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New Primary Care Office Opens in Garland

The Garland MyChildren's primary care practice was formally opened Tuesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones.

The office, which opened to patients about six weeks ago, has been busy throughout the cold and flu season. Last month, more than 500 free flu shots were given on a first-come, first served basis at the



(L - R) Laura Carr, Administrator, MyChildren's Network, Peter Roberts, EVP of Population Health at Children's Medical Center, Hon. Ronald E. Jones, Garland Mayor, Kristin Morgan, mother of patient, Kenneth (known as K.J.) Morgan, patient, age 5, Dr. Ray Tsai, Medical Director, MyChildren's network, Dr. Urmila Gupta, physician at MyChildren's Garland, Daniel Lopez, practice manager, MyChildren's Garland

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Frontiers of Flight Museum Honoring African American aviation pioneers past & present



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AARP's report shows older African Americans continue to face workplace obstacles

WASHINGTON - Nearly four years after the official end of the Great Recession, African-American older workers continue to confront a difficult job picture across the country.

Federal unemployment statistics for January show that African-American work-



ers between 45 and 74 had an unemployment rate of 9.9

percent, compared with 6.1 percent for whites of the same age. For African-American workers of all ages, the jobless rate for January was a whopping 13.8 percent, compared with an overall rate of 7.9 percent.

New AARP research shows that a large number of

older African-Americans are anxious about continuing weaknesses in the economy and small businesses in which they are involved.

"For many years, older African-Americans have faced an extremely difficult job market," said AARP Vice

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Mary J. Blige owes over \$900 K in back taxes

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COMMENTARY

Lil Wayne insults the memory of Emmett Till

BY GEORGE E. CURRY (NNPA) The murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till in 1955 was a watershed moment, marking the beginning of the modern Civil Rights Movement. While visiting relatives near Money, Miss., the Chicago native was murdered for allegedly whistling at a White woman. The brutal act was intended to send an unmistakable message to Black boys everywhere: If you even whistle at a White woman in the Deep South, you could pay for it with your life.

Like everyone else, I was appalled to learn that rapper Lil Wayne had made a vulgar reference to Till's death. On a re-mix of an upcoming CD by Future called "Karate Chop," Lil Wayne essentially spewed the line: "Beat that [female sex organ] up like Emmett Till."

When I sat down to write this column, I planned to excoriate Little Wayne about his insult. I started to remind him that musical artists don't have to be ignorant fools, even while show-

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Civil rights and fair housing leaders hail HUD's new anti-discrimination rule

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

A recent action by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has now formalized a national standard for determining violations of the Fair Housing Act. The new rule known as 'disparate impact' embraces a long-held civil rights view that



housing discrimination and lending occur not only by intent, but also by effect.

"Through the issuance of this Rule, HUD is reaffirming its commitment to enforcing the Fair Housing Act in a consistent and uniform manner," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "This will ensure

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Ingrid Saunders Jones

The Coca-Cola Company have announced Senior Vice President of Global Community Connections and Chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation, Ingrid Saunders Jones, will retire after 30 years of distinguished service with the Company, effective June 1.

A well-respected global leader, Jones joined The Coca-Cola Company in 1982 and has held roles of increasing responsibility around the Company's corporate giving and community outreach. She has served as Chair of The

Coca-Cola Foundation since 1991.

During her three-decade Coca-Cola career, Jones has led the transformation of the Company's philanthropic outreach, growing a U.S.-focused program into a global campaign, which now includes water stewardship, active healthy living, community recycling and education programs worldwide. Under Jones' leadership, The Coca-Cola Foundation has awarded more than \$500 million to thousands of community organizations worldwide.

"Over the past 30 years, I have been grateful to work for a company that commits the talent and time of its employees and its philanthropic dollars to issues and organizations that empower and enhance the lives of others," said Jones. "I'm proud of the work of the Foundation and believe deeply in the people and communities we've served around the world. I am fortunate to have worked with extraordinary leaders, community supporters and caring and committed associates."

Jones' community and leadership accomplishments are many. They in-



clude chairing a number of notable national and local organizations such as the United Way of Metro Atlanta, the Woodruff Arts Center, National Black Arts Festival, and The Carter Center Board of Advisors. In addition, she serves or has served on the board of organizations such as Clark Atlanta University, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Ohio State University President's Council on Women, Girl Scouts of the USA, The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation. She is

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Dunia Borga

Dallas – It's all about the food. And exploring the "food network" for culinary arts students at El Centro College literally means learning about food, meeting chefs who are alumni of the college's Food and Hospitality Institute and promoting a special event that helps provide funds for kitchen facilities and services.

"Bits and Bites" of spirits, sweets and savory things are the highlight of the aptly-titled annual event at El Cen-

tro College which will be held on Sun., March 10. Area chefs will lend their hands and their talents to raise funds for ECC's culinary arts program. Those funds will help the college expand its kitchen facilities and services so that faculty members can inspire and train the next generation of talented food and hospitality experts in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

The evening's festivities will feature foods prepared by El Centro's former students



and friends of the college; a variety of spirits will be served as well. The cost is \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door; the event will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Student Center on the downtown Dallas campus of El Centro College, located at 801 Main St.

More than 150 accomplished chefs in the Dallas area received their formal training at the Food and Hospitality Institute at El Centro College – including Shari Carlson, chef and co-owner of Dessert Dreams, and Dunia

Borga, head pastry chef and co-owner of La Dunia restaurants. Both of these area food stars will be honored during "Bits and Bites" for their innovative creations and accomplishments in the culinary world.

"Every year, 'Bits and Bites' honors those individuals who have made significant contributions to the program at El Centro College and to the hospitality industry," said Gus Katsigris, emeritus professor of ECC's culinary arts program who remains ac-

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Dorothy M. Bland

DENTON — Dorothy M. Bland, director of the Division of Journalism of

Graphic Communication, has been named the new dean of the University of

Journalism. Her appointment will begin in June.

Bland will replace M. Jean Keller, who has served as the school's acting dean since September 2012.

UNT Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Warren Burggren called Bland's hiring "a highly significant academic appointment for UNT in our continuing quest to be a national research university with outstanding student learning."

"I am extremely pleased for our current journalism students, faculty and staff and for the many distinguished alumni and friends of the school, all of whom will benefit not only from Dorothy Bland's demonstrated leadership skills in an academic setting, but also from her extensive experience in publishing," Burggren said.

Bland directed Florida A&M University's Division of Journalism — the first accredited journalism program at a historically African-American university — for five years. Her accomplishments include leading a successful reaccreditation for the division in spring 2008 and 2012; securing an annual commitment for Scripps-Howard Foundation Internship/Scholarship Grants for two FAMU students beginning in 2011; and working with CBS News, FAMU journalism alumni and others to establish the Harold Dow Professorship, named in honor of the award-winning "48 Hours" correspondent who died in August 2010.

"While I appreciate my FAMU experiences, leading the Mayborn School of Journalism is a wonderful opportunity," Bland said. "I under-

stand that UNT's theme is a Green Light to Greatness,

and the Mayborn School has

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Without question blacks have positioned themselves to have a profound and solidifying effect on the American experience. Indeed at the nations inception the black (or colored man) was a grave and

Don't let the media portray our founding fathers as racist (at least not all of them)

controversial subject to many. In fact on more than one occasion the issue of slavery and the "problem of coloreds" threatened the formation of the nation itself and later during the continental convention it threaten to tear it apart.

The years leading up to and of course the revolution itself was the tipping point for the attitudes of the colonist as it relates to slavery. In 1774 ben franklin and ben rush started the nation's first anti-slavery organization. In fact Benjamin

franklin proclaimed that the cornerstone of his opposition to Britain at the time was the British kings' resistance to the anti-slavery forces and his refusal to grant freedom to his enslaved subjects around the globe.

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ing their underwear on stage. I was going to say that Curtis Mayfield of my era and Chuck D of his generation demonstrated that African-American artists can make good music and provide uplifting race-conscious lyrics at the same time.

Rather than spend another nanosecond on Lil Wayne, we should use this Black History Month moment to educate young people who may not have ever heard of Emmett Till. While serving as editor of Emerge magazine, I had the pleasure of interviewing Mrs. Mamie Till Mobley, Emmett's mother. For the 40th anniversary of his death in 1995, I wrote a story on Emmett Till.

This is how it began:

Mamie Till Bradley was about to experience a mother's worst nightmare. She had to identify the corpse of her only child, 14-year-old Emmett Till, who had been abducted, beaten, shot in the head and tossed into the Tallahatchie River near Greenwood, Miss., for allegedly whistling at a White woman.

As she approached the cold, metal slab that held the mutilated body at A. A. Rayner & Sons funeral home in Chicago, the grieving mother thought to herself: "I got a job to do and it's not going to be easy."

Mamie Till wanted to look directly into her son's face, but she couldn't bring herself to do it. Not yet. So she started with the lower extremities and worked her way up.

"Those are his feet," she concluded. The ankles? Yes, those were her son's skinny ankles. Next, she surveyed the knees. Most people have sharp, pointed kneecaps. But the mother and son had flat ones. "Those are the Till knees," she told herself.

Her eyes continued up her son's body and stopped on his genitals. Later, she would be happy that her inspection included that section of her son's body because some people later would say, incorrectly, that Emmett had been castrated. Now, she would know otherwise.

