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## Baylor University Law School launches clinic to help young immigrants

Baylor University's Law School will begin operating a clinic to assist those who may be eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DA-CA) program. An estimated 150,000 young un-authorized immigrants in Texas are eligible for relief from immediate deportation.

The clinic is in response to President Obama's executive order which allows those who entered the United States as children to remain in the country and work without fear of deportation for a period of two years. It will operate from 6:30 to 10 p.m., Sept. 18, 20, 25 and 27 and

Oct. 2 and 4 at the Baylor Law School campus, 1114 S. University Parks Drive.

The Baylor Law School DACA Immigration Clinic is stepping up to help with cumbersome and sometimes confusing paperwork.

Under the direction of Laura A. Hernández, associ-

ate professor of law, and Waco attorney and Baylor Law alumna Susan Nelson, second- and third-year law students will assist applicants in filling out the paperwork needed to take advantage of the program.

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## Dallas residents can receive a ticket to the State Fair by recycling used cooking oil

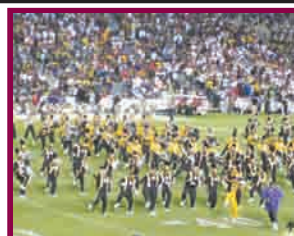
The City of Dallas Water Utilities "Cease the Grease" program is again offering residents a chance to receive a ticket to the upcoming State Fair of Texas in exchange for used cooking oil. There are two ways residents can receive a State Fair ticket for recycling oil.

The first way is to bring at least 1 liter of used cooking oil (no fatty grease) in a sealed plastic container to one of the recycling locations either September 8 or September 15. There will be two locations on each day. One September 8, you can bring your used cooking oil

to the Whole Foods Market at 11700 Preston Road and Forest Lane beginning at 11 am, or the Whole Foods Market at 8190 Park Lane beginning at 1 pm.

On September 15, the recycling locations will be

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**Tweet and Greet details for free tickets to 2012 State Fair Classic**  
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## Government proposes simplified mortgage disclosure forms

BY JASON ALDERMAN

No doubt many wannabe first-time homebuyers have been sitting on the sidelines of the volatile housing market, unsure when or how to enter the game. If that describes you, you're probably fortunate to have missed out on the housing bubble and

lax lending standards of a few years ago, when millions of people took out mortgages they couldn't afford – or understand.

Homeownership is a long-term commitment filled with expenses (both expected and unexpected) and responsibilities. The upsides – not to mention the tax ad-

vantages – are why approximately two-thirds of Americans own instead of renting. But homeownership is not always right for everyone or at every stage of life.

Here's hoping that now, as home prices have plummeted and loan interest rates are at historic lows, you can resist the temptation to get in

over your head and first bone up on the many one-time and recurring costs involved in owning your own home.

A good place to start is Know Before You Owe, the financial education initiative launched last year by the

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COMMENTARY

## What's wrong with getting rich?

BY BILL FLETCHER, JR. (NNPA) I have to confess to you that it was very difficult for me to follow the Republican Convention. Talk about a combination of a lack of racial and ethnic diversity along with a constant stream of lies, half-truths, and a denial of reality.

There was something that came out of the Republican Convention that struck me, however. There is an attempt by the Republicans to por-

tray Mitt Romney as a shrewd businessman who knows how to make money and that the Democrats are attacking him for becoming rich. After all, everyone wants to become rich, right?

The flaunting of wealth by the Republicans reminds me of stories I would read about European royalty riding through the streets of their towns, surrounded by the desperate poor.

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## Constantina Tsolainou

The Arts District Chorale (ADC) has appointed Constantina Tsolainou as Acting Artistic Director and Principal Conductor, effective Fall 2012. Tsolainou succeeds ADC founder H. Michie Akin, who will remain active with the organization in an advisory and Guest Conductor capacity. Tsolainou has previously served as Principal Guest Conductor for ADC.

No stranger to the Dallas choral music arena, during her tenure as Director of Choral Activities at Southern Methodist University,

Tsolainou established the SMU/Dallas Vocal Arts Ensemble. She also served as Director of Music for Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. Currently the Paul S. and Jean R. Amos Faculty Chair and Director of Choral Activities at the Schwob School of Music, Columbus State University.

Tsolainou has also held conducting positions at Westminster Choir College, New England Conservatory, McGill University, Oregon State University, and Oklahoma City University. She has also served as Artistic

Director and Conductor of the Canterbury Choral Society in Oklahoma City and Anima Musica in Montreal, Quebec. An acclaimed clinician, Tsolainou has presented workshops, master classes and concert performances in Australia, Canada, China, Europe, and throughout the United States.

Tsolainou states, "I am honored to be given the opportunity to work with the ADC in an even more intimate capacity this season. Michie and I have worked together for many years and it is



indeed a privilege to lead the ensemble which he founded and nurtured for more than two decades."

She will conduct the ADC in a December 2 Christmas concert – Welcome All Wonders! – at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas.

Founded in 1989, the Arts District Chorale is a signature ensemble of gifted amateur and professional

signers from all walks of life, known for innovative presentations of choral masterworks in the extraordinary cultural venues of the Dallas Arts District and beyond. ADC is a member of Chorus America, the national service organization for choral music, and the recipient of a 2012 grant from TACA (The Arts Community Alliance), North Texas' champion for the performing arts.

For more information about the Chorale and its programs, visit the ADC website at [www.artsdistrictchorale.org](http://www.artsdistrictchorale.org).

## Donald Faison

Blue September is an international awareness campaign developed to increase awareness of prostate cancer, is asking Americans to observe Blue Friday September 14th. Moms, dads, grandparents, kids, schools, churches and retail establishments are encouraged to answer the call to action, "Get Blue! Face Up to Prostate Cancer," by wearing blue or painting their faces blue this Friday.

According to Dr. Howard Sandler, a radiation oncologist at Cedars-Sinai

Medical Center, more than 240,000 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer and more than 33,000 died from the disease in 2011. One new case occurs every two minutes and a man dies from prostate cancer every 15 minutes.

Golden Globe winning actor Anthony LaPaglia and his wife, Actress Gia Carides, are two of the blue faces showing their support for the campaign.

"I think a lot of men try to avoid talking about prostate cancer and getting

checked," said Lapaglia. "I avoided getting checked for a long time but then realized it was not a wise thing to do. Putting blue paint on my face is me facing up to prostate cancer, and I think it's time all men faced up."

Funny man, Donald Faison, from the comedy series *Scrubs*, is also putting his popularity to good use and supporting the campaign. Faison said, "I will be affected in some way in my life by prostate cancer, whether it is me, a brother, or a friend it is bound to happen. Everyone around the age of 40 should have a conversation with



their doctor about their prostate and get it checked."

Joining the California Blue September team as

sponsors this year are California Walnuts, Varian Medical Systems, 91X Radio and Men's Health magazine. The good news

is that many deaths from prostate cancer can be prevented by early detection. Here are some things men can do during the month to support Blue September:

- Eat right (including walnuts) and exercise.
- Know your family history and share it with family members.
- Do your research; be an active member on your healthcare team.
- If you are over 40 years-old, find a physician you trust and talk to them about developing a proactive prostate care plan.

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## LaToya Watkins

LaToya Watkins, a doctoral student in aesthetic studies and former *NDG*

Fiction category with her story, *Peeling*.

"It's a story about finding and accepting the sometimes difficult truth," said Watkins, who wrote the winning piece for a workshop course taught by Dr. Clay Reynolds, director of creative writing at UT Dallas.

"LaToya has stayed the course of traditional approaches and methods and blended them with her remarkable intelligence and

her innate understanding of human nature to achieve her goals," said Reynolds. "Any time one of our students achieves a major state, regional, or national award or recognition, it reflects very well on the work they do, both in the classroom and through individual instruction."

