetup sponsored by the Dallas chapter of Latinos in Social Media (LATISM) on July 18.

Registered dietician Carina Saez and McDonald's owner-operator Jonathan Chan were the guest speakers at the event held McDonald's location at 550 Centennial Blvd. in Richardson.

The crowd listened to an informative presentation by Saez on the importance of taking ownership in one's health. She also discussed the meas-

ures McDonald's is taking to listen to customer's demands for healthier menu choices.

"It is important to know you and your health goals and taking ownership of your food choices," Saez said. "That way, you are allowed to

narrow your focus."

Saez also pointed out McDonald's has always been on the forefront of helping consumers make better food choices. Thirty years ago, for example, McDonald's was one of the first companies to post

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### Hamilton Park School Wide Reunion

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## DART Rail Orange Line opens new possibilities in Irving

Jill Martinez, owner and webmaster of IrvingOnline.com, and husband Robert, a lawyer and chairman of the Irving Chamber's Transportation Management Association, are walking the talk when it comes to transportation matters. More than five years ago, the Martinezes downsized from a big house to an upscale loft just a short walk from DART's Las Colinas Urban Center Station, part of the first section of the Orange Line that

opens on Monday, July 30.

"We wanted to make sure we got a good location and were willing to wait for light rail to come," Jill Martinez said. "It's been exciting to watch the Orange Line being built and we're proud to be urban pioneers."

Martinez walks or rides her scooter to work in the Urban Center. Meanwhile, her husband takes the Trinity Railway Express to his office in Fort Worth. New bus connections from the

Urban Center Station to the TRE's Downtown Irving/Heritage Crossing Station will let him commute car-free, too.

Living along DART Rail now gives them access to the entire region. They look forward to spending a day at the zoo, dining at favorite restaurants, shopping in the West Village or going to the American Airlines Center for Dallas Mavericks games – all without driving.

## Sizzling Summer Celebration benefiting The Robert Muller School

The Center for Living Ethics presents the Sizzling Summer Celebration on Sunday, August 12 at 5 p.m. at the Seis Lagos Clubhouse, located in Lucas, Texas. The event benefits The Robert Muller School while raising funds for the addition of its new middle school.

Guests will enjoy a family-friendly dinner catered by Whole Foods, live entertainment by the band

LOOK OUT and a silent auction. Auction items include a private flying lesson, 2-night accommodations in Keystone, CO and a flag that flew over the Texas state capital in Austin. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children (ages 3-17), or \$75 for families.

The Seis Lagos Clubhouse is located at 222 Seis Lagos Trail, Lucas, Texas.

The Center for Living

Ethics is a non-profit organization benefiting the Robert Muller School, located in Fairview. A small private school established in 1986, it utilizes the newest sciences of learning along with community involvement in a co-creative environment. To buy tickets or for more information about the event, please go to <http://www.centerforlivingethics.org/sizzling-summer-celebration.html>.

## Dr. Robbie Robinson to speak at Annual Leadership Reception

In anticipation of the largest cultural festival in Plano, the Plano Multi-Cultural Outreach Roundtable (MCOR) has partnered with the Plano International Festival to host the sixth annual Leadership Reception on Tuesday August 7, 2012, 6 - 8 p.m., at the Center for American and International Law, 5201 Democracy Drive, Plano 75024. MCOR invites corporate leaders, government officials and community leaders to come together to celebrate Plano's diversity as well as explore how leaders can work together to support community unity in Plano.

Dr. Robbie Robinson is a true pillar of the Plano community. A former 20 year Navy veteran, recipient

of the 2011 James H. Boswell award, former White House Fellow, Plano Citizen of the Year, co-founder of the Collin County Business Alliance, Dr. Robinson actively supports and devotes his time to a long list of local charitable, civic and business groups. Dr. Robinson will speak about demographic changes in Plano and the unique challenges and opportunities they present. Other panelists include Lisa Amoroso, Senior Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Frito Lay and André Davidson, Plano City Council member and Executive Director of Leadership Plano. Ms. Davidson is a recent recipient of the Leadership Preceptor's Award, given to

those who exhibit creativity, ethics, and dedication to the concept of strengthening and transforming communities. Plano retired Fire Chief Hugo Esparza will act as moderator. Speakers from MCOR will review the group's mission, recent successes and vision for the future.