Mrs. Mamie Till Bradley Mobley — who will be called Mrs. Till hereafter to make it easier to follow the cast of characters in this drama — examined Emmett's hands and arms, which provided more confirmation of what she did not want confirmed. Finally, she took a deep breath and looked at her son's decomposed face. This, too, she did piece by piece, separating his face into imaginary compartments, starting with his chin and moving to the top of his head.

"Bo," as he was known, had flashed a perfect set of teeth during his short life. Now, in death, only one or two were visible. "Oh, my God," his mother thought. "Where are the rest of them?"

The bridge of his nose, though all chopped up, was recognizable. She looked for his right eye — it was missing. There was only an empty socket. She looked at the left one and it was detached, dangling from the socket.

"That's his hazel eye," Mrs. Till said. "Where is the other one?"

She searched for one ear and it, too, was missing. Peering through the ear hole, she could see daylight on the other side. The remaining ear protruded from her son's head, just like hers — another family trait. "That's Emmett's ear," she said, softly.

His hair? Yes.

After inspecting the outstretched body inch by inch, Mrs. Till came to the sad but inescapable conclusion that the remains of what remained before her were those of Emmett Louis Till. Still, she turned to Gene Mobley, later to become her third husband, hoping he might have noticed something that she had not, anything that would cast the slightest doubt about whether this was indeed Bo. But Mobley had identified young

Till in his mind long before the child's mother had finished her methodical examination. The barber had recognized the haircut he had given Emmett two weeks earlier, just before Bo left for Mississippi.

Mrs. Till had one thought over and over: What kind of person could do this to another human being, especially a 14-year-old boy?

Her second thought was that this was a sight so ghastly, so inhumane that people would have to see it for themselves to believe it.

"Gene, I want you to go home and get some of Bo's pictures," she said. "We'll spread the pictures around."

The undertaker politely asked, "Do you want me to fix him up?" Mrs. Till did not hesitate: "No, you can't fix that. Let the world see what I saw."

Obviously, Lil Wayne never saw that story. If he had, he would have realized this isn't something to be taken lightly.

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Letter to the Editor: Did Dorner receive justice?

Comment received via NorthDallasGazette.com

After reading the manifesto, This was a Noble, Idealistic individual who worked for a racist corrupt Police force. Any other police force he would had become Captain. A force that completely destroy his life while the Law of Justice was suppressed. Sometimes good man are

wrongly terribly punished to paraphrase his mother.

The police in California, LAPD and San Bernardino PD, chose to murder a suspect, burn him alive, they planned it in advance, premeditated murder, on camera for everyone to see. Will they be held accountable? The only thing on the line is the credibility of our justice

system and the future of our society.

We live in a Capitalist rather than a Social Justice System where without Capital / Money and I mean Hundred's of thousands of dollars Justice is Defer. How? Police department appointed Cop lawyers in Dorner's case and Family Court appointed Lawyers for the

poor. These lawyers as Dorner explains in his Manifest do not represent you. They represent & protect their Institution. I know, I am a 54 yo M.D whose career was ruin and who has spend the last 7 yrs in the family court system of NYC, without a trial, trying to get overnight visitation with my children.

Albert C., M.D

Children's Hospitals in Texas seeking improved Medicaid reimbursements from Texas legislature

AUSTIN - Children's hospitals in Texas are asking Texas legislators to increase funding for Medicaid in the 2013 session of the Texas Legislature. These hospitals, which are members of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT), provide specialized care for the state's most ill children. CHAT recommends improving Medicaid reimbursement rates to better reflect the costs of providing specialized pediatric care.

Stable and fair Medicaid payments are essential to sustain the mission of the children's hospitals in Texas. These hospitals train pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists and other health care professionals, provide high-quality

specialized pediatric care and conduct research to advance pediatric care.

"Children's hospitals are the pediatric safety net, serving children regardless of ability to pay and providing services that are not available elsewhere for children with the most complex conditions," Bryan Sperry, president of CHAT, said. "Because of our fast-growing child population, now more than seven million, children's hospitals in Texas have been challenged to build and develop the pediatric services that children need."

Medicaid provides health coverage to more than 2.7 million kids in Texas, making it the single largest children's health insurance program in the state. Children's hospitals

rely heavily on Medicaid to pay for patient services. Almost 60 percent of the patient days at the eight not for profit hospitals of CHAT are covered by Medicaid (2010). The average percentage of Medicaid patient days for all other acute care hospitals in Texas is 19 percent.

"Texas' healthcare and budget challenges are many, but we have confidence in the growth of the Texas economy in future years," Sperry said. "Our state's children deserve to grow up as healthy as possible, and we should ensure that they continue to have access to top-quality medical care now and in the future."

In 2010, CHAT member hospitals served children from 241 of Texas' 254 counties.

Parkland officials will discuss next steps related to Corrective Action Plan

DALLAS – In a presentation to the Board of Managers on Tuesday, Feb. 26, Parkland Health & Hospital System officials will announce that focus remains on evaluating and auditing the system's overhauled safety and quality infrastructure while completing the final 3 percent of action items outlined in its Corrective Action Plan (CAP) progress report for January 2013.

"Over the past year, we have changed patient care processes, revised policies and procedures, retrained, reeducated and raised the performance expectations of every employee," said Ron Laxton, RN, Parkland's Chief Implementation Officer and Interim Chief Operations Officer. "I'm very encouraged to witness the roots of an empowered culture of safety and quality taking hold."

To gauge operational effectiveness of the completed CAP initiatives, the hospital system recently underwent a full mock survey on adherence to the Medicare Conditions of Participation. This review was conducted by an outside group of clinical experts that included physicians and nurses. Eleven



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consultant surveyors spent five full days in every area of the system, including outpatient clinics, community health centers and the jail.

"We are capitalizing on the foundation we have been building for the past 16 months," added Laxton. "While every hospital aims to improve quality performance every day, Parkland is continuing to make progress in creating and sustaining a safe, efficient, quality-focused environment for our patients and their families."

A significant highlight in the CAP progress report includes the hiring of a new vice president of care coordination, whose sole focus will be case management. This position is essential to improving patient flow within the hospital and ensuring proper discharge planning for all patients. The January progress report will also outline how Parkland's Emergency Services department is establishing a sustainability schedule for

best practice processes regarding patient flow, triage and staffing. In addition, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation made significant improvement in decreasing the appointment backlog in January.

Areas of focus in February include the orientation of new managers and staff in patient case coordination, transition of management in behavioral health services and the continuance of system-wide audits in various departments to measure sustainable practice.

"While we understand we must continue to improve safety and quality of care at Parkland, the Board appreciates the much improved infrastructure now in place," said Debbie Branson, Chair of the Parkland Board of Managers. "I want to thank each and every Parkland employee for their tireless efforts and continued dedication to our patients' care and safety."

The presentation to the Board of Managers will be available on Feb. 26. To view past reports, visit http://www.parklandhospital.com/whowere/corrective_action_progress_reports/.

Eat Well. Age Well. Stay Healthy. seminar in McKinney

MCKINNEY – As we all know nutrition is a primary key to staying healthy. It becomes even more important as we age. Join Kalyani Alladi, RD/LD, a dietitian at Medical Center of McKinney, as she presents information to the McKinney H2U chapter on "Eat Well. Age Well. Stay Healthy." on Wednesday, Feb. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. at Medical Center of McKinney, 4500 Medical Center Drive, Classroom 3-4.

Alladi will provide an overview of the current

health status of older adults; benefits of eating well; challenges that may affect adequate food consumption and offer solutions; and special nutrient needs of older adults. She will also provide information on the latest dietary "My Plate" guidelines specifically for older adults.

The lunch seminar is free for local H2U members and \$7 for non-members. Seating is limited, so please call 972-547-8002 to make your reservation today.

H2U (Health To You), is a membership organization designed to help adults manage their health and live life to the fullest. For only \$20 a year H2U members have access to valuable discounts and resources that emphasize total health and well-being. Local benefits include physician seminars, free flu shots, health newsletter, gift shop discount, hospital stay benefits and group trips. For more information go to www.h2u.com or www.medicalcenterofmckinney.com.

Putting Economics Before Politics

BY JAMES CLINGMAN

(NNPA) It has always been intriguing to me that we have elected thousands of Black politicians since Reconstruction, especially since 1970, while the number of Black economic advocates pales in comparison. Understanding that Black economic advocates are not elected per se, it makes sense to me that if economics is at the bottom of everything in this country, Black people should have at least as many Black economists, economic advocates, and economic literacy instructors as we do politicians.

Marcus Garvey said,

"The most important area for the exercise of independent effort is economic. After a people have established successfully a firm industrial foundation they naturally turn to politics and society, but not first to society and politics, because the two latter cannot exist without the former."

Obviously we should have listened to and followed Garvey's advice; he was one of our most powerful and committed economic advocates. There were many others who attempted to school us on the importance of economic empowerment, folks such as Maria Stewart, William Wells-Brown, T.

Thomas Fortune, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, and Mary McLeod Bethune.

Today, we few who are striving to do the same. But are we listening to them and following their advice? We would much rather listen – and that's all we do – to the empty rhetoric of political hacks and rely on our emotions rather than our intellect to make decisions about the direction we will take vis-à-vis our votes. We also fail to properly align our priorities, as Garvey suggested, in an effort to achieve true economic freedom. Our present condition, both economic and political, is dire.