LeeAnn Olivier took second in Graduate Creative Nonfiction with a story titled *Love Like Seawater*, and D'Angelo Henderson placed second in Undergraduate Fiction with *Sense of Self*.

In 2010, students won both the graduate and undergraduate fiction categories, and last year, UT Dallas took first place in the graduate creative nonfiction competition. Dr. Betty Wiesepepe was the

first UT Dallas winner of the graduate fiction award in 1992.

This year's winners will be recognized at the TACWT conference, hosted by The University of Texas Pan American (UTPA) September 27 – 29. Watkins will receive a new iPad from UTPA and TACWT for her first place piece.

"The TACWT, founded in the mid-70s, is instrumental in connecting creative writing teachers from across the state of Texas. TACWT members gather for annual conferences, promote literary publications and share creative work. With the annual student competition, our aim is to spark student creative writing and reward excellence," said Dr. Philip Zwerling, assistant professor of En-

glish at UTPA and president of the TACWT.

The annual competi-

tion is open to all students who have been enrolled in

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contributing writer, took first place in the Graduate

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## Are you Better Off than You Were Four Years Ago?

BY GEORGE E. CURRY  
(NNPA) Judging from the recently-concluded Republican and Democratic conventions, the question of who will be inaugurated as president in January may turn on how voters answer a question posed by Ronald Reagan in his 1980 debate with Democratic incumbent Jimmy Carter: Are you better off today than you were four years ago?

The question was raised at the Republican convention in Tampa and last week here at the Democratic counterpart.

In his acceptance speech in Tampa, Romney said: "This president can ask us to be patient. This president can tell us it was someone else's fault. This president can tell us that the next four years he'll get it right. But this president cannot tell us that you are better off today than when he took office."

Former President Bill Clinton looked at where the

country was four years ago and reached a different conclusion.

Clinton said President Obama "put a floor under the crash. He began the long, hard road to recovery and laid the foundation for a modern, more well-balanced economy that will produce millions of good new jobs, vibrant new businesses and lots of new wealth for innovators."

"Now, are we where we want to be today? No. Is the president satisfied? Of course not. But are we better off than we were when he took office? And listen to this. Listen to this. Everybody – when President Barack Obama took office, the economy was in free fall. It had just shrunk 9 full percent of GDP. We were losing 750,000 jobs a month. Are we doing better than that today? The answer is yes."

Aside from the intensely partisan delegates, what do

Americans really think?

First, let's recap where we were four years ago. George W. Bush was completing his second term. Gasoline was averaging \$3.84 a gallon. Unemployment had risen to 6.1 percent, the highest since December 2003. On Sept. 15, 2008, Lehman Brothers announced that it would file for bankruptcy, and the stock market had taken a dive.

A Sept. 15, 2008 New York Times story began:

"Fearing that the crisis in the financial industry could stun the broader economy, investors drove stocks down almost 5 percent Monday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500-stock index to their lowest levels in two years."

The following day, another New York Times story began:

"Fearing a financial crisis worldwide, the Federal

Reserve reversed course on Tuesday and agreed to an \$85 billion bailout that would give the government control of the troubled insurance giant American International Group.

"The decision, only two weeks after the Treasury took over the federally chartered mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, is the most radical intervention in private business in the central bank's history."

Determining whether the public feels it is better off today than four years ago has a lot to do with how the question is framed.

For example, a Gallup/CBS News poll taken two weeks before the Republican convention asked: "Would you say you and your family are better off than you were four years ago or not?" In that survey, 42 percent said they were

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The royalty thought nothing of their wealth; well, they did think about it and they thought that it was God-given. The fact that their wealth was connected to the keeping of the majority poor was something that did not merit discussion, at least until there was a rebellion or revolution.

Today, the situation is not altogether different. The wealth that has been accumulated by the likes of Romney comes, in more ways than one, from the fact that most of this country is nowhere near wealthy...and will never be. I am not speaking about what Romney did or did not do with Bain capital. Instead I mean that since the 1950s, the tax burden on the wealthy has decreased while the burden on the rest of us has increased. It is not just taxes, however. There are fees that regular people have to pay that, for the post part, the rich do not. We used to have a lot

more free parks, for instance, but now you have to pay. School bus rides used to be free; now in many districts you have to pay. The list goes on and on.

On top of this, it is rare that people come out of nowhere and end up wealthy. Wealth tends to transcend generations. A famous example of this is Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft. Gates was not running the streets of East St. Louis and, presto, rose to prominence. He was from a well-to-do family and he had greater access to computers at an earlier stage in life than most people. This is what class is all about.

The issue, then, is not whether someone is wealthy. What we have a right to know is how people have become wealthy

and what the impact is on everyone else. When the tax burden increasingly finds itself on the shoulders



**Bill Fletcher, Jr.**

of middle income people, there is a problem. When the wealthy can live in isolated and very protected lives, yet the infrastructure of our society is crumbling, there is a problem. When they get rich through government contracts and special deals, yet speak out against government intervention in the economy, there is a problem.

The Republicans were not talking about the reality of today's economy. All they did, in their bubble environment in Tampa, was to applaud the suggestion that we need new economic policies...which, by the way, are not new—but instead recycled—and benefitted the rich when they were first tried.

As someone concerned about the environment, I am all in favor of recycling, but I am not in favor of recycling failed, biased economic policies. The time has arrived for an ambitious, pro-working people economic agenda.

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## Who should follow a gluten free diet?

Researchers say many people who should avoid gluten don't – and they wonder why others do. Those who should avoid gluten have celiac disease, so the protein – found in wheat, rye and barley products – triggers an allergic reaction.

Mayo Clinic researchers say about 1.8 million people have celiac disease, and most are unaware – but many others are going gluten-free without a diagnosis. Researcher Joseph Murray:

“You have 1.6 million people who are on a gluten-free diet but without a diagnosis of celiac disease. And we've got about the same number of peo-

ple who have celiac disease don't know it, and aren't on the diet they need to be on.”

The study in the American Journal of Gastroenterology was supported by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



## H2O 5K entry deadline approaching

All running enthusiasts take note an important deadline is fast approaching if you plan to run in the H2O 5K on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The H2O 5K is part of this year's Healthy Living Expo at the Curtis Culwell Center. The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost of registration is \$10 prior to Sept. 15. Participants who register by that date also will receive a free T-shirt

and goodie bag. Registration will be available on race day for \$15. To register online, go to the H2O 5K page in the Healthy Living Expo website.

The City of Garland Water and Stormwater Management Departments to promote the conservation and protection of Garland's water supply sponsor the H2O 5K. Awards will be given for the top three finishers in

various age/gender categories.

Garland's annual Healthy Living Expo offers a variety of information and activities related to personal health, safety, and environmental health. Health screenings, electronics recycling, pet adoptions and information booths are just a few of the featured activities. Learn more at [www.GarlandGoesGreen.org](http://www.GarlandGoesGreen.org).

## Miles Davis gets stamp of approval

The U.S. Postal Service in honor of the late Miles Davis officially issued the stamp for 2012. The family and fans recently attended the unveiling at the DuSable Museum of African American History in the city, as part of a concert in tribute to the late trumpeter coinciding with DuSable's The Sounds of History summer jazz concert series. Notably, Irving played on Russell's current jazz album, Circle Without End, which is under consideration for a Grammy Award.