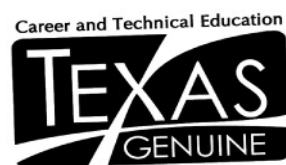
The Plano International Festival was conceived by MCOR in 2005 to showcase and celebrate the many cultures represented by the people of Plano. It is designed to promote awareness of cultural diversity and facilitate communication between all cultural groups in the community. It also serves to advance Plano's visibility and standing as an international city.



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## New Certificate Offers Healthcare IT Training for Growing Field

Healthcare management and information systems are flourishing disciplines that the Naveen Jindal School of Management is combining in a new certificate program intended to give students professional credentials in the growing field of healthcare informa-

tion technology.

The beginning class in the three-course Healthcare Information Technology Certificate program teaches core concepts, such as how to identify and understand key data requirements related to patients and care in medical settings. A second

course covers the use of analytical tools that can refine data to help in medical decision making.

Indranil Bardhan, associate professor of Information Systems, said a key component of the program is hands-on training in Epic, a leading software for

electronic medical records. The semester-long program that he created, Information Knowledge Management in Healthcare, includes a substantial lab-based component with guided electronic medical record exercises and assignments.

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## WARD, continued from Page 2

ness. Ward has received many awards for his talent and continues to gain new fans and support through every breathtaking performance whether it is Jazz, R&B, Funk, Blues, Cajun, or Country & Western.

VINJAC will perform during the Gala reception and dinner hour. The group

began performing jazz standards hits from the 50s and 60s and the latest top 40s in 1986. Since that time they continue to deliver the Blues with artistry and love ballads that are straight from the heart.

For ticket information call 214-915-4600.

## VOTERS, continued from Page 3

quires 48 hours notice for a scheduled pick up."

The study cites 32 counties in Texas near the Mexican border with only two photo ID-issuing offices among them. Over 80,000 voting-eligible Latino voters reside in those counties.

In state after state, the study shows that the disproportionate, collective impact of limited offices or office hours for ID-issuing agencies and lack of public transportation falls on African-American and Latino populations.

Similarly, because of the

higher concentration of poverty among those same constituencies, the out-of-pocket costs to obtain photo IDs can be problematic. Even where states issue a "free" photo ID, there are costs incurred to obtain the documentation necessary to obtain one. Congresswoman Gwenn Moore, D-Wis., who opposes her state's photo-ID laws, said she knows of constituents who have spent hundreds of dollars in their quest to obtain a voter ID.

Where cost is not an issue, bureaucratic hurdles can still be vexing. The study

gave the example of an eligible voter caught in a Mississippi Catch-22: in order to get a government-issued photo ID to vote, one must present a birth certificate, but a photo ID is required by the state before a birth certificate can be issued.

Sundeep Iyer, the Brennan Center's principal quantitative analyst and co-author of the study, said researchers' conversations with Americans around the country seem to indicate that people generally think voter ID laws are a good thing, but they also feel an ID should-

n't be made too difficult to get. And that is precisely the point that the study reveals. "The difficulty of obtaining ID is part and parcel of what a voter ID law is about," Iyer said. "You can't divorce the voter ID law itself from the difficulty of obtaining voter ID." The negative effect on individuals and populations "speaks very strongly against the merits of these laws," he noted.

The status of voter ID laws varies among the 10 states surveyed. Alabama's law will not be in effect in time for this year's election

and the federal court ruling on the Texas law, which was opposed by the Department of Justice, won't be announced until the end of August. Similarly, South Carolina and Mississippi laws are pending federal approval. Photo ID laws are currently in effect in Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. Pennsylvania's law is also being challenged in a lawsuit, and Wisconsin's proposed laws are still tied up in state court.

Lawrence Norden, deputy director of the Democracy

Program at the Brennan Center, cast the issue of voter ID laws in moral terms. He noted that Jose Zuniga had voted for decades under Texas's prior ID laws and that there are thousands of Americans like him who will now have to struggle to exercise their right to vote.

The initiative behind the photo ID laws, Norden observed, "betrays the idea that, in the United States, we ensure that all people have equal access to the franchise."

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  
Dallas County District Attorney

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## The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet To Celebrate 86 Years of Constructive Leadership

The oldest and largest Black chamber of commerce in the nation, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (DBCC), will hold its 86th Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, October 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (Registration – 6:00 p.m.) at the Dallas Convention Center, Ballroom A (650 South Griffin Street,

Dallas, TX).

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is the highlight of the chamber's annual event line up as it serves to provide a progress report on the chamber for the year as well as to acknowledge those chamber members, sponsors and supporters who have gone

above and beyond to support the chamber in its community efforts.