Unfortunately, we are being led to believe that politics is the answer and that some politician will solve our issues for us. Even worse is the fact that some of us truly believe that nonsense. My local newspaper, the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, featured a story that questioned why no Blacks were running for mayor this year. The piece cited the fact that Black people comprise nearly 50 percent of this city's population, and although we have had a Black mayor for nearly eight years, the paper posed the question and slanted the story as though it was truly disheartened at the lack of a

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Read Across America events at Stonbriar Centre this weekend

FRISCO – Read Across America and Stonebriar Centre celebrate Dr. Seuss at Barnes & Noble on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. The event is planned in participation with Read Across America Day, the National Education Association's (NEA) nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2, which is Dr. Seuss's birthday.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, a Dr. Seuss favorite and the only one of his books written in prose, little guests are invited to wear a crazy hat and fill the party with a zany Seussian spirit.

Along with guests in their craziest hats, all sorts of fun is planned, such as:

- FIND BARTHOLOMEW'S HAT SCAVENGER HUNT. It's a hunt for Bartholomew's hat and children will be invited to find one of Bartholomew's 500 hats hidden at Barnes & Noble. Winners will receive Dr. Seuss books.

- BIRTHDAY CAKE. While it lasts, birthday cake will be served to commemorate the occasion of Dr. Seuss's 109th birthday.

- STORY TIME. Back again for the Dr. Seuss party at Stonebriar Centre, a fantastically dressed special guest and a creature who looks a lot like The Cat in The Hat will gather the children and read The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins and The Cat in the Hat.



- FREE CAROUSEL RIDES. Children who attend the Dr. Seuss celebration will be treated to one free ride on the Carousel.

- DRAWING FOR A NOOK HD Tablet. Adults with children who are participating in the Dr. Seuss event can register to win a NOOK HD Tablet with HD, Barnes & Noble's lightest and highest resolution seven-inch tablet. Must be present to win.

In honor of the Dr. Seuss celebration, Barnes & Noble will offer:

- CAT IN THE HAT FRAPPUCCINOS IN THE CAFE. The drinks, priced from \$2 to \$4, will be available for purchase only on Saturday, Feb. 23, while supplies last.

- A SELECTION OF DR. SEUSS BOOKS. Guests will find Dr. Seuss books, including The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, available for purchase.

In addition to the party on Feb. 23, Pottery Barn Kids at Stonebriar Centre invites kids to celebrate Read Across America Day on Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. The special story time will feature Dr. Seuss™ classics and crafting activities. Plus, each child will take home a special Certificate of Participation. There is no cost to attend. Pottery Barn Kids is on the upper level near the main entrance of Stonebriar Centre.

The Dr. Seuss Birthday celebration will be held at Barnes & Noble at Stonebriar Centre. The party is compliments of Barnes & Noble and the shopping center. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not required. Adults must stay with children during the party.

Become a fan of Stonebriar Centre on Facebook. Stonebriar Centre is located at Preston Road and SH 121 in Frisco. For directions, visit www.shopstonebriar.com or call 972.668.6255.

Rabbi David Rosen speaking at symposium on March 6

The Interfaith Council of Thanks-Giving Square and the American Jewish Committee will co-host Rabbi David Rosen for a special symposium March 6 at Thanks-Giving Square. Rabbi Rosen is the international director of inter-religious affairs for the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Board Member of the (KAICIID) Centre for Interreligious and

Intercultural Dialogue, which opened in Vienna in



Rabbi David Rosen

November 2012. During the symposium, Rabbi Rosen will

speak on "Interreligious Challenges and Responses to a Changing World."

The event is scheduled for March 6 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Thanks-Giving Square Exhibit Hall, 1627 Pacific Avenue in Dallas. General tickets are \$35 or \$25 for students, Friends of Thanks-Giving Square and the American Jewish Committee. To purchase tickets, email Tatiana Androsov at tandrosov@thanks-giving.org by March 1

Career expos planned for UT Dallas students and alumni

Spring semester brings a renewed focus on career options for seniors set to be graduates in a few months.

To answer the call, the UT Dallas Career Center will host a series of career expos in upcoming weeks to help students connect with employers from school districts, nonprofit organizations, corporations, small businesses and government agencies.

"We want to do all we can to provide students with an opportunity to meet prospective employers and to network with others in their chosen fields before they leave campus," said Lisa Garza, director of the Career Center.

The expos are open only to currently enrolled students and alumni who have earned degrees from UT Dallas.

Career Expo Days on Wednesday, March 20

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Thursday, March 21 - All Majors (non-STEM)

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activity Center

These Expos offer internships and co-ops, full-time and part-time employment opportunities, as well as general career information from a variety of industry sectors. Professional dress and Comet Card are required.

Teacher Career Expo on Wednesday, March 27 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Student Union - Galaxy Rooms

The event is designed primarily for students involved in the Teacher Certification Program, but it is also open to all UT Dallas

students and alumni interested in pursuing careers in K-12 education.

Health Professions School Expo on Tuesday, April 9 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Bookstore Atrium

The Health Professions Advising Center (HPAC) is co-sponsoring this expo. Representatives will attend from various graduate and professional school programs: Medical schools, Dental schools, Pharmacy schools, Optometry schools, Veterinary schools, Physical therapy schools, Physician assistant programs, Allied health programs, International programs, Military scholarship programs, MC-AT/DAT/PCAT/OAT prep course information

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currently the Chair of the National Council of Negro Women.

A testament to her leadership within the community, Jones has received many honors from organizations ranging from the National Urban League and the Jackie Robinson Foundation to the Executive Leadership Council, National Women's Research Alliance and the YWCA of Atlanta.

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stated," said Muhtar Kent, Chairman and CEO, The Coca-Cola Company. "Simply put, she has been the heart and soul of Coca-Cola in the community for three decades. Her passion for serving and improving communities has made a profound difference in the world and taught us that we all possess the ability to transform the lives of others. We are deeply indebted to her incomparable legacy of service and we wish her all the best as she moves into the next phase of her life."

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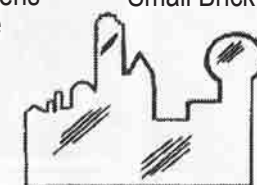
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Dallas ISD'S Alternative Certification Dept. to host information sessions

DALLAS – The Dallas Independent School District's Alternative Certification Department will host two information sessions to recruit qualified applicants for teaching positions with the district for the 2013–2014 school year.

The sessions have been scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Yvonne A. Ewell

Townview Center located at 1201 E. 8th St.

- Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest High School located at 9924 Hillcrest Rd.

The Alternative Certification Program is seeking applicants who are fluent in English and Spanish (bilingual and Spanish applicants only), have a Bachelor's degree

from an accredited university and have a 2.5 overall grade point average on a 4.0 scale or a 2.75 in your last 60 hours of coursework.

For application procedure and additional information, interested candidates should call 972-925-6700 or visit the Web site: www.teachfordallas.com.

Associa Supports Kids Hosts Twitter Giveaway Just in Time for Spring Activities

DALLAS – Spring is around the corner, and Associa and Associa Supports Kids (ASK) look to welcome the spring season, while continuing to further its mission of promoting kids' activities and sports with a Twitter Giveaway.

Through Feb. 22, Twitter followers have a chance to win the ASK three-part book series promoting childhood fitness and safety. The books make reading together fun while also sharing the importance of staying active all year through sports and other activities.

Entering is easy! Just follow Associa on Twitter (www.twitter.com/associa) and reply with the special prize tweet "I just entered the ASK Book Twitter giveaway by @Associa here: <http://shout.lt/cb2z>".

Five winners will be chosen at random to receive the book series.

The books follow ASK's lovable mascot Scout, who explains how to stay safe while enjoying everyday activities.

Scout Stays Active and Strong explains how fun it is to stay fit and strong while partici-

pating in favorite activities like soccer, tennis and ice hockey.

Scout Goes to a Sleepover reminds kids about safety in and around the home, even when spending the night with a best friend.

Scout Goes to the Beach focuses on water safety and the essentials of summer fun.

All three are 12-page hard-cover illustrated children's books. For more information about ASK or the Scout books call 800.808.4882 or email associasupportskids@associaonline.com.

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There were many founding fathers that freed their slaves and joined the anti-slavery forces in the days prior to the revolution. They included: John Dickson, Caesar Rodney, John Randolph, George Washington, William Livingston, George Wyth. These courageous men placed a moral center above personal gain, a trait that would catapult them to transformative figures in American history.

It is sadly true that not all of our founding fathers opposed slavery; it is well documented by Jefferson and Adams that North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia vehemently argued for the position of slavery. In fact it is clear these few southern states are the cause of the nation to agonize for many more years over the issue of slavery.

However, these objections pale in comparison to the amazing men and women who founded this country and who worked tirelessly to end this scourge of human

turmoil. They include Madison, Monroe and Marshall. Check out what these remarkable patriots did, well before the Civil War. The states of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts outlawed slavery in 1790, Rhode Island and Connecticut ended slavery in 1784. New Hampshire in 1792 and Vermont stood tall and opposed slavery by outlawing it in 1793.

In the territories of Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan saw slavery outlawed as a result of a patriot who signed the declaration Rufus King, who fought for a federal decree; later George Washington signed the federal decree into law. Where is this in the history books? Where are the chapters of courageous founding fathers that stood on a moral position of faith and compassion to end evil in this nation?

The media wants to portray the founding fathers as corrupt, morally distant from human suffering and men who are more interested in

selfish endeavors and commerce; nothing could be further from the truth.