The Miles Davis stamp was nationally released in June, along with a stamp honoring legendary chanteuse Edith Piaf, in conjunction

with La Poste, the French postal service. This marked the first time that the United States and France have jointly issued a stamp since 1989, when both countries honored the bicentennial of the French Revolution. Frank Russell's Circle Without End is available via



Celebrated Chicago bass musician Frank Russell (rear, second from left) is pictured here with the family of late jazz artist Miles Davis, at the dedication of the new Miles Davis U.S. postage stamp. Pictured (front row, from left) are Miles' grandson Paul, great grandson Paul, Jr., emcee Marsha Noble, his son, Erin, saxophone player Glen Burris, nephew Vince Wilburn and Miles Davis Ensemble percussionist Robert Irving, III.

Amazon.com, on iTunes.com, eMusic and CDBaby.com.

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- Talk to your peers and friends; make prostate cancer something to talk about.

- If you are given a diagnosis of prostate cancer, do not panic detected early, it is

highly treatable. Even in cases of advanced disease, there are more effective treatment options than ever before.

For more information or to participate in a Blue Fri-

day event, visit [www.blue-september.org](http://www.blue-september.org). Follow on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USABlue-September> and on twitter @BlueSeptemberUS.

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“The DACA program is aimed at those immigrants who are between the ages of 15 and 31,” Hernández said. “They are commonly referred to as ‘Dreamers’ after the Dream Act, which has not yet become law. These young people came to this country before they were 16, were educated in the American school system and for all intents and purposes are American. While the DACA program is not a path to citizenship, it is an opportunity for these immigrants to become lawful, tax-paying residents.”

This the second clinic launched this month by Baylor Law to help members of the community with little or no access to legal services. Through a grant from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation, Baylor Law also is providing assistance to military veterans. The Baylor Law School Veterans' Clinic begins Sept. 14 at the Mission Waco Meyer Center, 1226 Washington Ave.

“At Baylor Law, we pride ourselves on developing both great lawyers and great citizens,” said Baylor Law School Dean Brad Toben. “The immigration and the veterans' clinics are not only a way for our students to gain valuable experience, but perhaps more

importantly, to also discover and understand the positive impact their knowledge and skills can make in the lives of people whose voices might not otherwise be heard.”

On June 15, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the DACA program that could delay deportation for unauthorized immigrants between the ages of 15 and 30 if they:

- Entered the U.S. before age 16;

- Have continuously lived in the U.S. since June 15, 2007, and were physically in the U.S. on June 15, 2012, and were under the age of 31 when the program was announced;

- Are enrolled in school, have a high school diploma or a GED, or have been honorably discharged from the military or Coast Guard at the time of their application;

- Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not present a threat to national security or public safety;

- Entered the U.S. without legal documentation or stayed in the country after their visas expired prior to June 15, 2012.

If the criteria are met, the young applicants may apply for a deferred action permit that protects them from being

deported for two years and possibly allows them to qualify for work authorization. At the end of the two-year deferment period, they can apply for a two-year renewal pending a review of their case. Unauthorized immigrants in the midst of deportation proceedings or who have received a deportation order – including those under age 15 – also may apply for the deferral if they meet the DHS guidelines.

The Pew Hispanic Center estimates that the deferment program could affect 1.7 million unauthorized immigrants throughout the U.S. In Texas, the program immediately affects 150,000 unauthorized immigrants, with an additional 60,000 young people in the future who are currently under the age of 15, according to the Migration Policy Institute, a think tank based in Washington, D.C. Only California has more eligible unauthorized immigrants than Texas at 350,000.

DHS stresses that the DACA program does not provide a path to permanent residence status or citizenship. In addition, immediate relatives or dependents of those who qualify for the program will not be considered for a deferment.



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## New Texas Lottery game kicked off on Monday features new drawing timeslots

To match or not to match? That is the question and now *All or Nothing*™ may be the answer for Texas Lottery® players looking for a new way to win big. The first new draw game from the Texas Lottery since Daily 4™ debuted in 2007, All or Nothing features overall odds of 1 in 4.5 and 10 ways to win a prize.

"All or Nothing is unlike any other draw game offered by the Texas Lottery," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "With a guaranteed top prize of \$250,000, players

are sure to enjoy this innovative new game and we look forward to the revenue it will generate for public education in Texas."

All or Nothing players can win the top prize by matching all 12 of the numbers drawn. However, what sets this new game apart is that players can also win the top prize by matching none of the numbers drawn. To play All or Nothing, players select 12 numbers from one to 24 or opt for a Quick Pick.

In addition to the \$250,000 top prize, All or

Nothing also offers lower-tier prizes at the \$2, \$10, \$50, and \$500 level, depending on how many numbers the player does or does not match in the drawing. Tickets for All or Nothing are \$2 per play and drawings will be held four times a day, six days a week. Drawings will take place Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m., 12:27 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10:12 p.m. CT. All or Nothing is the first game that will be drawn during the new 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. draw times.

## Utility line protection program available to Plano residents

Last spring, the City of Plano entered into a partnership to offer a new, optional Service Line Warranty Program for homeowners, administered by Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA). The Service Line Warranty Program provides low cost, worry-free warranty protection for sewer and water lines.

"Many citizens are unaware that they are responsible for the sewer and water lines located between their houses and the point of utility maintenance. If these lines break or leak, repairs can be very expensive," said Bruce D. Glasscock, City Manager. The Service Line Warranty program offers citizens an affordable way to avoid the unex-

pected and often large expense involved with a sewer or water line break. When a line breaks, the cost to repair it can often cause hardship on a family's budget. This new program will offer warranty protection to help cover the costs of a break.

Letters were sent City of Plano residents for sewer line coverage in the spring. Residents will see offers for the water line warranty from SLWA in their mail box over the next few weeks. The cost for citizens who choose to purchase the water warranty protection this fall is \$4.25 per month, and will cover water line repairs up to \$4,000 plus an additional allowance of \$500 for public sidewalk cutting, if needed. The program is offered at no cost to

the City of Plano, and no public funds are used to promote the program.

"We are pleased to work with the City of Plano to offer homeowners an affordable Service Line Warranty program," said Brad Carmichael, Vice President of Business Development for Service Line Warranties of America. "We think Plano residents will be pleased with our features and benefits, including a 24-hour repair hotline and the use of local, certified technicians. This keeps dollars in the local economy, an important benefit in these tough financial times."

To learn more about SLWA please visit [www.SLWofA.com](http://www.SLWofA.com) or call 1-866-922-9006.

## Citywide prayer movement

Unified in Prayer is holding a prayer rally to bring together believers in prayer for the healing of Dallas, communities and the nation on Sept. 29 6 – 10 p.m. at Mount Olive Church of Plano at 300 Chisholm Place.

They believe it is time to take back their communities, cities and families. Unified in Prayer is a national movement started in North Dallas by a group of church leaders and pastors. They indicate they are following the vision God to

unite the body of Christ in a unified prayer movement church and community leaders throughout North Dallas. More than 60 churches have come together to participate and pray together.

## McKinney's receives national honor

McKinney was named one of America's Promise Alliance's 100 Best Communities for Young People presented by ING. The national award was given to McKinney to recognize its outstanding and innovative work in addressing the high school dropout crisis and for its programs and services that make it an outstanding place for youth to live, learn and grow.

McKinney will receive a \$2,500 grant and signage identifying the community as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. The city and the McKinney Independent School District (MISD) worked together to nominate

McKinney for the honor by completing a rigorous application. Cities that receive the designation must prove that programs and initiatives help deliver the Five Promises—resources identified by America's Promise as being critical to the development of healthy, successful children: caring adults; safe places; a healthy start; effective education; and opportunities to help others. MISD Superintendent J.D. Kennedy attended the ceremony to receive the award.