The chamber banquet draws approximately 1,000 attendees annually from all over the region and will this year feature the special presentation of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce / Thomas L. Houston Community Service Award.

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In researching the need for the certificate, Bardhan counted more than 70 hospitals in North Texas. "At any given time," he said, "we found more than 100 open job listings in health IT in the DFW area."

His findings align with federal government forecasts projecting strong job prospects for computer-related occupations, as well as for healthcare information technology jobs. The U.S. Department of Labor calculates a 22 percent

growth rate in IT employment from 2010 through 2020, and it puts the growth rate for medical record specialists at 21 percent.

Even before the certificate program was approved this spring, Bardhan said several students were placed in jobs at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Texas Health Resources, Baylor, and even Epic.

Open to graduate-level degree- and non-degree-seeking students, the cer-

tificate program "supports [the JSOM] goal of growing the number of graduates in healthcare management, especially in healthcare IT," Bardhan said.

"We have focused quite a bit of resources on expanding research on healthcare IT, especially through joint research projects with UT Southwestern Medical Center and the DFW Hospital Council Education and Research Foundation," he added.

## NUTRITION, continued from Page 4

its nutritional facts in their restaurants. By 2004, the nutritional information was placed on its food products. More current changes include serving only fat-free milks, Happy Meals with 1-ounce serving of French fries and apple fritters, less sodium in food, and more fruit and vegetable menu choices.

Chan addressed the corporation's track record in hiring minorities and women into career positions. He said 43 percent of McDonald's' owner-operators are minorities and women.

The Los Angeles native said Don Thompson, president and CEO of McDonald's, makes customer input a top priority.

"The company believes in the voice of the consumer," he said.

Thompson, an African American, was appointed to the top leadership position in McDonald's this month, according to the corporation's website.



Birdie Franco Rocha, right, Co-Director of the Dallas chapter of Latinos in Social Media (LATISM) mingles with attendees after the Tweetup event on July 18 at the McDonald's location on 550 Centennial in Richardson, Texas. (Tonya Whitaker, Spencer News Inc.)

LATISM, a 501 (c) 4 nonprofit organization, is dedicated to advancing the social, civic and economic status of the Latino community. The organization also helps to raise awareness among corporate brands, NGOs and government entities about using social media to reach Latinos.

The four tracks for this

year's national conference, slated for Oct. 25-27 in Houston, are business, technology, health, and education.

To learn more about LATISM, visit <http://dal.latism.org/>. Find LATISM on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/Latism.DallasFTW> and on Twitter @latism\_dal.

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## A TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. WALKER



**Program directors Ruby and Maurice Walker**

*By Michael D.,  
Staff Writer*

Teaching past the school year was something that Maurice and Ruby Walker never thought of but at the end of the spring 2007 school year students in their tutoring program wanted to continue learning into the summer. With that the Walkers along

with Bear Creek Community Church Pastor Dennis Webb and Pastor Joseph R. Sheppard of Ben Washington Baptist Church (BWBC) began putting together a summer program at BCCC.

“Because students lose the fine edge of learning during the summer months, my wife and I thought it was necessary to develop some type of structured program that would allow learning to continue,” stated Mr. Walker.

The Reading Program, started in summer of 2007,

was a way to return to a traditional educational system, what the Walkers term as pre-desegregation learning. The program focuses on the lack of success many African Americans students have in the current contemporary classroom setting. The Reading Program focuses on reading, math, biblical awareness, cultural/historical awareness, and a recently added entrepreneurial component.

“Let’s face it, the disconnection is where many of the disruptions in the learning environment often result from,” continued Mrs. Walker, “and then couple that with almost tragic lack of involvement and engagement of too many of our African American parents in the education process of their children.”

Mr. Walker added, “Once instructional control is established, and students understand behavioral expectations, with parents being involved and engaged, then the teaching and learning process can be implemented more effectively.”

This is exactly what has been done in the Summer Reading Program at BCCC. Every Monday through Thursday at 7:30 a.m. students enter the fellowship hall knowing not to cross the line of what’s expected and accepted from the Walkers and their volunteer staff of certified teachers, teacher assistants and community members.

The program is held at a church because the Walkers believe that young people today need to understand the role that the Bible and God represent in their lives. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court decision deemed it unconstitutional to present God and the Bible in public schools. Bible study is conducted every morning and students are engaged in a discussion of biblical principles.

The program also has a cultural/historical awareness component that teaches African American culture and history of the great contributions to American history.