The liberal media and academia wants to ignore these bastions of GOD based faithful acts so that the liberal world can dilute and lessen the significance of our founding fathers and our founding documents they created. If you discredit the men, then you certainly must lessen the importance of the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence they created?

The liberal forces want you to think that these documents are corrupt, inadequate, flawed, not worthy of the high praise that we patriots bestow on them.

We, as patriots, should be proud of the positions that our founding fathers (most of them) took and maintained. They were noble and sanctified by a faithful reference to a power greater than us. It is certain that the acts of our founding fathers laid the seeds of the Civil War that was inevitable.



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MHA Annual/Five Year Plan Input Opportunities

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing on MHA Agency Plan Amendment March 5, 2013 at 5:30pm * McKinney Housing Authority Main Office

The McKinney Housing Authority has approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to convert Newsome Homes Apartments from Public Housing to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program. Conversion under RAD is considered a significant amendment to the MHA Annual/Five Year Plan. In accordance with 24 CFR Part 903 for PHA Plan Amendments, MHA will hold public hearings on March 5, 2013 to receive comments regarding the proposed significant amendment.

A draft of the proposed Significant Amendment is available for review on the MHA Website (mckinneyha.org) and at the MHA main office located at: 1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX.

You can submit comments by hand delivery, mail, or email to McKinney Housing Authority Main Office; 1200 North Tennessee Street; Attn: Roslyn Miller; McKinney, TX 75069 or rmiller@mckinneyha.org. The final public hearing for plan adoption will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 5:30pm - McKinney Housing Authority community center.

Notice of Public Hearing on MHA Agency 2013 Annual/5-Year Plan Input Opportunity

A draft of the proposed Annual/Five Year Plan will be available for review on the MHA Website (mckinneyha.org) and at the MHA main office located at: 1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX on February 28, 2013.

You can submit comments by hand delivery, mail, or email to McKinney Housing Authority Main Office; 1200 North Tennessee Street; Attn: Roslyn Miller; McKinney, TX 75069 or rmiller@mckinneyha.org. The final public hearing for plan adoption will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2013 at 5:30pm - McKinney Housing Authority community center.

UTD's Black History Month celebrated with African dance exhibition



Students were asked to participate in the dancing and were led by a member of the Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble.

The UT Dallas Multicultural Center kicked off its Black History Month celebration with African dance demonstrations earlier this month. Students learned and practiced tra-



Members of the Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble performed with founder and director Tony Browne (left).

ditional dance moves to the music of the visiting Bandan Koro African Drum & Dance Ensemble. Black History Month continues The Big Dinner. Guests will enjoy a night

of history, dancing and good fellowship. Sweet Georgia Brown will cater a soul food dinner on Feb. 27 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Galaxy Rooms.

Irving man wins \$1 million Texas Lottery scratch off prize "Finally"

AUSTIN – James Clay of Irving had just one word to say win he realized he won the fifth of nine \$1 million top prizes in the *Texas Lottery® Black-Series IV-Limited Edition* scratch-off game—“Finally!”

Longtime Texas Lottery player Clay said he'd won a \$10,000 prize a year or two ago and never really expected to cash in another big ticket. Now that he has though, the recently retired father of six says he has no intention of quitting while he's ahead.

“My wife says I'm done playing, but we'll just have to wait and see about that,” said

Clay. “I do know this much: I sure won't need to worry about where my next meal's going to come from.”

Clay says he plans to use some of his winnings to pay off his home, take care of some bills and share with his children.

Clay, who claimed his prize at the Texas Lottery claim center in Dallas on Tuesday, purchased his ticket at the 7-Eleven # 24261 located at 1501 N. Cooper St. in Arlington. The store is eligible for a \$10,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Eight \$1 million prizes and 13 prizes of \$10,000



James Clay

each remain unclaimed in the *Texas Lottery Black-Series IV-Limited Edition* game. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.29, including break-even prizes.

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Black candidate this time. Let that marinate a little while. Since when has anyone other than Black folks been concerned about the absence of Black political candidates in any race? We don't see many stories in dominant media dealing with the dearth of Black ownership of major corporations, the overwhelming number of Black owned businesses that have only one employee, or the disparities of the prison industrial complex. So why this concern in politics?

Could it be that Black politics is viewed as non-threatening, while Black economics is viewed just the opposite? Could it be that Black politics is full of emotion and symbolism, while Black economics is pragmatic and substantive in nature? Is economic empowerment threatening?

The following quote from George Meany, AFL-CIO president, in 1969, might answer that question for us. “At its worst, ‘black capitalism’ is a dangerous, divisive delusion – offered as a panacea by extremists, both black and white...Attempts to build economic enclaves with substantial federal tax subsidies within specific geographically limited ghetto areas is apartheid, anti-democratic nonsense.” Had enough yet?

It's easy to see that Black people in 2013 are used and

misused by the political system. All of you emotionally engaged political devotees please sit down for this next statement. It matters not what “color” a politician is, even the color of the person who resides in the White House. Black folks had better get that through our thick heads and start pursuing an economic agenda, first, as Garvey said, and then a political one.

Believe me, when a group's economics is in order, their politics will fall in line accordingly. For the life of me I cannot fathom why Black folks in this country, after all that we have seen and experienced, are still waiting on politics to save us. And it's hard to understand why we think Black politicians will do right by Black people, simply because of

their skin color. To make matters worse, we are still trying to figure out “Who is Black in America?” despite the so-called “one drop” rule, which was made up by White people. He who defines you controls you. (By the way, wouldn't the “one drop” rule make everyone in the world Black, since mankind started in Africa? Just a thought.)

Being Black is not as much about skin color as it is about consciousness. Economics is about empowerment, and our dollars should be used more wisely to that end.

Politics is about self-interest, and our votes should reflect that truth. White politicians can help Black people just like Black politicians can. The same applies for White and Black capitalists. The question is, “Will

they?” The best help is self-help, however. We must organize and rally around basic economic principles.

And until we are really serious about playing the politics game, we must wean ourselves off the milk and

pabulum of political dependence, and get on a steady diet of cooperative economics and mutual support.

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's

most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and can be reached through his Web site, blackonomics.com.

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Meagan Good: The "Deception" Interview

BY KAM WILLIAMS
SPECIAL TO THE NNPA
FROM THE AFRO-AMERICAN

Meagan Good stars in NBC's midseason drama "Deception" as Joanna Padgett Locasto, a San Francisco narcotics detective with childhood ties to a notoriously secretive and powerful New York family, the Bowers. When her childhood best friend, Vivian Bowers, is found dead under mysterious circumstances, Joanna is enlisted by the FBI to help to find the killer, agreeing to go undercover into the opulent lifestyle she thought she'd left behind.

Meagan has become one of Hollywood's most sought-after young actresses, recently completing a season-long arc on Showtime's acclaimed series "Californication," as well as a role in "Think Like a Man," the feature film based on the best-selling book by Steve Harvey. In 2011, she starred along-

side Angela Bassett and Paula Patton in "Jumping the Broom."

The versatile actress has mastered a variety of film genres, ranging from horror, with "The Unborn," opposite Odette Annable and Gary Oldman, to comedy, with "The Love Guru," co-starring Mike Myers, Jessica Alba and Justin Timberlake. She rose to fame as a result of her work in "Stomp the Yard," but was recognized earlier for her acclaimed performance opposite Samuel L. Jackson in the eerie family drama "Eve's Bayou," for which she received an NAACP Image Award nomination.

Additional feature film credits include the critically-acclaimed cult film "Brick," opposite Joseph Gordon-Levitt, "You Got Served," "D.E.B.S.," "Waist Deep" with Tyrese Gibson, Queen Latifah's "The Cookout," "Biker Boyz," "Deliver Us from Eva," "Friday" with Ice Cube,



Meagan Good

"Roll Bounce" and the horror film "Saw V."

Besides acting, Meagan has produced independent films such as "Miles from Home," which she starred in opposite actor/director Ty Hodges. The picture screened at the Pan African

Film & Arts Festival, the Washington D.C.

Independent Film Festival and the Atlanta Film Festival, where it swept all of the awards—Best Feature, Best Director, Best Actor and Actress (Good). More recently, she produced and starred in "Video Girl," the "Gia"-esque film that depicts the sordid and misunderstood life of a music video superstar.

Born in Panorama City, Calif., Megan began appearing in commercials at the age of 4 and to date has made more than 60. She made her prime-time television debut on the WB se-

ries "Raising Dad," and her first major television role was as a regular on the hit show "Cousin Skeeter."

Meagan recently married DeVon Franklin, an executive for Columbia Pictures who is also a preacher and motivational speaker. Here, she talks about her new show, "Deception," which airs Monday nights on NBC at 10 PM ET/PT. (Check local listings)

Kam Williams: Congratulations, newlywed! How was the honeymoon?

Meagan Good: It was fantastic, especially considering we were celibate until marriage!

KW: What interested you in Deception?

MG: The script was incredible and there were so many elements that appealed to me creatively and physically, and the cast seemed like an amazing group of people.

KW: Tell me a little about the show?