"Being named one of America's Promise Alliance's 100 Best is significant and meaningful to the entire community. We are proud to add this to a grow-

ing list of national accolades our city has been honored with recently, including being named the No. 2 Best Place to Live in America by Money Magazine," said Mayor Brian Loughmiller. "So many dedicated people and programs contributed to this designation, and it further reinforces our belief that a focus on youth is vital to the entire community."

McKinney, a first-time 100 Best winner, was honored for community involvement on behalf of young people in the area. For example, Partners in Education is a collaborative program among the business community, nonprofit organizations and the local government.

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at the El Rancho Supermarket at 1411 Coit Road beginning at 11 am or the El Rancho Supermarket at 1515 S. Buckner Blvd beginning at 1 pm. Another opportunity to earn a ticket is to bring 1 liter of used cooking oil in a sealed plastic container to the Cease the Grease booth at Dallas Greenfest at Main St. Gardens on September 21 starting at 10 am.

The second way you can get a State Fair ticket in exchange for used cooking oil is through the "Cease the Grease" Facebook page. To get a ticket, have a friend take a picture of you putting 1 liter of used cooking oil in a sealed container into one of the collection/recycling cages. When you upload the photo to Facebook, you will receive a State Fair

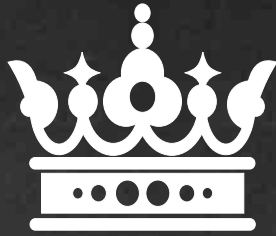
ticket. If one of your friends "likes" the photo on the "Cease the Grease" Facebook page, then that one friend will also receive a ticket.

One ticket per family, while supplies last. For more details or to find locations of "Cease the Grease" recycling cage locations, visit [www.cease-thegrease.org](http://www.cease-thegrease.org).

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## BEST donations benefit staff and students

A popular saying states, "It takes a village to raise a child." Garland ISD believes it takes a community to educate a student. That's why GISD's BEST Education Foundation partners with local businesses, benefactors, and corporations.

In August, the Garland-based production plant of Raytheon held its third-annual "Fill the Bus" school supply drive. A GISD school bus was parked at the defense and aerospace systems company three days while employees filled each seat with backpacks, binders, spirals, pencils, and



GISD School Board President Linda Griffin (center) accepts donation from EcoLabs

other supplies. These donations will help make sure all students are prepared for school.

"Raytheon continues to be a strong supporter of GISD," said BEST Pro-

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## Former news anchor joins Dallas DA staff

Prior to joining the Dallas County DA's office, Debbie spent 12 years reporting and anchoring the news at WFAA-TV in Dallas, Texas. She officially takes over the reigns as spokesperson for the DA's office September 10.

"I'm excited to embark upon this new venture in



Debbie Denmon

my career after spending more than 20 years honing my journalism skills in the broadcast industry. I really am looking forward to utilizing my writing and speaking talents in a different venue," said Denmon. "I think it's an excellent op-

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## Celebrating National Black Female Photographers Day this Saturday in Dallas

The trade organization, Black Female Photographers (BFP) announced their first National Black Female Photographers Day (NBFPD).

NBFPD is a 15 city national movement to unite Black women photographers from all over the country. On Saturday, Sept. 15, hundreds of people from all over the nation will gather on photo walks to celebrate the art of photography and to declare that Black women have a place in the photography industry.

"This is the follow up event (after the website launch) in our public campaign to increase the visibility of Black female photographers as a group and to establish our photographic leadership. It is a very simple premise with long lasting impact on everyone involved. It's a chance for walk leaders and the general public to showcase the beauty of their cities through their

passion of photography, and to engage the public in what we do as focused artists" explained Kym Scott, President and Founder of BFP.

Photo walks and luncheons will be held in Dallas and the following cities: Atlanta, GA; Baton Rouge, LA; Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; Columbus, OH; Gary, IN; Houston, TX; Little Rock, AR; Louisville, KY; Los Angeles, CA; New York, NY; Orlando, FL; Tallahassee, FL; Washington, DC.

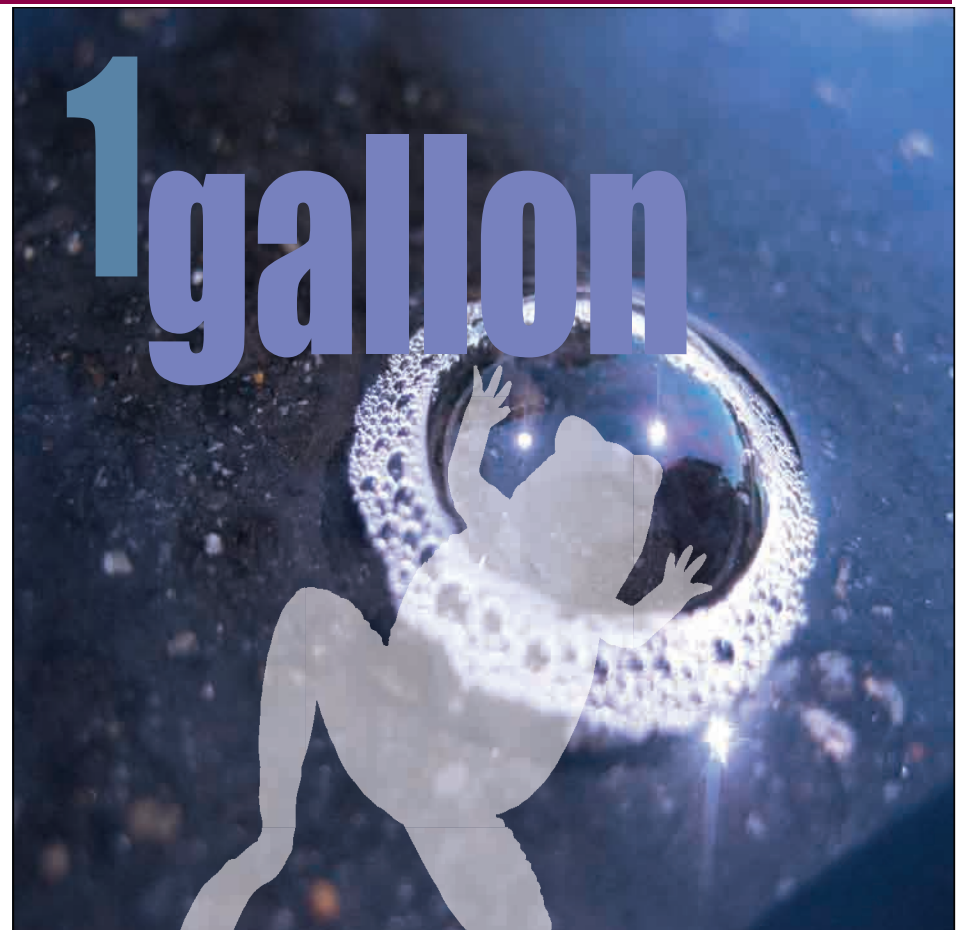
This is a national event that is open to everyone regardless of ethnicity or gender.



Image from Dallas photographer Nkechi 'Chibueze'

The local Dallas contact is Nkechi Chibueze, her website is <http://www.kechimage.com/>.

For more information and additional details, visit website at: <http://blackfemalephotographers.com/events/>.



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- +Choose environmentally-friendly products for your outdoor washing.

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## Verizon collects 700 cellphones for charity at the 2012 Dallas edition of Verizon's How Sweet The Sound

St. Mark's Sanctuary Choir of Maumille, Ark., was named regional winner of Verizon's How Sweet the Sound competition and received \$10,000 and other prizes. The choir will go on to represent the Dallas area at the grand finale in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Nov. 4. The first runner up prize of \$5,000 was awarded to St. John Music Ministry. St. John Music Ministry also won Verizon's People's Choice Award and \$5,000.

