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## Car title loans drive consumers to financial disaster

BY CHARLENE CROWELL  
In today's still-struggling economy, many consumers find themselves short on cash. When consumers seek a credit remedy, one particular lender is likely to bring more problems than solutions: companies that make car title loans.

According to new joint research report by the Con-

sumer Federation of America (CFA) and the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), the average car-title loan of \$951 winds up costing the typical borrower \$2,142 in interest. Nationwide, 7,730 car-title lenders in 21 states reap \$3.6 billion in interest on loans valued at only \$1.6 billion.



The car-title loan uses a borrower's personal vehicle as collateral and additionally charges triple-digit interest rates, like those of payday loans. And similar to payday loans, the typical car-title loan requires full repayment in just one month. When borrowers cannot afford to pay in full, they are forced to

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## North Dallas resident to stand up for abused children through Dallas CASA

Hope Palacio of Dallas was sworn in as a Dallas CASA volunteer or Court Appointed Special Advocate on Feb. 22 in the 304th district court, the Hon. William Mazur presiding.

Dallas CASA is a non-profit organization of vol-

unteers appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the foster care system. CASA volunteers serve as voices for children who have no one else to speak for them.

"Dallas CASA volunteers are everyday heroes

who give abused and neglected children a powerful voice and a better chance of finding safe, permanent homes where they can thrive," Executive Director Beverly Levy said. "It's an amazing gift to give a child whose only

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## Teaching and learning: A lifelong path to justice

BY SUSAN ASIYANBI (BlackNews.com)  
From the lunch counters in Birmingham to the March on Washington, reflecting on the 50th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Movement this year has made Black History Month especially poignant. As a little girl on the south side of Chicago, I grew up with parents who did not have many material things, but built a home rooted in love and a deep belief in my ability to achieve anything with a great education. I had the

rare chance to attend schools that many of my peers could not access and, from a young age, I understood the disparity in the quality of education from school to school and neighborhood to neighborhood.

Today, as Teach For America's executive vice president for teacher preparation, support, and development, I am grateful for my home and my background, and draw from my experiences each day to inform my approach to how

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## 5 Wellness Tips for Dads

Keeping children healthy through the winter is a top priority for parents. Fathers playing an active role in their children's lives, including their health and safety, can make a positive difference. Dads, you can take several simple steps so colds and flu don't stop your kids and you from spending time together.



According to the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC), setting a good example is the most important way to teach your children healthy behaviors. Even if you don't share a home with your children, following healthy habits when you are together encourages them to do the same.

Modeling healthy behaviors is key for any par-

ent seeking to teach their children healthy habits and behaviors. For example, if your children see you washing your hands often, they likely will too. Step in at the sink to help the littlest ones wash thoroughly. Again, the earlier they experience this, the greater the chances that they will

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## Dr. Trevicia Williams

Celebrating women who dared to follow their dreams, pursue their passions and inspire those around them during women's history month while benefiting the worthy cause of helping mothers and their teen daughters have healthier relationships, thereby, reducing teen pregnancies, is a dynamic blend of personal and professional development.

Texas is number five in the nation for teen births and Dallas is number one for repeat teen pregnancies, psychologist, Dr. Trevicia Williams, is maximizing suc-

cess at the Diamonds & Pearls A Celebration of Women's event by empowering professional and entrepreneurial women while inspiring and educating mothers and teen girls on Saturday, March 9.

Dr. Williams and other professional and entrepreneurial women are joining together for a half day of fun, fashion, motivation and education at Diamonds & Pearls A Celebration of Women: An empowerment event. Dr. Williams will also facilitate her signature I Love You But I Can't Stand You Right

Now(TM) fun free parent teen healthy relationship workshop for Frisco and Plano I.S.D. mothers and their teen daughters Saturday, March 9.