Other programs that the program teaches include the dress for success program, public speaking component, voter registration campaign for parents, bone marrow donor awareness project, introduction of poetry, educational field trips and partnering with high school students seeking community service hours.

Hats off to Maurice and Ruby Walker, as well as the committed and dedicated staff because they have fostered a very successful program for the past six summers that has filled a very important void for the students of Irving and the surrounding communities.

*Photo by Verni Delce and Parker Campbell*

## CYBER BULLYING

*By Andres F., Staff Writer*

It could be minutes or even seconds before kids do things they’ll regret. One of the biggest issues facing our youth today is cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is bullying done on the Internet with threats and name calling.

There are two kinds of cyber bullying. First, it is when messages are sent to the person directly. Second, is when one person gets help from other people to cyber bully the victim. Parents usually get involved

because a lot of harassment is more dangerous than others.

You can prevent cyber bullying by learning to respect all. Speak up and don’t be afraid to stop all kinds of bullying. Most kids have accounts online. For example there is Facebook, Twitter and MySpace. Children should learn the consequences because if they start cyber bullying they will end up in jail.

To deal with cyber bullying:

- Talk to an adult

- Stand up for yourself
- Keep all personal information private

Always tell someone you trust about what is happening no matter what You can be a role model by standing up for others so remember that cyber bullying can be stopped. Speak up. Tell your parents. Don’t be afraid and most of all stay safe. Information cited from <http://www.stopcyberbullying.org>.

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ARE YOUR  
READY FOR  
SCHOOL?

By Peyton A., Staff Writer

When getting ready to go back to school, kids wait too late and are not  
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to start on getting ready. Here are some tips on how to get set for school:

- Know when school starts so you can make a plan
- Have all the school supplies needed to start school
- Set out your school clothes and backpack the night before school starts to save time in the morning for important things
- Organize all of your belongings so you know where your things are when you need them
- Hang with the right crowd and make good friends that will lead you in the right direction and influence you to do good things
- Always sit in the front of the class so you can become a better learner
- Get at least eight hours of sleep the day before school starts and on school days
- Your parents are right, breakfast is the most important meal of the day so eat a healthy breakfast every morning
- Take a break, eat a snack and then start your homework
- Try and get to school early so you can find your classes but only if they let you

It helps to get started on using some of these tips now so when school  
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pared. Best of luck to you all this fall, but if you use these tips, you  
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Photo by Verni Delce and Parker Campbell

STOP SAGGING AND PULL THEM UP



Photo by Verni Delce and Parker Campbell

By Ryan Hatcher, Editor

Today sagging seems to be an epidemic that plagues our African American and Hispanic youth. Unfortunately for those kids, boys and girls, who sag they are unaware of the history of sagging. It is said that sagging originated in prison because inmates were not allowed to wear belts due to security risks. But it is also said that sagging was used as a way to let male inmates know that sexual intercourse was allowed. So kids and some adults sag their pants thinking it is a fashion  
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tion in prisons.

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able to sag your pants because we are the future. We need to DIF-

FUSE this problem. We need to care about how we look and how others see us at all times. Sagging makes us look like we are bad people. It hurts our chances of getting a good job or education and it sends the wrong message all around.  
  
Honestly, there is nothing wrong with dressing appropriately and wearing a belt with your pants. We have to care about ourselves and the image we present to others because we are the future. We should set positive trends that are beneficial to our peers, community and to society as a whole. There is no need to follow a trend that comes from the jails and prisons of America.  
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make the change and pull them up!

THE BENEFITS OF READING



By Asia D., Staff Writer

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they used to? Mainly because they are playing video games or watching T.V.  
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just that people should make time to read too.

Reading is very important because it

can help you get an education. It can even help writers write better. When you read a book, it may have a moral that teaches you a valuable lesson. For example, how to accept change,  
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In a way, reading can also be fun. Sometimes books are turned into movies, like Harry Potter, and some people prefer seeing the movie over reading the book but did you know that reading the book is better than seeing the movie because you can imagine the characters however you want when you read the book? Whatever book you are reading,  
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you can imagine those characters

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movies because someone else makes the character for you.  
  
Another way reading can be fun is that you can learn things that you may never experience in your life. You can read a book about distant places and though you may never go there, you can when you read. You can also read books about periods of time you  
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So reading is important. Not only does it give you an imagination and inspire you, but it helps writers become better.