The evening was hosted by GRAMMY® Award-winning gospel legends Donald Lawrence and Yolanda Adams, and award-winning artists CeCe Winans, Hezekiah Walker, Erica Campbell and Fred Hammond served as judges.

In addition, participating choirs were encouraged to collect and donate no-longer used wireless phones to HopeLine from Verizon, collected more than 700 phones. St. John Music Ministry received the HopeLine Champion Award for collecting the most phones. Verizon, through HopeLine, will award a \$2,500 grant in support of a domestic violence program chosen by St. John Music Ministry. The long-running HopeLine program puts the nation's most reliable wireless network to work in the community by turning no-longer-used wireless phones into support for those affected by domestic violence. Proceeds from HopeLine are used to provide wireless phones and airtime to victims of domestic



*Fred Hammond, Erica Campbell, Yolanda Adams, Donald Lawrence, CeCe Winans & Bishop Hezekiah Walker*

violence and cash grants to local shelters and non-profit organizations that focus on domestic violence prevention, awareness and advocacy.

Since the launch of the cell phone recycling program

in 2001, HopeLine from Verizon has collected more than 8 million phones, given out more than \$14.2 million in cash grants, and distributed more than 123,000 phones with more than 400 million



*Panel judges Fred Hammond, Erica Campbell, Bishop Walker, & CeCe Winans*

minutes of free wireless service for use by domestic violence survivors.

For more information on Verizon's How Sweet the Sound competition and to view photos from the re-

gional competition, go to [www.howsweetthesound.com](http://www.howsweetthesound.com). To learn more about HopeLine from Verizon, visit [www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline](http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline).

## NAACP encouraging voters to register 16 voters on Sunday

Sept. 15 will be the anniversary of a terrible tragedy that occurred in African American history.

Forty-nine years ago, while a service titled "The Love That Forgives" was being held at the 16th Street Bap-

tist Church, members of the KKK set off explosives that killed four little girls sitting in the church. The girls

were Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Denise McNair.

These beautiful, innocent martyrs became a catalyst in the ongoing struggle for civil and human rights in America.

Their terrible murder marked a turning point in the battle

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# New study shows black schools are underfunded and 'very segregated'

BY FREDDIE ALLEN (NNPA) – Nearly 60 years after the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision declared that the “separate but equal” schools unconstitutional, researchers from the Center for American Progress found that the nation’s classrooms are still “very segregated.”

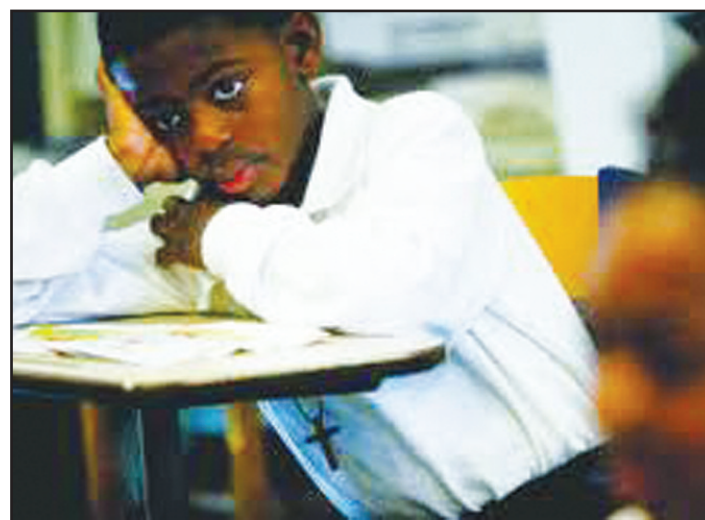
The study, titled “Unequal Education: Federal Loophole Enables Lower Spending on Students of Color,” analyzed district school spending disparities. Ary Spatig-Amerikaner authored the paper and found that school districts spend \$733 more on White students at 90 percent White schools than on students of color that attend schools where the student body is 90 percent non-White.

“The United States has the most inequitable system for funding its schools of any advanced country, and as this report shows, students of color bear the brunt of that inequity,” said Cynthia Brown, Vice President for Education Policy at the

public school funding is generated at the local level, mostly by property tax. Dallas and Collin County fund their public schools through property taxes. Wealthier districts use this revenue to fuel school spending, a revenue stream that’s cut off to poorer districts. “This leads to unequal spending between districts,” said Brown.

However, little was known about within-district disparities because of a reporting loophole created by the No Child Left Behind Act. Under Title I of NCLB, school officials were required to use district-wide average teacher salaries when reporting school-level expenditures.

“This federal policy has allowed districts to cover up or at least failed to expose these within-district differences in school spending,” Brown said. Currently, districts send resources to schools according to the number of teachers at each school, assuming an average cost per teacher. “But in reality, not all teachers cost the same,” she added.



“This means that two schools can have the same number of teacher positions, but a school with mostly veteran teachers would receive much more money per pupil than one with predominantly novice teachers,” Brown said.

President Obama changed that NCLB policy and closed the reporting loophole with an add-on to the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 that required districts to report the actual school-by-school budget numbers, not just the district-wide averages, for personnel and non-personnel spending.

The administration released their findings to the public in December 2011.

“Before this year, we’ve never had a national data set that tells us how much money schools are spending each year,” said Spatig-Amerikaner.

Using the new data made available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009, Spatig-Amerikaner uncovered alarming disparities in what schools within the same district were spending on students.

Schools that were 90 percent White spent \$733 more on students than schools that educated a 90 percent minority student body. The CAP report suggested that increasing the per-pupil level of spending at 90 percent nonwhite schools to match the mostly white schools, “could pay the salary for 12 additional first-year teachers or nine veteran teachers. Alternatively, this funding could pay for any number of other useful personnel or resources such as school counselors, teacher coaches, or laptop computers.”

The CAP report also found that in 24 states, when the number of minority students increased by 10 percent the per-pupil the money spent per student decreased. Sixty-three percent of all minority students attend schools in those states.

In October 2011, Congressman Chaka Fattah (D-PA) co-authored H.R. 1294, Elementary and Secondary Education Fiscal Fairness Act to address the Title I loophole. H.R. 1294 “requires that states and school districts demonstrate that they are spending their state and local funds on all schools fairly, before receiving federal aid.”

Fattah’s amendment to Title I of NCLB would force school districts to include

individual teacher salaries, not just an average, when they report annual budgets for each school. Fattah’s amendment suggests that transparency in spending would lead to increased equity in funding across the board under the law.

Although, Spatig-Amerikaner admitted that changing the federal policy that affects school-level spending is not the ubiquitous cure to the economic disparities that exist, it is the right place to start.

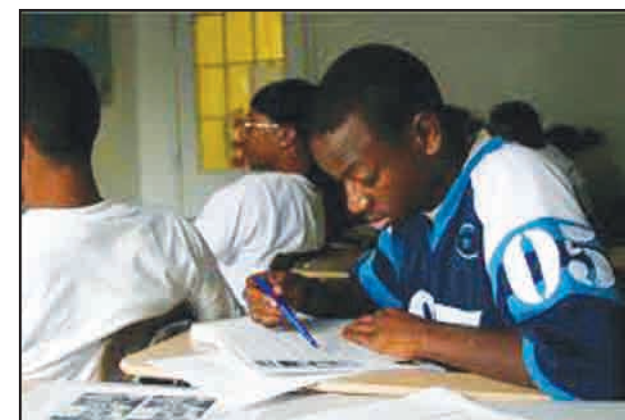
“It’s not a silver bullet, but it’s a big step in the right direction,” said Spatig-Amerikaner.