During the inspirational half-day event, women will be celebrated for their beauty from the inside out, their journeys, and accomplishments. Dallas professional, entrepreneurial and small business owner women will strut for the cause as they model the season's look, colors, and, accessories. Women from all over the Metroplex will bring their gifts and talents to the event helping to make sure that the sophisticated and distinguished



women modeling look fabulous at the Diamonds & Pearls A Celebration of

Women event benefiting Real Beauty Inside Out held at the at the Preston Ridge

Conference Center at Collin County Community College, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco, TX.

Dr. Williams will share her expertise from over a 20 years of helping people grow personally along with wisdom from her extraordinary beginnings as a 14 year old African American girl picked up from high school by her mother and placed in an arranged marriage in Houston, Texas to help mothers and their teen daughters build healthy relationships.

"One of the big gaps between trouble in school and teen pregnancy prevention is healthy mother daughter re-

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## Jennifer L. Ray

(BlackNews.com) -- Author Jennifer L. Ray brings her own authentic slant on romance to the e-book world. Her novels are rich, soulful, southern-based, and deeply romantic. Family secrets are a recurring sub-theme to all her novels and titillate the reader's imagination making for a suspenseful read, as well as, a romantic one. She brings a healthy dose of humor to her novels as well and draws the reader in making one feel at-home between the pages of a

Jennifer L. Ray novel. It takes a truly talented writer to offer romance, humor, and suspense, but Ray's talents do not end there.

Her motto is that, "Trashy novels are for whores, but explicit romance doesn't have to be garbage." Her love scenes are eased into quite artfully and leave you as breathless and aroused as if you were actually experiencing the love-making. The sexual tension in her novels is like eating half of a chocolate bar, decadent and



satisfying, but definitely leaving you wanting so much more.

One would never believe that one romance novel could offer all of this, but Ray hap-

pens to have been an avid romance reader all of her life. She has read the best and learned from the best. She knows what readers want from a romance novel and she delivers it. She has been married twenty years to the father of her two sons and she believes in romance and love. She literally takes all of her experiences in life; the love, the trials, and the hilarity and creates powerful novels for readers. Her fans say her writing is a gift to the black audience that is much needed.

Readers from all over the world agree that artists like

Jennifer L. Ray should be celebrated, supported, and commended for putting deep thought into what type of audience she wants and respecting them by writing novels that uplift, intrigue, teach, inspire, and entertain.

Her books include: *A Rare Find*, *Who Shook the Family Tree*, *Benevolence*, *Journals of the Secret Keeper*, and *The Shocking Truth About Ramsey*. To read more about her books on Amazon, visit: [www.amazon.com/Jennifer-L-Ray/e/B009W9-LU54/](http://www.amazon.com/Jennifer-L-Ray/e/B009W9-LU54/).

## Courtney "Coko" Eason

(BlackNews.com) Courtney "Coko" Eason is an entertainment entrepreneur str-

that are comparable to entertainment cities such as New York, Los Angeles and At-



iving to make a difference in the Nashville music scene. Her company, Soundtrack Entertainment, LLC focuses on bringing a diverse selection of events, concerts and TV broadcasts to Nashville,

lanta. However, she realized that the dreams she had for her city could only come true if a new venue was developed and built to cater to those who enjoyed Rock, Pop & Urban music events

in a fun yet upscale and trendy atmosphere.

"I needed guidance to put this 80,000 square foot nashUP entertainment real estate development together. I chose the REDI Foundation's comprehensive ONLINE Course Program because of its renowned reputation and hands on approach in helping me become a real estate development expert in only 6-months. Even though The REDI Foundation's Course is very intense and challenging, I'm living proof that if you work hard and stay focused, you can be successful in putting together real estate development joint ventures. Richard Michael Abraham, the Founder of REDI has taught me how to succeed in the real estate development business. As I am new to the business, I had many questions and Mr. Abraham has answered every single one

along with additional advice and feedback on how to turn my real estate development into a reality. I've learned the How To +Real Estate Development," Courtney stated.