Photo by Verni Delce and Parker Campbell

ENJOYABLE SUMMER MOMENTS

By Faith C., Asst. Editor

This summer we got to participate in two great activities, a trip to Lego Land and a visit from the No. 7 fire station which we enjoyed very much.  
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moments.

**Lego Land.** Everyone was so excited when we arrived at Lego Land. First, we went on a ride that you had to shoot things with a laser. We went on another ride where you have to pedal in order to go higher or lower. After

that, we walked through Princess Palace and sang karaoke. There are also mini Legos in there where we built a huge structure as a group. Finally, we viewed replicas of important buildings in the DFW metroplex made of  
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nitely place you should visit.

**Fire Truck Visit.** When the fire truck came we were so thrilled. They showed us a suit that protects them from fire. Next, they showed us an oxygen mask that helps them breathe in smoke because smoke can hinder

your breathing. Then, they gave us a tour of the fire truck and the tools on  
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steel which saves people trapped in vehicles. It was an honor to meet them because they are very brave.  
  
These are just a few of the many great  
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ing Program this year. Not only are we learning inside of Bear Creek Community Church, but we learn in the community as well. It has been a blast!



BY KENDRIA BROWN  
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similar concerns with consumers whose 'retail' mortgages were originated by Wells Fargo loan officers during the affected years.

The remaining \$50 million from the settlement will be used for down payment assistance in hard-hit communities across the country where DOJ identified large numbers of discrimination victims. These markets include Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Cleveland, New York-New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont and Washington, DC.

Commenting on the action, Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole said, "The department's action makes it clear that we will hold financial institutions accountable, including some of the nation's largest, for lending discrimination. An applicant's creditworthiness, and not the color of his or her skin, should determine what loans a borrower qualifies for."

By its own accounts, Wells Fargo has \$1.3 trillion in assets, and serves one in

three households in America through its 9,000 locations, 12,000 ATMs and 270,000 team members.

DOJ's investigation into Wells Fargo's lending practices began in 2009. A parallel investigation by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) examined lending practices in the metro areas of Baltimore and Washington DC. OCC found that there was reason to believe that Wells Fargo engaged in a pattern of discrimination in violation of federal laws.

The DOJ investigation determined that Wells Fargo knowingly allowed its loan officers and mortgage brokers to subjectively vary interest rates and fees. The investigation showed that Wells Fargo systematically used these exceptions to over-charge Black and Latino borrowers while white borrowers with similar credit profiles paid less.

For example, in 2007 a Latino borrower in the Miami area seeking a \$300,000 mortgage paid on average \$2,538 more than a

similarly qualified white applicant. An African-American borrower at the same time in Miami would be charged an even higher "racial surtax" of \$3,657.

Last month and in a separate action, Wells Fargo reached a settlement also involving lending discrimination with the City of Memphis and Shelby County, TN. In that action, both the city and county governments received a \$7.5 million settlement; but no borrowers were compensated.

About the same time last month, DOJ reached a \$21 million settlement of alleged discriminatory actions by SunTrust Bank. And lest anyone think these lending practices are isolated cases, consider the Bank of America settlement following its acquisition of Countrywide, or the smaller banks that settled discriminatory lending cases in Detroit and St. Louis.

It is the persistence of these problems that causes the greatest concern. Decades after enacting multiple

anti-discriminatory protections, people of color still cannot be confident that "fair lending" applies to all borrowers. While it is commendable that the DOJ and other enforcement bodies have vigorously pursued these recent cases, it remains deeply troubling that systematic discrimination still survives in the marketplace. For the people and communities affected, the shared consequences are severe. Even with some monetary relief, full financial recovery will not be easy.

As Assistant Attorney General Tom Perez, who leads the civil rights division, has said,

"This is a case about real people, African-American and Latino, who suffered real harm as a result of Wells Fargo's discriminatory lending practices."

Borrowers who believe they may have been victims of discriminatory lending by Wells Fargo are advised to contact DOJ at: wells.fargo.settlement@usdoj.gov.

**CIRCUS,** continued from Page 10

ness, including T-Pain, KISS, Jay-Z, Ne-Yo and Prince. Most recently, Marzullo designed, produced and managed the production for Justin Bieber's international My World Tour, which earned Marzullo the 2010 Tour Link Top Dog Award for Production Manager of the Year.

Visit [www.universoulcircus.com](http://www.universoulcircus.com) for more info, show times, and schedules. Also follow us on [www.facebook.com/universoulcircus](http://www.facebook.com/universoulcircus) and [www.twitter.com/universoulcirc](http://www.twitter.com/universoulcirc).