MG: My character... worked for the Bowers family and she grew up in the house and was best friends with Vivian. They had a strange falling out when they were 17 and I moved to San Francisco and went on to become a

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Frontiers of Flight Museum Honoring African American aviation pioneers past & present

DALLAS – Every February, Black History Month evokes a few iconic names in aviation, most notably the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II fame and Bessie Coleman, the first black woman pilot. This year, the Frontiers of Flight Museum, the Texas Eagles for Aviation and Claude R. Platte DFW Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen have partnered to bring a special Black History celebration to the North Texas community that highlights the achievements of these and other extraordinary African Americans aviation heroes past and present.

This two-day event will be held at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave., and begin with engaging educational activities for more than 300 area middle school students on Friday, Feb. 22. Following on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 2-3:30 p.m. museum guests will enjoy a riveting presentation on the “State of Aviation” featuring a panel of distinguished African American aviators, historians and aviation administrators. This event is open to the general public with paid admission to the museum.

The Black History Month Celebration at the Frontiers of Flight Museum will feature pioneers, modern aviators and space age pilots. Special guests and presenters include documented Tuskegee Airmen, an artist who paints African American aviators, and a pilot trained by Chief Alfred Anderson, widely considered to be the Father of Black Aviation. The event will also include an array of military and corporate, aviation pilots, as well as representatives from the Aerospace industry.

Following Saturday’s panel discussion on Feb. 23, attendees may also participate in a special drawing for a \$250 certificate for a Discovery Flight and Discovery Briefing. The raffle prize will be presented by Major Alejandro House, a distinguished

Marine pilot who now serves as a corporate pilot for Bell Helicopter and flies the world’s fastest corporate jet – the Cessna Citation.

Captain Claude R. Platte – Documented Tuskegee Airman, served as the primary flight instructor training over 400 blacks to solo and fly the PT13, PT17 and PT 19. Privileged to train cadets and dignitaries around the country, under his tutelage were famous fighter pilots such as William Broadwater, Col. George Boys and Norman Scales.

A young and energetic 91 year old, he is now retired from Bell Helicopter. Capt. Platte and others of the famed Tuskegee group now travel and fly about the country telling their stories to children of all ages so they can be inspired to reach their goals.

Lt. Calvin J. Spann – Documented Tuskegee Airman. Upon his arrival to begin his aviation training at the Army Air Corps in Kessler Field, MS, he was informed that they did not train Black cadets. A week later he was sent to Tuskegee AI and here he received his wings graduating in the Class 44G. Lt. Spann became a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron, a part of the 332nd Fighter Group under the command of Co. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. He completed 26 combat missions before the end of WWII. After service, Lt. Spann sought employment with commercial airlines only to be denied due to racial discrimination.

Today he speaks to churches, schools and organizations about the Tuskegee Airmen Experience and how they succeeded with excellence. He encourages students to excel in math and science and stresses preparation as the key to achieving goals.

Staff Sergeant Homer Hogues – Documented Tuskegee Airman. Assigned to the Famous 99th Fighter Squadron 332nd Fighter



Group, Airman Hogues was proud to be a mechanic on airplanes. At Chanute Field in Illinois, Hogues gained specialized training on the P-47 Thunderbolt Aircraft. He recalls preparing airplanes for the Air Force gunnery competition in Las Vegas in 1949. Although the Tuskegee Airmen won the competition, due to racism the trophy was etched “Winner Unknown” and was lost for years.

Staff Sergeant Hogues continues to participate as a spokesperson of the Air Force and the Tuskegee Airmen. He shows love as he speaks to school children, church groups and private businesses about his “Tuskegee Airmen Experience.”

Captain Jeffie McNeal – Is a Mississippi native and a graduate of Tuskegee Institute. Capt. McNeal was one of a handful of Tuskegee Army and Air Force ROTC students chosen during the mid-sixties for flight lessons given by Chief Alfred Anderson, considered to be the “Father of Black Aviation.” On his 1st solo, training in a Cessna 172, Capt. McNeal remembers being “too high and hot” to land and opted to go around, thus impressing and receiving praise from his instructor.

Capt. McNeal was commissioned in the Army as a 2nd Lt. and rose to the rank of Captain. He served a tour in Vietnam as a Port Officer and a Highway Transport Officer in the Transportation Department.

Major Alejandro House, USMC RET. – Major “Brick” House, served with distinction in the US Marines as a Naval Aviator, flying the F/A 18 Aircraft. Capt. House flew more than 70 missions in Afghanistan and Iraq in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Now the CEO of House Group, Inc, he continues to promote and foster aviation science in the secondary school systems. Major House has worked tirelessly with several school districts around the nation in building a strong foundation for their students.

He continues his flying career as the Asst. Chief Pilot for Bell Helicopter corporate fixed wing flight department and Captains the world’s fastest corporate aircraft – the Cessna Citation.

Larry Johnson – Pilot Extraordinaire! A native Texan, he was inspired by Astronaut John Glenn and at an early age set in motion the steps required to fly and reach his goal of flight. Join-

ing the Civil Air Patrol, two years later at age 16, Larry was selected for a flight training program offered by CAP and subsequently won an appointment to Private Pilot training, actually receiving this certificate before graduating from high school!

Later serving in the US Navy, he received extensive training as an electronics technician. Larry gained even more experience in this field in the private sector as a salesman in the home security industry. Ultimately, he decided to combine his passions, selling and flying, as part of a new direction in his career.

In 1977, Larry found solid success selling new Piper Aircraft. In 1996, Larry was recruited by Cutter Aviation to join the aircraft sales team. He continues as the Piper Aircraft Regional Sales Manager for Texas Piper. In addition, Larry has become responsible for Regional Sales of the new HondaJet.

With nearly 9,000 hours of total flight time, Larry is the father of four and grandfather of five. He gives back by his enthusiasm to share his talents and resources with youth and youth organizations at every possible opportunity!

ElaRue – (Erma Bonner Platte), wife of Capt. Claude R. Platte is a dynamic and delightful dame! A “renaissance” woman and artist extraordinaire, this energetic and exciting lady is a multifaceted jewel. A real estate broker, botanist, community activist, educator, humanitarian and did we mention “a polished artist”? has risen to the top. A member of the Fort Worth Society of Watercolor Artists, ElaRue has created many “masterpieces” rendering intriguing images of her family and other interesting individuals.

Come join her as she paints Col. Benjamin O. Davis, the West Point Graduate who shaped, trained and motivated the famed WWII Pilots, the Tuskegee Airmen to fight “fascism abroad” and conquer racism at home!

Dr. Marvin Cowens – Texas Instrument Scientist and General Aviation Pilot. Several years ago, Dr. Cowens was traveling on an airplane during one of many business trips that he has taken on behalf of his job as a trouble shooter and problem solver for Texas Instruments. He was allowed to put on head phones and was able to hear the conversation between the pilots and the tower. Fascinated, Dr. Cowens decided that he wanted to learn more about aviation. Soon after that, he went on a “discovery flight” and was so enraptured with the experience that he bought an airplane before he even learned to fly!

Amassing more than 100,000 miles on an annual basis, through his work with Texas Instruments, Dr. Cowens is always excited to share his love for aviation with students and others. Emphasizing the importance of science, technology, engineering and math, Dr. Cowens is the perfect example of how mastering these skills have led him to a lifestyle filled with adventure and accomplishments!

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NDG Gossip: Mary J. Blige owes over \$900 K in back taxes

BY KENDRIA BROWN,
NDG INTERN

R&B singer Mary J. Blige owes nearly \$1 million dollars in back taxes to the state of New Jersey. The exact amount Mary owes is \$901,769.65- which is more than a zip code and dang near a phone number (speaking in terms of digits)!

That is not the only thing that Ms. Blige owes either. In addition to the \$900,000

tax lien, Blige owes on a \$500,000 loan from Bank of America that she has defaulted on. Blige has a lawsuit pending against her from Bank of America because when she took out the loan in 2005, she allegedly stopped making her payments on it after last June.

Blige was also sued for defaulting on a \$2.2 million dollar bank loan from Signature Bank.

The financial crisis does not end there for



Mary J. Blige

Blige either. Her charity, the **Mary J. Blige and**

Steve Stoute Foundation for the Advancement of Women Now, is also being sued by TD Bank because it did not pay on a \$250,000 loan. The foundation insisted that the financial institution should have never

offered them a loan in the first place, or that the bank should have known better. When Mary was asked last year who was responsible for the charity financial issues, Mary responded, "The problem is that I didn't have the

right people in the right places doing the right things."

But what do you think Mary has to say about this \$900 K tax lien? Comment on our Facebook.com/NorthDallasGazette.

Garland NAACP's 13th Annual Winter Ball

The Garland NAACP recognized musicians and directors from churches 12 churches throughout the city were recognized. Visit www.NorthDallasGazette.com to see more photos.

St Mark Baptist Church (L-R) Kenneth Mathis (Bass Guitarist); Reuben Lael Griffin (Minister of Music); Letha Johnson (Pianist); Rev. Dr. George Duncan (Pastor); Ricky McNeal, President of the NAACP Garland, TX Branch



Black History program in Irving on Saturday

Irving Black Arts Council in partnership with The City of Irving is hosting the Annual Black History Month Program

"Celebrating Freedom & Equality". The program will include the unveiling of the 2013 Rosa Parks USPS Heritage Stamp,

March on Washington, Emancipation Proclamation and original production "Grandma, I Don't Believe It" by playwright Cynthia Wills.

The event will be held at the Irving Arts Center—Dupree Theater located at 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.,

and admission is free. A reception after the program will be catered by Second Chance Sweets.