The 6-Month Real Estate Development Private Mentoring/Certification ONLINE Course provides over 700-pages (Four Separate Sections) of step-by-step, professionally printed instruction, assignments and exams coupled with unlimited private Mentoring from famed developer and educator, author and lecturer, Richard Michael Abraham in his final, legacy course.

"Since my idea was very creative and unique, I was worried that the Course would only cater to those interested in residential or commercial real estate development. However, I was very wrong. Mr. Abraham is there to help with any development

no matter how specific it may be. The comprehensive

printed Course materials that

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**"Oh grandma I praise thee, you queen, you giant of ageless charm and beauty. Oh great brown lady of grace I adore you."**

The African American grandmother has proven herself to be the savior of the black family. The number of households being led by grandmother figures is staggering. According to the census bureau by 2004 there were 5 million kids under the age of 18 living with grandparents. I suspect by personal observation that most of these are black kids.

We can all site the horrific statistics about the horrors of the black families with absent fathers and mothers. We know about the

destructive impact of drugs and violence in the black homes and the scourge of abortion on black girls and women.

We need not look far to see the importance of grandma. First Lady Michelle Obama has her mother living in the White House taking care of her and the President's two daughters. Give this a thought. Mrs. Obama could have the best care in the world in the White House and her choice was her mother, amen.

Who would be the esteemed guardian of future generations if not grandma? What would become of the black community without her? Think of grandma, just close your eyes and think of grandma. Think of those wonderful meals, those amazing stories and her

hands. Oh yes her hands. GOD loves us thru grandma's hands. Grandmas blessed hands that mended the clothes and kneaded the bread. Grandma possessed those hands that spanked our butts and lovingly tended to our wounds. Grandma welded those amazing hands that picked cotton all day and held the gospel as she read to us at night.

My fraternal grandmother traveled in a covered wagon to Oklahoma territory well before Oklahoma became a state. She attended a boarding school for deaf mutes, because she was one. Don't tell her that was a handicap she went on to raise 13 kids and a number of grandkids.

My paternal grandmother was domestic wor-

ker; she was a maid for rich households (or at least households richer than she). We called her little grandma, because she was small in stature but large in moral fiber. Valtee Walker was her name and I do miss her. She made the most wonderful blankets each year for the family; she made one for me and for my son. I still have it and cherish her handmade artifact. Grandmothers are the unsung hero of not only the black community but of our hearts.

I think I will now go snuggle up in little grandma's blanket.

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## The One Trillion Dollar Lie

BY JAMES CLINGMAN

(NNPA) "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the

State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State." Joseph Goebbels

Watching the TV special that reviewed information contained in the book, *Hubris: The Inside Story of Spin, Scandal, and the Selling of the Iraq War*,

by Michael Isikoff and David Corn, brought back memories of articles and radio shows I had done during the run-up to "shock and awe" in March 2003. It reminded me of how callous and shameless those high level politicians were and how low they would go to get this country into an unnecessary war.

It gave me pause as I thought of the nearly 5,000 American lives that were lost, the tens of thousands of soldiers who came home incapacitated, minus arms and legs, and the 100,000 Iraqi men, women, and children killed in a war that was supposed to

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we develop teachers. I recently had the opportunity to collaborate and connect with hundreds of committed educators, instructional coaches, and experts to share my reflections on the social justice implications of work in education, and the importance of self-knowledge and community partnership as pathways to providing the quality of education that will open our students hearts and minds to their own potential and to future life opportunities.

From 36 states, we gathered in Memphis to discuss teaching as an act of leadership in the context of the city's historical contribution to the fight for civil rights. Grounded in the history and spirit of that city, I challenged the group to embrace our collective responsibility to demonstrate the strength and assets of our students so they

are supported and empowered to believe in their potential and chart a path to achieve their aspirations.