Tickets, ranging from \$15 to \$31 will be available

via Ticketmaster at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and 1-800-745-3000. Children under 1 are free.

The schedule for the 2012 edition of UniverSoul Circus is:

Opening Night, Tuesday, Aug. 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 8-9 @ 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 10 @ 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11 @ 12 noon, 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 12 @ 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**2012 List of Acts**

Improv Comedy Troupe	Atlanta, GA
Zeke - Co Host	Cleveland, OH
Caribbean Dance	Trinidad & Tobago
Acrobatic Hip Hop Contortion	Guinea South Africa & USA
Aerial Contortion	Mongolia
Acrobatic Kung Fu	China
Tigers	USA
Comedy Bench Act	South Africa
Russian Swing	Belarus
Elephants	USA
Cossack Horse Act	Russia and Guinea
Aerial Duet	France and Brazil
Hip Hop Dancers	USA

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**This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on August 27, 2012. You have until February 23, 2013, to redeem any tickets for this game:**

Game #1432 **\$100,000 Silver & Gold** (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.59

**These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on September 26, 2012. You have until March 25, 2013, to redeem any tickets for these games:**

Game #1358 **Mega Money** (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.50

Game #1377 **\$100,000 Extreme Cash** (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.65

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## Community Calendar

Visit [www.NorthDallasGazette.com](http://www.NorthDallasGazette.com) and click on *Community Calendar* for more events!

**Through July 29**  
**Kamp Hollywood** at The Studios at Las Colinas, 6301 Riverside Dr, Building One in Irving; camp cost \$600; Ages 10-18; Info: [kamphollywood.org](http://kamphollywood.org)

**Through August 5**  
**Oklahoma!** at Arts Centre Theatre in Plano, 5220 Village Creek Dr; Tickets \$12-\$15; Info: 214.810.3228

**Through September 16**  
**Sharky Sundays- Planet Shark: Predator or Prey exhibiton** at Musuem of Nature & Science, 3535 Grand Ave; Cost \$7-\$10; Info: 214.428.5555

**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](http://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 November 27**  
**Family Movie Time** at Irving Public Library, 801 W Irving Blvd at 4:30 p.m.; free; Info: 972.721.2628

**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.fissahaie5@gmail.com](mailto:hellen.fissahaie5@gmail.com)

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

**July 27**  
**Ken Savage & the Best Kept Secret:** From the Ides of March in the 70's, to the current Tower of Power - a great horn section has always added excitement to any great rock song. If you like classic R&B and great Funk- you should the show 7 - 9 p.m. at Firewheel Town Center in Garland

**July 28**  
**B.L.A.S.T. II - Babysitter Lessons & Safety Training** w/ Certification in First Aid & CPR for ages 10 up at TCU; Info: [www.lifelong.tcu.edu](http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu)

**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)

**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**  
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versity Model which, if adopted, will give the university a strong foundation for future success – we are another step closer to achieving this third goal. I have done what I came here to do and I feel like now is good time to look for my next career challenge and opportunity.”

Considering his options after he leaves office. He said he may return to teaching, research and consulting or may pursue another presidency of an established university, after a well-earned break.

“I believe my experience here will open many doors, but for now I am focused on the next year,” Price said. “There is a lot of work still to be done and I intend to use every moment I am here to make sure UNT Dallas is well-positioned for success long after I leave.”

As the first President of UNT Dallas, Price drove the boot-strap effort that brought the university from the drawing board to reality. The institution started with 55 students who attended classes at an UNT branch campus in leased space in a business park in Southern Dallas County. UNT Dallas now offers 19 graduate and undergraduate degree programs to more than 2,000 students who attend classes in state-of-the-art facilities on its 264-acre campus near IH20 in the southern part of the City of Dallas.

“The challenges of growing UNT Dallas from infancy have been considerable – from building facilities and degree programs to recruiting faculty, staff and students to a little-known institution to the never-ending battle for funding,” Price said. “We would have never been able to accomplish what we have done, had it not been for the dedication of our faculty, staff and students and UNT System, UNT and UNT Dallas leadership. We asked them to take a chance on a brand new school with no real track record and they did. I will always be thankful for their trust and commitment.”

With an eye to the university's future, last year Price organized the 21st Century Commission, a working group of academic,

civic, government and business leaders tasked with developing a new operational model for UNT Dallas – a model designed to give the university a clear advantage in the hyper-competitive North Texas and statewide academic markets to ensure its long-term success. Dubbed the “New University Model,” this new approach to operations and academics will dramatically cut tuition costs and shorten graduation times while producing high-value graduates with quality, in-demand degrees to meet the growing local and regional talent gap.