For more information on IBAC and upcoming programs, call 214-993-8444 or visit www.irving-blackarts.com.

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narcotics officer with the SFPD, while Vivian went on to become a "celebutante." The show opens with Vivian's murder and the FBI brings me in undercover to find out who did it.

KW: Will solving this murder take up the whole first season?

MG: Yes, but the show is so crazy and there are many other things that unfold while the murder is being solved.

KW: How would you describe your character, Joanna Locasto?

MG: Tough, ballsy, and vulnerable, with a strong moral compass.

KW: How did you prepare for this role? Did you consult your father, since he was a police officer in the LAPD?

MG: Yes, I did, and also his wife who is currently in the FBI.

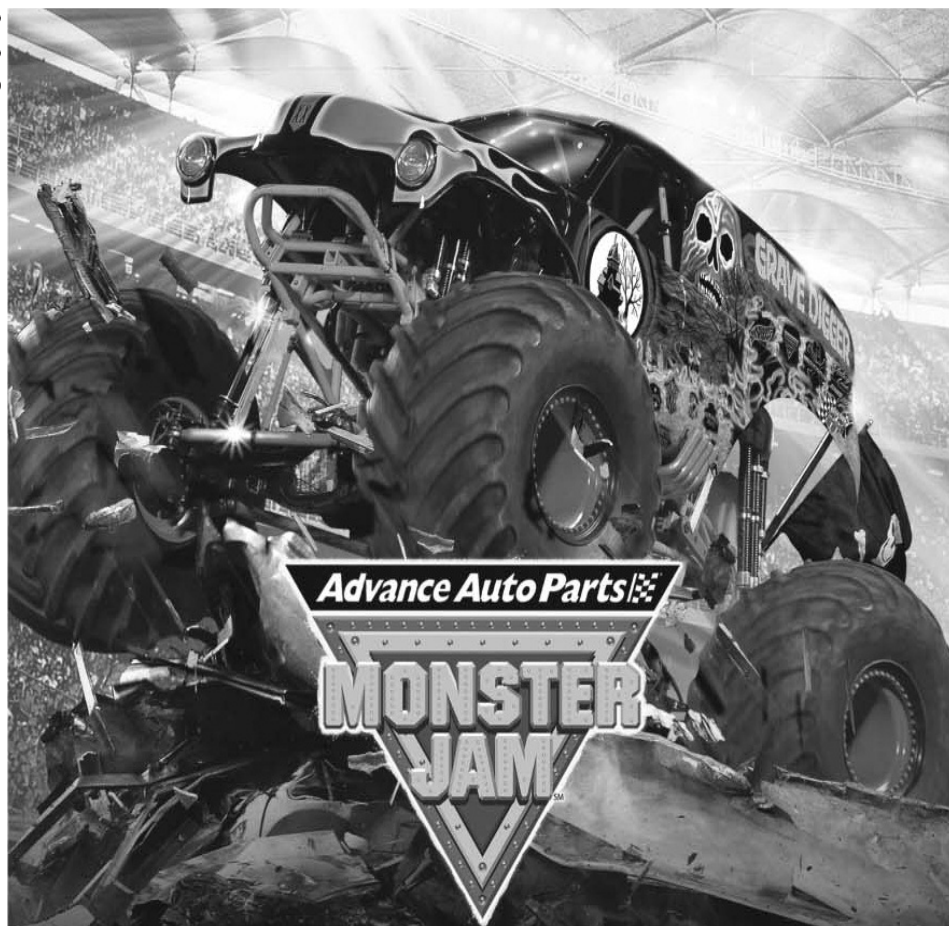
KW: Is there any question no one ever asks you that you wish someone would?

MG: I wish someone would ask if I was "saved" before I met my husband. A lot of people assume I had a

spiritual awakening when I met him and it bothers me that people think that happened overnight.

KW: What advice do you have for anyone who wants to follow in your footsteps?

MG: Keep God as your main focus. Make sure your desire to do what you're aspiring to do is deeper than just fame and being a celebrity. Be willing to work hard, and don't believe that when a door closes it's anything personal.



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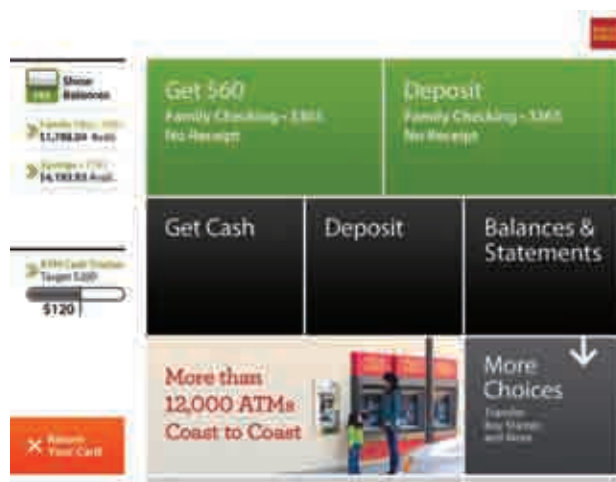
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Wells Fargo's new ATMs offer new customer experiences

SAN FRANCISCO – Wells Fargo introduced earlier this week an entirely new ATM experience. The ATM has a layout that's faster and easier to use, new features and a sleek, modern design. Currently on more than 500 machines across several states, the new interface will be available at all the more than 12,000 Wells Fargo ATMs by May 2013.

"The ATMs really know you better and we are excited to share this new experience with customers," said Alicia Moore, head of Wells Fargo ATM Banking. "We redesigned our ATMs based on what customers tell us they want, and we're constantly striving to make our ATMs quicker, easier, and more convenient."

Highlights include "favorites" that appear in the



color green based on the customer's ATM usage, as well as customized screens based on customer's preferences. A "Balance Dashboard" features balances at-a-glance, if the customer chooses, for their most used accounts.

ATM Cash Tracker, a tool to help customers manage their finances, will now automatically

appear on the main ATM screen. This feature allows customers to visually track their monthly Wells Fargo ATM withdrawals. Customers can also set a monthly withdrawal target and can view details about how much they withdrew the prior month and their average over the past 12 months. Wells Fargo is the only bank offering this service to customers.

Texas Champion Bank must pay 2,000 Hispanic customers \$700,00 to settle discrimination allegations

The Justice Department has announced Texas Champion Bank of Alice, Texas, will establish uniform pricing policies, conduct employee training and pay \$700,000 as part of a settlement to resolve allegations that it engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination on the basis of national origin.

The settlement, which is subject to court approval, was filed in conjunction with the Justice Department's complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The complaint alleges that Texas Champion charged higher prices on unsecured consumer loans made to Hispanic borrowers through its branch offices in violation of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA).

"The complaint filed today demonstrates that the Civil Rights Division is committed to fair lending enforcement across the entire spectrum of credit markets," said Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

The lawsuit originated from a 2010 referral by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

Under the settlement, Texas Champion will pay \$700,000 to approximately 2,000 Hispanic victims of discrimination, monitor its loans for potential disparities based on national origin, and provide equal credit opportunity training to its employees. Texas Champion will

also revise its pricing policies to ensure that the price charged for its loans is set in a non-discriminatory manner consistent with the requirements of ECOA. The agreement also prohibits the bank from discriminating on the basis of national origin in any aspect of a credit transaction.

"The Southern District of Texas is committed to ensuring banks and other lending institutions do not discriminate against borrowers on the basis of race or national origin," said U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas Kenneth Magidson. "The consent order filed today should serve as a reminder that discrimination in lending will not be tolerated."

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the continued strength of one of the most important tools for exposing and ending housing discrimination."

Enacted in 1968 following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the Fair Housing Act bans discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin or sex. The Act was later amended to include family status and the physically-challenged.

Despite the Fair Housing Act, some real estate agents, landlords, lenders and even local governments continued practices that had an unjustified effect of discriminating against many well-qualified home seekers. As a result, many consumers were locked out of housing opportunities that provided convenient access to quality schools, health care and more. The new regulation reaffirms what the law intended over 40 years ago.

In response to HUD's rule announcement, a chorus of civil rights and fair housing advocates hailed the move.

"Every federal court of appeals that has considered this

issue has concluded that liability under the Fair Housing Act can be established by proof of disparate impact, said Wade Henderson, president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. "This doctrine, now codified, is a powerful tool to combat redlining, housing discrimination and predatory lending."

"We need look no further than the nation's foreclosure crisis to see how many homeowners in communities of color as well as families with children, people with disabilities and many others have been devastated by the disparate impact of discriminatory housing and lending policies," said Shanna Smith, president and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance. "People of color, including many in the middle class have lost a century of household wealth because of these practices. While some of these practices are unintentional, many others are built on the explicitly discriminatory practices of the past."

"This is a profound step forward in the fight of discrimination," said Janis Bowdler,

director of economic policy with the National Council of LaRaza.

Since early 2012, HUD solicited and received input from a broad base of interested concerns. Fair housing and legal aid organizations, state attorneys general, financial institutions, state governments and citizen activists all helped HUD to craft a rule that would be consistently and fairly applied.

According Mike Calhoun, president of the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), "Fair housing is fundamental to every family's pursuit of the American Dream. By issuing this disparate impact rule, HUD reaffirmed the nation's commitment to fairness for all. CRL lauds the vigilance of the entire civil rights community for its long and hard-fought effort helping to make America's reality live up to its promises."