I am more convinced than ever that teachers who create personal transformational experiences for their students are leaders who reflect on their identity and the implications of it, given the narrative in our country around race, class, and privilege. They understand cultural context and its integration with pedagogy and help their students to see the great pride and beauty in their own heritage. Classroom leadership, boldness, and clarity of vision are central to what it will take to empower our students' to reach their deep potential.

I am also convinced that our teachers and students cannot walk this journey alone. We need only look to

exemplars of change to understand how change happens. During the Civil Rights Movement, a social, political, and economic shift in this country occurred because of visionary leadership and unprecedented cooperation. Our teachers and kids need leadership and cooperation from all of us -- the parents, volunteers, advocates, allies, and concerned citizens of their communities.

Giving of ourselves is part of what will be required to reach that day when opportunity in our communities is equitably and consistently available. Being a part of the solution is not an easy task and does not come without some challenges along the way. So many people before us have sacrificed their lives so we can continue to forge the

road ahead; and we too will have our own set of sacrifices to pave the road for those who follow us.

When I find myself looking for inspiration and the courage to sacrifice, I look to Dr. King. His words are a compass on the way to equity and justice: "Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals." I urge each and every one of us to think about the role we can and must play on the path to justice - our children's futures hang in the balance.

Susan Asiyambi is the Executive Vice President, Teacher Preparation, Support and Development at Teach For America.

## AT&T working on a mobile health solution for seniors

DALLAS - Up until now, an elderly person suffering from a fall or heart attack could use a device around his neck to send for assistance - if he happened to be at home. AT&T is working to overcome this limitation with a mobile health (mHealth) solution that will automatically connect people in distress to medical assistance, in their home or elsewhere. Equally important, the system should track a person's location in real time and let neighbors or relatives know when - and where - a loved one has suffered a mishap.

"This mHealth solution is an example of how innovative technology can revolutionize healthcare," said Geeta Nayyar, M.D., Chief Medical Information Officer, AT&T ForHealthSM,

AT&T Business Solutions. "With the mPERS mobility solution AT&T is developing, older people will be able to live independently, but know that they are only seconds away from assistance if the need arises."

This mobile Personal Emergency Response System (mPERS) solution, being developed in collaboration with Valued Relationships Inc. and Numera Libris™, plans to use Machine-to-Machine (M2M) connectivity to link people in distress virtually anywhere, at anytime to a professionally staffed monitoring center. Unlike current monitoring systems, which are often confined to a person's home and require the individual in distress to manually press a button for assistance, AT&T's mPERS solution intends to over-

come these limitations by automatically triggering a notification to the monitoring center if something happens.

For example: A person wearing a small, portable mobile device suddenly falls. Without that person having to do anything, a sensor within the device alerts the monitoring center. A professional from the call-monitoring center would attempt to reach out to the individual through instant two-way wireless voice communication enabled on AT&T's network. If the center decides further assistance is needed - or isn't able to get a response from the person - within minutes it would alert emergency services to send an ambulance or other emergency medical personnel, as needed.

Designed for elderly people who are living independently, have disabilities, or are prone to falls, AT&T's enterprise mPERS solution will be targeted to nursing agencies; adult day care services and other home care providers. The solution will be the latest addition to AT&T's growing list of mHealth solutions, which are transforming how healthcare is delivered and how people live.

"Even better, their friends, caregivers and relatives can be kept in the loop, if the user so chooses, so they can respond as needed," Nayyar added. "It will transform the whole emergency response experience, by keeping everyone connected, informed and engaged in near real time. I

can't think of a better answer for an active, but aging, baby boomer population."

This solution will be part of AT&T's complete suite of remote patient monitoring (RPM) care so-

lutions, including the AT&T RPM Software-as-a-Service and an end-to-end managed RPM service. Together, these solutions will provide a foundation for full aging-in-place care.

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"liberate" them. This war was made even more tragic in that it cost more American lives than were lost in the World Trade Center on 9/11.