“We're not talking about low- or reduced-cost degrees in a few programs,” Price said. “The New University Model is a radical new approach to higher education. Of all of our accomplishments while at UNT Dallas, I am most proud of the fact that I was a part of something that has the potential to break down the barriers of cost, access and quality that many ‘experts’ have said are insurmountable.”

UNT System Chancellor Lee Jackson called Price a visionary who has brought a unique blend of insider system knowledge and real-world experience to his job as UNT Dallas' founding president.

“No one from the outside could have done what John did,” Jackson said. “He was a department chair and professor at UNT and knew our system intimately. He leveraged his relationships and knowledge of the system to gain approval on every academic decision for UNT Dallas and was exceptionally collaborative throughout the entire process. He was diplomatic, energetic, and above all, focused on the mission of building UNT Dallas. No one else could have done what he has done. I truly believe that.”

Added Jack Wall, chairman of the UNT Board of Regents: “You cannot truly comprehend the set of challenges that President Price and his team faced in getting UNT Dallas up and running. We will always be thankful for his diligence, vision, lead-

ership and effort to build and grow UNT Dallas.”

Texas State Senator Royce West, who initially proposed the concept of a public university in southern Dallas, said that the institution would have remained only an idea had it not been for President Price's efforts and vision.

“Few are uniquely positioned to provide leadership and to be prepared to take on a task when an opportunity presents itself and President Price is such a person,” said Senator West. “While he and the Dallas community supported the concept of a new university located in the southern sector of Dallas, President Price had the vision and gave it meaning when many thought it was a passing dream. He leaves his legacy that will benefit generations not yet borne. His work and vision will be inextricably entwined with the university forever. When people talk about the history of UNT Dallas, the name John Ellis Price will surely be one of the first mentioned.”

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"And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God."

**Daniel 3:27-28 (KJV)**

There are people who live an outcome-based Christian experience. Their decisions are made based on the positive or negative outcome, not on absolute obedience to God.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were three men who lived an obedience to God based life. When King Nebuchadnezzar passed a law that said all were to worship his idol, these young men determined they would not worship anything

other than God. You can be sure these men did not make this decision at the time of the decree. Their decision actually had been made years earlier. Their convictions were already in their hearts.

Each of us must come to a place of knowing what our boundaries are in any given situation. What will you tolerate from your family, friends, pastor, neighbors and employer? What situation crosses the line for you? Where are the boundaries for questionable practices in your life? If these are not worked out ahead, you will live a life of situational ethics, determining what decision to make based on the merits of the situation.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were willing to die for what they believed. In this case, they were delivered from the fiery furnace. God used their faithfulness to impact a king and they were promoted to higher positions.

Do you seek to only obey God in all things? Or are there situations that can move you based on the outcome? God wants to know that we will stand firm on the issues that are important to Him, no matter what the

outcome may be. God is looking for those who are radical and faithful in their obedience. Pray for this kind of conviction in your life. God had the power to part the Red Sea; He had the power to save the three Hebrew boys and He has the power to help you when you are uncertain through the difficult decisions and circumstances of life; ask Him for the courage and faith to step out and follow Him. Just give Him all the honor and glory that is due Him.

The Word of God has been proven. He spoke to Joseph as a young boy through a dream and vision regarding his future. Joseph could not understand its complete meaning at the time, but he knew it had great significance. Joseph knew God had a destiny for his life. However, the proving out of that word from God was filled with 13 years of waiting, rejection, pain, sorrow and no doubt, questioning God's faithfulness.

Joseph's life was all but a life of influence and impact as a prisoner and slave. No doubt he wondered whether that dream was simply some vain imagination. David must



*Mrs. Jessie Baker Green celebrates her 99th Birthday, July 4, 2012, with some family members. Top: Cecil, Maxilene and Jean Green. front: Ruth and Mrs. Green*

have felt the same when he was anointed king over Israel as a young man only to spend years of fleeing from King Saul. God's preparation for greatness in His Kingdom is often filled with difficulty. God is more concerned about developing the inner life of his servant. That inner life can only be prepared by removing all self-confidence and replacing it with God-confidence. God-confidence is only developed in the furnace of life.