Representative Chaka Fattah (D-Pa.) challenged policy makers that dismiss

cent of Black students attend “well-resourced, high performing schools” while 42 percent languish in “poorly-resourced, low-performing” schools. White students are twice as likely to attend well-resourced, high-performing schools than they are to attend poorly-resourced, low-performing schools.

It’s no surprise that poorly-resourced, low-performing schools produce adults that are ill-equipped to contribute to society and the growth of the American economy. According to The Schott Foundation, this inequity cost tax payers a staggering 59.2 billion annually due to crime, health-care costs, and the economic drag from a low-earning labor force.

The Social Sector of the McKinsey Company, a global management con-



Center for American Progress. “Our top priority must be ensuring students of color, and all students, receive their fair share of resources.”

Brown said that across the country, 40 percent of

Veteran teachers often command higher salaries than new teachers. Teachers with 11-20 years experience make \$47,380 compared to novice teachers who make \$36,780.

spending more money to turnaround the nation’s underperforming majority nonwhite schools.

“We always have some outliers who say, ‘money doesn’t matter.’ Well, if it doesn’t matter we should equalize it,” he said during a telephone press call for CAP’s report. “One thing we should not be doing is having the kids that need the most help being provided the least resources.”

The Schott Foundation’s “Lost Opportunity” report revealed that only 19 per-

sulting firm, estimated that closing the achievement gap between minority students (Blacks and Latinos) and White students would add \$310 billion to \$525 billion to the country’s gross domestic product.

Fattah said, “The economic circumstances of our country dictate that if we’re going to compete against much larger populated countries like China and India we have to get all of our young people an education that allows them to pursue college and careers.”



## NDG Gossip: Kim Kardashian's guest appearance at a Charlotte, NC club brings fewer than 50 people

BY KENDRIA BROWN,  
NDG INTERN

Kim Kardashian is known to draw in large crowds of people; after all she is a celebrity. And now she is a celebrity dating one of the hottest names in hip hop- Kanye West. So it had to be more than shameful for the reality television star when she attracted fewer than fifty people at club Hush in Charlotte, NC.

This is surprising news for even the toughest critics of Kim Kardashian. Why was her audience turnout so low? The Democratic National Convention was simultaneously occurring, however this club was an after party hype for the convention and yet hardly anyone showed up.

On her twitter, Kim posted an instagram of a half of glass of champagne, saying, "It's that kinda night!"

Seems the couple of celebrity accomplices Kim did have decided to leave when they recognized the lack of people and party enthusiasm. The house band was said to observe, "This place is empty", which set Kim off.

Kim left the club a couple of hours after she came.

This was a night and club that really had you wondering "Where the party at?" Had they all got together and agreed not to show up at the



Kim Kardashian

club Kim was at? Surely Kim's publicists could have done a much better job at attracting a larger crowd that night. Instead, this was pure humiliation for Kim and her promotional manager.

## DTC celebrates healthy eating with children at school gardens

Earlier this week Dallas Children's Theater's star of the 2012-2013 season, Pinkalicious, presented the "Pinkalicious Green Team Award" for bravely growing healthy greens to students at Stonewall Gardens, and children at Vickery Meadow Community Garden. A class of first graders, Pinkalicious and Blue Bear from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) joined together at Stonewall Jackson Elementary School in Dallas. After that, Pinkalicious met with a group of children from Vickery Meadow Learning Center at Vickery Meadow Community Garden, 6521 Ridgcrest, Dallas 75231.

DCT kicks off its 29th season in the pink with PINKALICIOUS THE MUSICAL, September 21 – October 21, 2012 at DCT's Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman Street, Dallas, Texas 75231. To celebrate the occasion and the theme of the show, healthy eating, DCT took its star actress, Emily Lockhart as Pinkalicious, on the road to reward youngsters for leading productive life-styles.



Emily Lockhart (Pinkalicious) and children from the Vickery Meadow Learning Center

DCT's Education Director, and director of the show, Nancy Schaeffer, said, "This show rejoices in all things pink, but goes on to reveal that more is not always better. Pinkalicious learns that eating too much dessert is not good for you, and that with a little love and support from family, eating green food is fun and delicious." DCT is honored to reward students for learning all about vegetables, and promoting the benefits of healthy eating through their own efforts and initiative.

Mark Painter, Stonewall Garden Instructor, teaches classes about the interaction

and diversity of all the living organisms in the garden, and the impact eating has on other living things. "Stonewall Gardens works to connect students with nature," he said. "It is important that students know where the food we eat comes from, and that all systems work together in balance." Peas, okra, peppers, sweet potatoes, herbs, kale, broccoli, cabbage, tomatoes and asparagus are just a few of the earthly delights being grown at Stonewall Gardens by Painter and his students. They showed Pinkalicious broccoli sprouts and tall okra bushes during the

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## Black and Latino Playwrights Conference celebrates decade milestone

For the 10th consecutive year, the Texas State University-San Marcos Department of Theatre and Dance will host the Black and Latino Playwrights Conference Sept. 10-16.

Since 2002, the conference has attracted numerous professional guest artists, directors and actors to the university to work hands-on with theatre students, give panel discussions and showcase the work of black and Latino playwrights from across the country, all culminating into public staged readings at the end of the conference.

Eugene Lee founded the conference a decade ago and still serves as its artistic director, along with Joe Luis Cedillo. The mission of the conference has always been to study the craft, nurture the artist and celebrate multicultural theatre.

"I still cling to a vision of more growth, though I am so encouraged by all the evolution thus far," said Lee, who is also an alumnus of Texas

State's theatre program and has spent more than 30 years in the entertainment industry. Beyond his prestigious list of TV and film roles, highlights of his long stage career include working with Denzel Washington and Samuel L. Jackson on the Pulitzer Prize winning "A Soldier's Play" with the Negro Ensemble Company.

"Every student who has participated in the past has let me know in no uncertain terms that they've learned more in this week long experience than in a semester of some classes," said Lee. "The conference has become a destination for more and more theatre artists because of how it fills a void in the opportunities available for development of black and Latino playwrights."

This year's guest playwrights include Adam Esquenazi Douglas, Bridgette Wimberly and Rhada Blank. Guest directors include Kinan Valdez, Melissa Maxwell and Clinton Turner Davis. Guest actors will be Fran

Dorn, Ruben Gonzales, Elizabeth Pena and Manuel Zarate.

Playwright Gus Edwards will also present a tribute to this year's conference honoree, playwright and director Douglas Turner Ward. Ward co-founded the historic Negro Ensemble Company in 1965, which has become one of the most critically acclaimed black theatre companies in the country over the last 50 years.

Department of Theatre and Dance Chair John Fleming said the conference has helped students network with professional actors, playwrights and directors, grow a more diverse theatre program and honor major black and Latino figures in American theatre.

"The goals that we set out to help young playwrights of color and to increase the diversity within the theatre department have been reached partly through the process of this playwright's conference," said Fleming.

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better off, 55 percent said they weren't.

However, when a CBS/New York Times poll offered those two options for responses and "...or is it about the same as it was four years ago?" Given three options instead of two, 40 percent said they were the same, 20 percent said they were better and 39 percent said they were worse off.

Similarly, an AP-GfK poll found that 36 percent said they were "about the same," 28 percent said they were better off and 36 percent said they were worse off.

The Obama and Romney camps can use the CBS

and AP polls to make a partisan point. The president's supporters can argue that most Americans feel their financial situation has improved or is about the same as it was four years ago. Romney backers can also argue that most Americans feel their situation has worsened or remained the same as it was four years ago.

Some journalists further cloud the picture by being selective in the numbers they use.

In a Meet the Press interview with Rahm Emanuel, Obama's former chief of staff, host David Gregory said: "Look at our poll: 69 percent, nearly seven in 10, saying things are either the

same or better than when the president came into office."