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a strong foundation plus excellent potential for more greatness. It is strategically located in the fifth largest media market in the nation and a diverse region well positioned for future growth."

Bland praised the school's annual Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference as a "national treasure" and also the school offering a full complement of student media and student-run advertising/public relations and photo/multimedia agencies.

"I look forward to working with the team to increase the school's visibility in the digital age and take it to the next level. I value UNT's four bold goals related to student success, providing a superior educational experience, developing faculty and staff and expanding partnerships," she said.

At FAMU, Bland led campaigns to raise more than \$100,000 to support the National Association of Black Journalists Multimedia Short Courses from 2009 to 2012 and the Dow Jones News Fund Multimedia High

School Workshops in 2010 and 2012. She was the interim advisor for both the FAMU chapter of the Association of Black Journalists, which was named Student Chapter of the Year in 2008 and was a finalist in 2009, and the FAMU chapter of Public Relations Society of America.

Bland also served FAMU as a member of the Retention Council, the Web Site Steering Committee and the Search Committee for the Assistant Vice President for Instructional Technology, and was the subcommittee chair of the university's Organizational Analysis Task Force.

She has served on site teams for the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications at universities in California, Georgia, Kansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi and other states. Bland was also a juror for the Pulitzer Prizes and a guest lecturer at the Poynter Institute, Kuwait University and other institutions.

Before coming to FAMU, Bland worked in various newspaper positions for 25 years. She was a reporter and editor at USA Today. She served as president and publisher of both the Chillicothe (Ohio) Gazette and Fort Collins (Colo.) Coloradoan and earned three Gannett President's Rings for outstanding performance.

Bland received her bachelor's degree in journalism from Arkansas State University and her master of business administration degree in marketing from George Washington University. She was a McCormick Fellow in the Advanced Executive Program at Northwestern University's Media Management Center and has completed additional graduate courses at Florida State University.

For more information about the professional career and to read her previous articles, please visit <http://dorothybland.com/>.

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Through February 24
Catch Me If You Can at Music Hall at Fair Park, 909 First Avenue at Parry; (855) 289-2856

February 21
Sesame Street Live: Can't Stop Singing at Verizon Theater in Grand Prairie at 7 p.m.

Financial Literacy Workshop at Urban League of Greater Dallas Headquarters, 4315 S. Lancaster Rd. from 6-8 p.m.

February 22
A-WOW Bootcamp - Survival - Life Skills 2.0 at 6 p.m.; (214) 995-1927

P!nk at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue at 8 p.m.

Annual Meeting Luncheon at Anatole Hilton Hotel at 11:15 a.m.

February 23
UNCF's Red, Hot, & Snazzy Gala with *The Ohio Players* at Downtown Dallas Sheraton Hotel at 6 p.m.; 972-234-1007

Black History Month Festival in Arlington at Arlington Public Library, 101 East Abram Street in Arlington at 12 noon; 817-459-6909

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February 28
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February 28-March 23
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Naw'lin's Mardi Gras Jam at Crown Plaza Hotels and Resorts, 14315 Midway Road in Addison at 7:30 p.m.; \$75; 214-985-1809

March 3
Salutation of the Dawn at St. James Episcopal Church, 9845 McCree Road at 7:30 p.m.

March 6
Women In Leadership Luncheon; 11:30 am - 1:15 pm at the Richardson Woman's Club, 2005 North Cliffe Dr., Richardson 75080; Member \$35; Non-member \$55; Table \$250 (six seats)

March 9
The First Annual Changing Faces Changing Lives

Charity Hair Show at 6-11 p.m. at Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave. in Dallas. Info: www.charityhairshow.eventbrite.com, rcurryington@amoretransitional.org or 800-318-4284 ext. 101.

Village Academy Cooks: Sourdough- A Village Academy Cooking Class at Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park at 1 p.m.; 214-413-3669

Job Fair at Mountain View College at 10a.m. -2p.m.; FREE

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March 10
Crime Scene Investigation Day at The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, 411 Elm St. at 12 – 5 p.m.; FREE; 214-747-6660

March 12-15
Spring Fling- Exhibit Opening: Cedars Stories at Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park at 10 a.m.; 214-421-5141

March 13
The Moody Blues at the Verizon Theater, 1001 Performance Place in Grand Prairie at 8 p.m.; \$39.50 - \$69.50; 972-854-5050

March 21
17th Annual Spirit of Contact Luncheon at Hyatt-Regency, Landmark Ballroom, at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Keynote speaker is Mrs. Laura Bush, Former First Lady; www.contact-crisis.org

March 23
Spring Youth Forum at SMU, Prothro Hall at 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.; FREE; 214-768-1333

March 24
When Black Queens Danced! at Irving Arts Center in Irving at 3 p.m.; \$15-\$27.50; 972-252-2787

March 29
Dallas Black Dance Theatre: Dancing Beyond Borders at Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy St in Fort Worth at 7:30 p.m.; \$15; 214-871-2376

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State Farm hosting Dallas Career Fair March 5 & 6

DALLAS -- State Farm Insurance has announced a job fair in Richardson, March 5-6 in an effort to fill a variety of para-profes-

sional and professional/technical positions in the metro area. There are both full-time and part-time positions available in customer serv-

ice, sales, and claims departments.

The Career Fair will be held at Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel located at 900 E.

Lookout Dr. in Richardson on March 5 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; and March 6 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Interested individuals are encouraged to search for available

employee positions at www.statefarm.com/careers, apply online, and be prepared for an on-site interview at the job fair.

State Farm is hoping to add over 500 new employees in the coming months as part of its north Dallas area expansion.

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President for Multicultural Engagement Edna Kane-Williams in announcing the release of the research. "Others have confronted major problems as well, but the situation has been - and continues to be - especially acute for diverse communities."

An AARP fact sheet, released in conjunction with Black History Month, summarizes preliminary data from a "Multicultural Work and Career Study" that will be released later this year. The overall survey included those ages 45-74 who were either employed or actively looking for work; it was conducted last November and December.

The strain among older African-Americans is apparent in the fact that a large number - 39 percent - said that it was either "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that they will either lose their job or have to give up working for themselves in the next year.

Among those who said that they were likely to give up working for themselves, 15 percent said that "business is slow", 12 percent cited the "weak economy" and 11 percent mentioned "my health".

Reflecting anxiety on a separate question was the response from 25 percent of all African-Americans in the sample that they anticipated that they may need to take a

leave from their job to "care for an adult family member in the next five years." Nineteen percent said that they had already taken a leave to care for an older relative in the last five years.

AARP has a variety of programs and resources to support older workers. Most recently, AARP has begun offering a new way for experienced workers to advance themselves through Work Reimagined, a social network-based jobs program that connects employers seeking experienced workers with qualified professionals searching for new or more satisfying careers. The site (www.workreimagined.org) lever-

ages the platform of the social media site, LinkedIn.

Work Reimagined offers job listings independent of LinkedIn, as well as articles, columns, tips and tools to help people navigate today's workplace.

AARP has also developed an alliance with the Small Business Administration (SBA) to offer resources and advice to encourage older entrepreneurs. Last October, AARP and SBA collaborated to host a National Encore Entrepreneur Mentor Day in several cities around the country.

To see a summary of the preliminary data from the "Multicultural Work and Career Study," visit www.aarp.org/stayingaheadof-the-curve-2013.

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The Frontiers of Flight Museum, a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate, is a gem in our North Texas community that attracts over 100,000 visitors annually including 30,000 students. The Museum is a learning laboratory using aviation and space flight to encour-

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ace science, and other disciplines.

The museum is opened Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults \$8; Seniors (65+) \$6; Youths/Students (3-17) \$5 and children under 3 are free. For more information, visit www.flightmuseum.com.

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Garland office. The opportunity resulted from a one-time donation of vaccine from Dallas County, along with 200 doses donated by Children's Medical Center (www.childrens.com).

The vaccine became available on short notice in mid-January and was distributed only at the Garland practice. Despite the lack of advance promotion, the community response was impressive, hospital officials said.

"Providing flu shots is only one of many services offered by community-based medical homes," said Dr. Ray Tsai, medical director of the MyChildren's network. "We also coordinate patients' care across the healthcare spectrum, ensuring that they stay as healthy as possible."

The Garland MyChildren's practice will formally

open at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at 455 N. Garland Ave. Media tours of the clinic are available after the event.

MyChildren's pediatric primary care practices are located in neighborhoods where high numbers of families depend on Medicaid and the state's Children's Health Insurance Program. Declining reimbursement prevents many physicians from accepting new Medicaid patients. The MyChildren's pediatric primary care practices provide critical health care access for thousands of children, leading to better overall care.

"Children's opened its first pediatric primary care office 13 years ago because it was obvious even then that many children coming to our emergency department were really in need of primary

care," said Peter Roberts, executive vice president of Population Health at Children's Medical Center. "Our research shows that in 2012, almost 27 percent of the children in Garland who visited the Children's emergency department really needed primary care."

"At MyChildren's, we offer patients the ability to schedule appointments and see the same doctor each visit," Roberts said. "We can provide a medical home that is like a doctor's office so that patients get the care they need, close to home."

The Garland office is among 14 MyChildren's locations in the greater Dallas area. All MyChildren's locations are staffed by highly trained nurses and physicians who are board-certified in pediatrics.



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February 24, 2013 8 a.m.

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March 1-3

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February 23, 9 a.m.

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February 17, 9:35 a.m.