Perhaps the Lord is using circumstances and events to move you into a place of patiently waiting as He puts you in the place He desires for you; to prove

His word in your life, as you live a life based on obedience to Him. This is the place where the foundations of your soul mature. Let God prove your faith.

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tion that we must all speak, stand and be BOLD. When presented with the opportunity to create The Bold Times, the students stepped up and did their absolute best. We even did a tribute to one of our staff members hurt when hit by a drunk driver with her friend while they were walking.

This year I literally bugged Mr. Jones for a chance to participate in the program and when he finally said yes, I was like a kid in the candy store. While I had a game plan for The Bold Times I was impressed the students offered their own story topics, photo concepts and graphic

ideas. I had no idea I would be blown away by the students in this year's program. They are all amazing.

Some of the students returned this year including Jaden Rivers, Asia DeShay and Michael but there were also new students who surprised me with their excitement and enthusiasm to participate.

Ryan Hatcher, a junior at Ranchview High School, immediately took the lead when the Walkers presented the available position for the paper. His words resonated with me, "I was born a leader, so I know I can do this," and he

did just that ... took the lead and led his team of staff writers, graphic designers and photographers. Ryan also worked well with his assistant editor Faith Carter, graphic design lead, Jaden, who aspires to be an actor and Parker Campbell, lead photographer, who worked directly with Verni Delce, a teacher and professional photographer. Parker's drive is astonishing because he and another student rode the bus every day from South Dallas to Irving just to participate.

I have enjoyed working with everyone. I absolutely loved how Mrs. Ruby fussed over me when I was

not feeling well. Congratulations to Valarie Cunningham, a retired teacher who will be pursuing her Ph.D. in the fall semester. What an awesome team who displayed passion for teaching the students for free. And wow to Monica Tidwell who cooked hot meals for the kids. I must give a special thanks to Eric Bettis owner of Harvest Graphic Solutions for obliging to a last minute request to stop by to show the students design examples. Finally, thank you Mr. Jones for having the confidence in me to oversee this program and for being a great mentor.

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## NDG Bookshelf



By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
NDG Contributing Writer

Your child's grades are slipping.

You noticed it last winter, just after the new year, but you thought it was just a mid-winter slump or something. But now, though, he's been avoiding activities he used to love, he has little interest in anything but his bedroom, and although you once had a good relationship with him, he refuses to talk about things.

## NDG BookShelf: Students and parents grapple with the *The Bully Society* dilemma

You think you know what's wrong. You were bullied once, too.

Author Jessie Klein did some research on bullying and what she found is stunning. In her new book *The Bully Society*, she tells the story of bullied kids, school shootings, and what we can do about them.

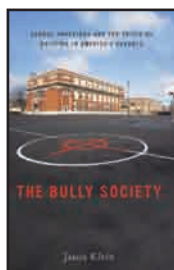
In October 1997, sociology professor Jessie Klein heard about a Mississippi 16-year-old who opened fire in a school, explaining that he'd done so because he was angry over mistreatment from peers.

Then similar violence happened again. And again.

"I continued to study these cases," Klein says, eventually

finding 182 of them in a forty-year period. What she learned were three main reasons for school shootings: "everyday" violence of bullying, destructive gender pressures, and social demands on children at schools.

Our children, she says, are constantly enduring a culture that "places a diminished value" on students who don't measure up in social status. They have the "wrong" clothes or accessories, live in the "wrong" place, or lack money or "social capital." Klein found that this problem occurs even in schools that require uni-



forms. She also found that adults are often unaware of what's happening.

Boys are bullied for not being masculine enough, and any lack of athleticism is reason for beatings, sexual slurs, and derogatory name-calling.

This is doubly problematic for children who are gay or are perceived as such by peers.

Girls, Klein says, are bullied for similar-but-opposite reasons, a type of bullying she calls "slut-bashing." Sexual harassment is common, too; so common that girls often don't realize it's happening.

So what can be done?

Listen to your child when (s)he says there's a problem at school. Don't allow bullying from anyone, including coaches, teachers, or other parents. Nurture a mentor-and-model program in your area and help design laws that allow underage children to take bullies to court. Most of all, work with others to embrace "collective courage."

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If you've noticed an epidemic of bullying in your community or your school and you don't know what to do about it, here's a good start. Before school reconvenes, you'll want to slip *The Bully Society* into your reading pile.

*The Bully Society* by Jessie Klein (New York University Press, \$29.95, 307 pages, includes notes)

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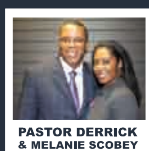
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