That's one way of looking at it. However, the NBC/Wall Street Journal poll referenced by Gregory showed that 42 percent said the country was worse off, 27 percent said it was better off and 31 percent said it was about the same. Gregory could have also stated that 58 percent of Americans feel things have remained the same or improved since President Obama assumed office. But he didn't.

There is no question in the minds of Americans about who is most at fault.

In April, an ABC/Wash-

ington Post poll asked which president was "more responsible for the country's current economic problem." Only 32 percent selected Obama while 54 percent picked Bush. Two months later, a Gallup poll found that 68 percent of Americans feel Bush deserves a great deal or a moderate amount of blame for the nation's economic woes. And in July, a CBS/Time poll found 64 percent of the respondents saying Obama's policies contributed at some or a lot to the economic downturn. When asked about Bush, 81 percent said his policies contributed some or a lot to the sour economy.

Again, how this question is frame has an impact on the answer.

As CNN's political unit noted three months ago: "When asked in the survey whether they are better or worse off than they were four years ago, Americans are split, 44% to 43%. But when asked whether they are better or worse off than they were four years ago 'when Bush was president,' a small gap opens - 47% say they are better off compared to 41% who say they are worse off."

The question of whether we are better off than we were four years ago will continue to play out in the final two months of this campaign.

Republican Vice Presidential nominee Paul Ryan said at a campaign stop in Greenville, N.C.: "The president can say a lot of things, and he will, but he can't tell you that you're better off. Simply put, the Jimmy Carter years look like the good old days compared to where we are right now."

But Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley told CNN: "We are clearly better off as a country because we're creating jobs rather than losing them. We have not recovered all that we lost in the Bush recession. That's why we need to continue to move forward."

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gram Specialist Keith Reimer. "They're one of our invaluable partners, and Communications Coordinator Marielle Rodeheffer did a great job coordinating this year's drive."

BEST also works closely with EcoLab, an industrial service provider focusing on environmentally safe products. In September, \$46,800 will be shared among 44 GISD teachers thanks to dona-

tions by employees at the company's Garland-based plant. Since 1987, Ecolab's annual "Visions for Learning" grants have surpassed \$712,000.

"These grants are helping sustain and launch sev-

eral district programs that could not exist otherwise," commented Reimer. "As school district budgets get tighter each year, more and more teachers rely on companies like EcoLab to be able to provide innovative

experiences for our students."

Nearing 20 years of age, the BEST Education Foundation continues to look for new community partners. Several donation opportunities are avail-

able, including scholarships, golf tournaments, galas, and the Donors-Choose.org program. Visit the BEST Education Foundation website for more information.

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**Through September 15**  
**Butterflies in the Classroom** at Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park at 10 a.m.; Cost: \$26-\$30; Info: 214-428-7476

**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

**Avenue Q** at Theatre Too, 2800 Routh Street, Ste #168; Cost: \$10-\$40; Info: 214-871-3300

**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 30**  
**The Second City Does Dallas** at Wyly Theatre, 2100 Ross Avenue; Info: 214-880-0202

**Through November 12**  
**Goodnight Moon & Other Favorite Stories: Pre K Drama Class** at Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman Street- Rosewood Center for Family arts; Cost \$220; Info: 214-978-0110

**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 6**  
**Books N' Bugs** at Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd- Fair Park at 10:30 a.m.; Cost: \$8-\$10; Info: [http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/events\\_and\\_cl asses.php](http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/events_and_cl asses.php)

**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.fissihaie5@gmail.com

**Through December 11**  
**Movie Night @ the Library** at Irving Public Library Central Library, 801 W. Irving Blvd at 6:30 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: 972-781-2628

**Through December 18**  
**TeenScene Movie** at Irving Public Library, 801 W Irving Blvd; Free; Info: 972.721.2628

**Through December 28**  
**Jazz Happy Hour Fridays** at Champagne's Luxe, 5201 W Lovers Lane at 4 p.m.; Info: 214-352-7777

**September 7**  
**Artful Bites: Travels and Treasures** at Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora Street at 12:30 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: 214-979-6430

**Fair to Midland** at Granada Theater, 3524 Greenville Avenue at 8 p.m.; Cost: \$15;

Info: [http://tickets.granadatheater.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=1162&utm\\_source=Master+List&utm\\_campaign](http://tickets.granadatheater.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=1162&utm_source=Master+List&utm_campaign)

**September 8**  
**"Why Islam?": Open House** at Islamic Center of Irving at Islamic Center of Irving, 2555 Esters Rd at 1:30 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: 972-812-2230

**September 9**  
**"The Well", a new sensory worship experience launches** at St. Andrew United Methodist Church at 5801 Plano Parkway in Plano at 10:40 a.m.; Info: <http://www.thewellplano.com/>

**My Favorite Things** at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church- Arlington, 1800 W Randol Mill Rd at 5 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: <http://www.ststephen-methodist.org/>

**September 10**  
**Genealogy 201** at Plano Public Library System- Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road at 7 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: 972-769-4250

**September 11**  
**Second Tuesday Book Club** at Plano Public Library System- Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd. at 7:15 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: 972-769-4200

**The Big Movie: It Happened One Night** at Magnolia Theatre, 3699 McKinney Avenue Ste 100; Cost \$10; Info: 214-764-9106

**September 15**  
**B.L.A.S.T. I Workshop**; Info: [www.lifelong.tcu.edu](http://www.lifelong.tcu.edu) 817-257-7132

**September 16**  
**COMMUNITY ARTS DAY** at City of Richardson and the Eisemann Center from 1-5 p.m.; Free to attend; Info: 972-744-4650

**Shark Sunday**: Award-winning shark conservationist David McGuire at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428. 5555

**IMAX: Whales** at the Museum of Nature & Science in Fair Park; Info: 214.428. 5555

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**September 20**  
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## TWC hosting Texas Business Conference in McKinney on Friday

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will host McKinney-area business owners and managers at the Texas Business Conference on Friday, Sept. 14, 2012.

Employers will learn how to operate a business and dis-

cover techniques to more effectively manage employees. TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Tom Pauken and his staff will present practical, up-to-date information and high-tech tools for finding workers.

The conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Eldorado Country Club Ballroom, located at 2604 Country Club Drive in McKinney. Registration is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

## WATKINS,

continued from Page 2 a creative writing course during the summer, spring or fall terms preceding the competition deadline. Faculty members select students' work and sponsor their entries in the competition.

## MORTGAGE, continued from Page 1

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to ensure that people receive concise, easy-to-understand information regarding mortgages, credit cards and student loans, among other major financial decisions ([www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)).

After soliciting input from thousands of consumers, lenders, mortgage brokers and consumer advocates, the CFPB recently developed new prototypes for the federal disclosure forms borrowers receive after applying for a mortgage and before closing on the loan.

"When making what is likely the biggest purchase of their life, consumers should be looking at paperwork that clearly lays out the terms of the deal," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray.

The proposed forms combine several different but overlapping documents now required by various federal agencies. But they will simplify the language and format and make it easier to compare different mortgages and more easily understand loan terms, including interest rates, monthly payment amounts, closing costs and how the loan amount might change over time (e.g., with an adjustable-rate loan). They also highlight features borrowers may want to avoid such as prepayment penalties and negative amortization.

In the meantime, if you're considering buying a home, review the proposed forms to get an idea of which costs you should be watching out for. And, even if you're already comparing loans or in escrow, ask your lender to show you where the various costs highlighted in the new forms are located in your current disclosure documents – it might help avoid costly last-minute surprises.

Here are some factors future homebuyers should keep in mind:

•Start planning now. It could take years to save enough for a down payment and closing costs.