You're invited to our Sunday School at 9 a.m. and to stay for Morning Worship at 11 a.m. as we worship and praise God.

February 27, 7 p.m.

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

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February 24, 11 a.m.

You're invited to celebrate our 14th Anniversary with guest speaker Rev. Stephen Brown from Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church.

February 27, 7:30 p.m.

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February 24, 2013

Come and grow with us. You're invited to a new series of teaching, "Guaranteed Victory". God will "Equip, Elevate, and Empower" you; call the church for details.

February 27, 7 p.m.

Join us for our Church Wide Fasting each Wednesday (100% juice & water only); the fast begins at 12:01 am with our 1st prayer at 3:30 am; 2nd prayer at 12 Noon, and the closing prayer at 6 pm. Then join us for 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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Join us in our Sunday Morning Worship Service. This year's theme is "SMBC: A Church Focused on Excellence while Teaching the Word, Preaching the Gospel, Reaching the World." Also, after both services ministers and deacons are available to meet with you for prayer or questions.

February 27, 7 p.m.

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

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February 24, 7:30 a.m.

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February 25, 7 p.m.

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February 24, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Sunday School with Elder/Superintendent Greg Mason; Sis. Vicki Mason, adult class teacher and Evangelist Elizabeth McAfee, children class teacher and Director of our children's choir. Then stay for Morning Service at 11 a.m. as we worship, honor and praise God for His goodness.

February 26, 7:30 p.m.

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

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Of course there have been many and great improvements on these items since their inventions; but still, L.R. Johnson invented the bicycle frame in 1899; G.T. Sampson invented the clothes dryer in 1862. O. Dorsey invented the doorknob and doorstop in 1878. Lewis Latimer invented the electric lamp bulb in 1882; Alexander Miles invented the elevator in 1867.

P. Johnson invented the eyes protector on November 2, 1880 which comes in many types depending upon the threat that is to be reduced.

The threats can be particles, light, wind blast, heat, sea spray, some type of ball or puck used in sports.

Joseph W. Winters, an abolitionist and inventor, patented a wagon-mounted fire escape ladder for the city of Chambersburg, PA in 1878; T. Marshall invented the fire extinguisher in 1872; Robert Flemming, Jr. invented the guitar in 1886; A.C. Richard invented an Insect-Destroyer Gun on February 28, 1899.

L.A. Burr invented the lawn mower in 1889. J.W. Smith invented the lawn sprinkler in 1897; F.J. Loudin invented the key chain in 1894; W.A. Martin invented the lock in the 1800's (no exact year was given.) Paul L. Downing invented the mailbox on October 27, 1891.

J. Standard, the refrigerator on June 14, 1891

W. D. Davis, the riding saddles on October 6, 1895; (Ft. Worth had its Stock Show celebration recently; I know a lot of people should be thanking W.D. Davis. Edmond Berger the sparkplug in 1839. Robert B. Spikes enabled us to drive our automobiles without shifting gears. He gave us the automatic transmission in 1932. Many drivers have been tooling along in our cars every since without putting a hand to a gearshift.

Imhotep, a doctor, architect, a high priest, scribe and vizier to King Djoser. His name means "the one that comes in peace" existed as a mythological figure in the minds of most scholars until the end of the 19th century when he was established as a real historical per-

son, invented the stethoscope in Ancient Egypt and he was first named the architect who built Egypt's first pyramid.

Granville T. Woods invented a much improved phone transmitter in 1884. Lloyd Hall, a chemist, his invention of asphalt that is used on streets, tennis courts and our bridges is greatly appreciated by drivers world-wide.

Emanuel L. Logan, the bullet resistant plexiglass. Meredith Gourdine invented the exhaust purification device for cars.

The Institute for Colored Youth (now known as Cheyney State University) founded in Philadelphia in 1832 is the first **Historically Black college**. It began as a private school, but was taken over by Pennsylvania **See HISTORY, Page 16**



Sister Tarpley Dresses in African Fashion every day in February in Honor of Black History Month to call attention to the inventions and contributions that the Black race has made and continues to make to the United States and the world as a whole.

Recognizing the importance of celebrating Black History

BY CARRENZA THURMOND JR.

For many, Black History month is an after thought, but for Willie C. Cochran, Pastor of the South Dallas Faith Base outreach Ministry it is important year-round. Rev. Cochran recognizes that our youth and even our older citizens appreciate the encouragement found when celebrating the achievements of blacks throughout the year at his church located at 2822 Tanner St. in Dallas.

Through his working ministry of faith, Willie has helped many people in his community to achieve higher goals in life, and to accept the significance of Black History Month. Willie says, "If we don't study the history of our people, how are we to achieve the future?"

Pastor Cochran however, is now in the process of building a larger church in South Dallas, on land that he has already purchased. He's reaching out to all people who would like to donate toward building a new structure that will serve the purpose of saving many lost souls in the South Dallas Community, who need salvation and help to survive in these difficult days in time.

In regard to the new structure being built, Willie says, "There won't be any need to go elsewhere for good organized community services. When you or a loved one need



Willie C. Cochran, Pastor of the South Dallas Faith Base Outreach Ministry

help, this new building could provide the assistance needed for you to make it in your time of need.

Organizations Activities:

- Coordinate visitation to disabled and elderly people.
- Help family, with funerals

als and funeral sermon speeches, devotion readings when called upon to do so.

- Work with young children and help them to read or write.

- Minister to college students and young people by phone are in person when making life decisions.

- Sharing information about organizations, jobs, educational programs, medical and dental aid, shelters for public help, phone numbers, address to emergency services, where to get food, hot meals and clothing.

- Housing crisis centers for homeless families such as single parents with children.

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- Information for abused women and children victims of domestic violence.

- Numbers for runaways and youth to other outreach ministries.

- To sponsor people who are trying to quit drugs and alcohol.

- Try to help ex offenders who can't find work and to provide services to homeless and indigent individuals.

- Help with transportation when funds are available.

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BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You didn't think you'd ever stop looking.

You'd been searching for days for that one thing you needed – a fact, a document, a recipe, a key – and it was nowhere to be found. You tore the house up and... nothing.

And then you found it. Actually, you'd found it several days before: it was right in front of you all along, but you never really saw it.

Sometimes things get buried and it takes tenacity to sort them out. That's what happens in the new novel, *The House Girl* by Tara Conklin, where truth lies covered for over a century.

Lina Sparrow had always wanted to be a lawyer.

Her father, famed artist Oscar Sparrow, always claimed that said she made a good argument and, indeed, Lina thrived on the work she did as a first-level at Clifton & Harp, LLP. The hours were impossibly long and sleep was a hard-found commodity, but she felt privileged to work on cases she'd never forget.

Like the case she'd recently been handed.

NDG Book Review: *The House Girl*

One of the firm's biggest clients decided to bring suit against several large corporations in search of trillions of dollars in reparations for the descendants of African slaves. The client had gotten the go-ahead from the gov-

ernment to do it and, while the case would be pro bono, if they won, it would monumental. It would also catapult Lina, her colleagues, and the firm into law history.

Lina only needed to find a connection from past to present, and damage done.

Seconds after Mister slapped her, Josephine knew that she would run again.

She knew he was struggling. Missus Lu was dying, there weren't enough slaves to bring in the crops, and Mister had to help in the fields himself. But there was no call for him to slap her, so Josephine started collecting a few things to take as she fled, including some drawings she'd made in Missus' studio.

She tried running years ago but her belly was big then, and the baby started coming before she could make it north to Philadelphia. She was told later that the child died, but Missus Lu had recently admitted otherwise.

Yes, Josephine had gone back to Bell Creek plantation once before.

She wasn't going to make that mistake again.

Although it's a little rough, and though there's some unnecessary (and sometimes ill-fitting) detail in the story, there's a lot of good inside *The House Girl*.

Author Tara Conklin does an excellent job weaving two divergent stories together, connecting threads that strengthen as the story goes along. I particularly loved Josephine, perhaps because her quiet thoughts spoke so loudly.

Also, one integral part of the plot bears mentioning: Conklin is so vivid in her descriptions of fictional artwork that I actually started looking for color pictures of something that doesn't exist. That's some writing!

The House Girl by Tara Conklin (William Morrow, \$25.99, 372 pages)

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in 1921 and became part of the state's system. Longer than any other American college, Cheyney served the educational needs of the Black community. However, Middlebury was another college teaching African Americans during this time; it was the first college to grant a degree to an African American (Alexander Lucius Twilight) in 1823.

Inventions: Shoe Lasting Machine by H.E. Matzeliger on September 22, 1891. Sugar Refinement by Norman Rillieux on December 10, 1846. Thermostat Control by Frederick M. Jones on February 23, 1960. Egg Beater by Willie Johnson on February 5, 1884. Dough Kneader by L. Bell on De-

cember 10, 1872. Fire Extinguisher by T. Marshall on October 26, 1872.

The Automatic Gear Shift by Richard Spikes on February 28, 1932. Chamber Com-mode by T. Elkins on January 3, 1897. Horseshoes by J. Ricks on March 30, 1885. The Lock by W.A. Martin on July 23rd in the 1800's. The

Stove by T.A. Carrington on July 25, 1876. The Helicopter by Paul E. Williams. Multi-stage rocket by Adolph Shamms. The Urinalysis Machine by Dewey Sanderson.

Now this is just to get you started, go to your library or the Internet and see other inventions that have changed the world for the better.

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