•Don't forget ongoing expenses like a monthly mortgage payment, mortgage insurance, homeowner's insurance, property taxes, furnishings, maintenance and repairs.

•People with poor credit ratings usually either don't qualify for loans or pay much higher interest rates. Work on repairing your credit at the same time you launch a savings plan.

•If your down payment isn't at least 20 percent, you'll probably be required to buy Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), which protects the lender if you default.

For a comprehensive overview of how different types of mortgages work, check out Bankrate.com. Also, watch the easy-to-follow video explaining mortgages at Practical Money Skills for Life ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com)), a free personal

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### September 19, 7 p.m.

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### September 16

Join us in worship at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. as we praise and worship God's to the utmost.

### September 19, 7:30 p.m.

Come to Bible Study as we go further in and deeper down into God's Word and we give Him all of the glory and praise.

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### September 19, 7 p.m.

Join us at 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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### September 19, 7 p.m.

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Isn't this also the secret of the holding power of the Christian? Daniel found this to be true. Surrounded by pagan environment, tempted to compromise with evil, urged to weaken his grip on God, he refused to let go. He held firm when others faltered because he was a man of prayer. He knew, **"The power of the bended knee."**

From sleeping birds we can learn the secret of holding things that are most pre-

cious to us. That secret is the knee bent in prayer, seeking to get a firmer grip on those values that make life worth living. When we hold firmly to God in prayer, we can be assured He will hold tightly to us.

WHEN YOU WANT TO ASK GOD WHY? Because you have longed to save **"My World,"** I have let you have the training that prepares you to save.

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Learn from **"My Life"** of the suffering that saves others. So, you will sing in your pain. Across the grayest days are the gleams of sunlight.

See not the small trials and vexations of each hour of the day. See the one purpose and plan to which all

are leading. If in climbing a mountain you keep your eyes on each stony or difficult place, as you ascend, seeing only that, how weary and profitless your climb!

But if you think of each step as leading to the summit of achievement, from which glories and beauties will open out before, then your climb will be so different.

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hump. Most animals have a layer of fat stored under their entire layer of skin. Camels store fat in humps that can weigh up to 80 pounds. This stored fat enables camels to travel through the desert for five to seven days without food and water; they can lose up to 40 percent of their body weight without injury. Human beings can learn something from the camel.

Store up Provisions. God did not create human beings with humps on their backs and we know that excess fat is harmful to our health, but God's Word instructs us to store up provisions for desert experiences too. You may be surprised at what God tells us to store up: "He commands those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant or to put their hope in wealth,



**Dr. Kimberly Porter, getting ready for a Women's Revival at Word of Life COGIC, October 2-5, 2012, at 2765 E. Trinity Mills Road, Bldg. 300, in Carrollton, TX 75006.**

which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. He commands us to do good, to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share.

(Now here's the camel part.) In this way we will lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life." **1 Timothy 6:17-19.**

## ANCHOR, continued from Page 7

portunity to represent the image of more than 500 employees, and particularly the face of the office, District Attorney Craig Watkins, who has garnered national attention for his achievements."

Her boss shares in the excitement, "Debbie brings

a wealth of knowledge and expertise from her related field." Watkins said. "Communication is vital in improving media relations and sharing with the community what this office is really about; seeking justice, fairness, and integrity. Helping to disseminate that message

is of the utmost importance, and I believe Debbie will be great as our new Communications Director."

The Dallas County District Attorney's (DA) Office is located at the Frank Crowley Courts Building in Dallas, Texas and is led by District Attorney Craig

Watkins, who took office January 1, 2007. The District Attorney's Office represents the State of Texas in the prosecution of all Dallas County criminal cases.

For more information about the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, visit [www.dallasda.com](http://www.dallasda.com).

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for equality, and their memory still inspires us today.

In honor of their memory, the NAACP is seek-

ing pledges from every voter to register 16 new voters on Sunday, September 16. Churches ac-

ross the country will host events. For more information visit <http://action.naacp.org/page/s>

/pledge-to-register-16-people-to-vote.

## GARDENS, continued from Page 10

presentation and taught her about the relevance of healthy food.

Joining the students at Stonewall Gardens was Councilmember Sheffie Kadane who addressed the first graders. "When I was growing up I didn't have a garden at my school. You are so smart for learning how to grow food. I am proud of each and every one of you."

Blue Bear, mascot for BCBSTX, discussed the benefits of good nutrition with Pinkalicious and the students. Blue Bear is the health and wellness ambassador for BCBSTX community outreach effort. Blue Bear helps spread the message of health and wellness in a fun and creative way. Everywhere he goes, Blue Bear provides a lot of smiles, encouragement and basic infor-

mation about how to stay healthy. BCBSTX chose to sponsor this play because it speaks to both children and adults about the importance of being conscious of what we eat. Blue Bear and his friends at BCBSTX will also be participating in Opening Weekend festivities for the show at DCT, September 21-23. They will provide healthy lifestyle tips and fun activities that weekend.

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when it comes to the people she loves. In the new book "*Imitation of Death*" by Cheryl Crane, Nikki's doggedness includes solving murders, too.

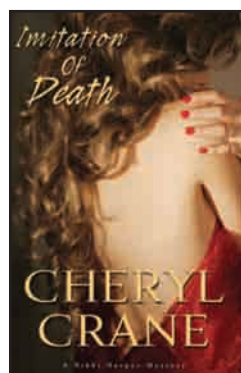
Realtor Nikki Harper should've been home.

The paint job in her kitchen should've been done and her mother, actress Victoria Bordeaux, should've had her Hollywood mansion all to herself again. Nikki would return to selling expensive houses and Victoria could enjoy semi-retirement.

That's the way it should've been the morning that Eddie Bernard was found behind the Bordeaux mansion with gardening shears buried in his chest.

Eddie, son of Victoria's longtime neighbor, Abe, had just gotten out of rehab two weeks prior. Not one to give up his drugs, he'd thrown a party the night before that culminated in several fights.

One of the loudest was with Victoria's gardener, Jorge. Everybody saw it happen. Everybody knew Jorge and Eddie detested one another. And since the shears had Jorge's name engraved on the handles, everybody knew they were his.



Jorge was the son of Victoria's housekeeper, and Nikki had known him forever. She was sure he didn't kill Eddie; Jorge wasn't that kind of guy.

Yes, he had reason, but so did just about everybody. Eddie had been messing around with too many women with jealous boyfriends. Abe's second wife, Ginny, reportedly loathed her stepson. There were a lot of people at the party who seemed to want Eddie for his money and his drugs, and Nikki

heard rumors that some of the hangers-on were "dangerous."

Still, she couldn't let Jorge go to jail for something he didn't do. She had to know who really killed Eddie, but someone definitely wanted her to stop looking...

Ho boy. Finally! A mystery that isn't revealed on page 25.

Nope, author Cheryl Crane keeps the speculation going by tossing all kinds of false leads in her readers' way and by leading us down thought-paths we know are wrong but that are fun anyhow. The characters here seem to be a loose blending of real Hollywood folks (Crane is the daughter of Hollywood's Lana Turner) a feature that turns into a guessing-game and

that moves this story right along.

Add in a few ingenious plot twists, some things that surprise us as much as they surprise the characters, a definite lack of four-letter words, and no gratuitous violence, and wow! We have a winner!

Whodunit fans who hate the let-down of a too-solvable mystery will love this delightfully tangled novel, the second in a semi-series that can be read as a standalone. Just remember, though: once you start reading "*Imitation of Death*," you'll never be able to stop yourself.

"*Imitation of Death*" by Cheryl Crane (Kensington \$25.00, 304 pages)

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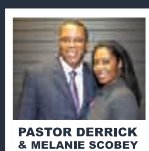
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