The authors of Hubris, as well as interviews of key individuals involved in the Big Lie, point out the sheer and utter disregard for truth, integrity, and human life. From the neo-con gang, i.e. Feith, Wolfowitz, Perle, to Rumsfeld, Rice, Cheney, and President George W. Bush, one thing was crystal clear: They were going to war with Iraq regardless. They obviously didn't care about weapons of mass destruction simply used the threat of WMD to scare everyone else into believing the biggest charade in history. I could hardly believe it when high level officials admitted on television, before the American public, that they were shocked at the lies that were being told by the Bush administration.

When Bush, Cheney, Rice, and Rumsfeld are asked if they now believe they made a grave error by going into Iraq, they all say, "No, I think it was the right thing to do." What hubris! It seems they have no consciences and no fear of the fact that they will someday have to account to a higher court for their actions, irrespective of what they "think." Even now, after all the lies have come out and after most reasonable people know the Iraq war was not

based on the premise put forth by Colin Powell at the United Nations, they still say they did the right thing. I don't know how they sleep with the blood of thousands on their hands.

Of course, at the bottom of the Iraq mess was economic enrichment: no-bid contracts, the construction and maintaining of the largest embassy in the world, \$9 billion dollars in cash still unaccounted for, Ahmed Chalabi getting his payoff, Halliburton, KBR, and all the others who made millions off the war in Iraq.

The hypocrisy that reigns now, especially among some of our politicians who earn a minimum of \$174,000 compared to a soldier who makes less than \$45,000, is embarrassing, insulting and, if you ask me, even sinful. To see the symbolic reverence and respect portrayed by politicians when they visit graves and hospitals, juxtaposed against their mistreatment, neglect, and ignoring the needs of veterans is unbearable. It's as though veterans' lives and sacrifices are only good for photo-ops.

Back to the stupid needless war in Iraq. We should be ashamed of our leaders for perpetrating the biggest fraud of the past century, well maybe at least the second biggest next to the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915 - another Big Lie. Talk about legacies. Daddy Bush gave us Clarence Thomas;

Dubya gave us the Iraq war; I wonder what Jeb Bush has up his sleeve for an encore if gets elected.

The Big Lie was exactly that, and now we have the long awaited unmitigated truth about what happened and how some of us were made to believe the lie. The lie cost \$1 trillion and many lives, and it was recited and recanted, in spite of the fact that many insiders knew it was a lie. But, the public, the electorate, the "people" believed the lie and were scared into thinking our soldiers were headed to Iraq to protect our shores and cities from a nuclear weapon Saddam did not have that would be fired at a place it could not reach. To use those ominous words of George W. Bush and Condoleezza Rice, as lies go, they don't get any bigger than a "mushroom cloud." We the people are being treated like mushrooms; they keep us in the dark and feed us cow manure.

"It is hard to imagine a more stupid or more dangerous way of making decisions than by putting those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong." Thomas Sowell

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

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## Non-profit BCL of Texas says Bipartisan Policy Center Housing Commission Report is a strong plan for a better housing market

DALLAS— The BCL of Texas NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center, a leading provider of homeownership education and counseling in North Texas, applauded the recent release of a new report by the Bipartisan Policy Center's Housing Commission that offered bold recommendations for strengthening the availability of homeownership and rental housing choices at all stages of a person's life. The report follows the

worst housing downturn since the Great Depression that has affected the housing future of young and old alike.

The four main policy proposals of the Bipartisan Policy Center's (BPC) report are sustainable homeownership, an improved housing finance system, stronger rental housing assistance and performance measurement, and a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of our nation's seniors.

"These proposals make broad sense for the many families in North Texas who are struggling to achieve homeownership," said Rosa Rios Valdez, CEO of BCL of Texas.

In particular, Rios Valdez underscored the importance of quality housing counseling that is included in the BPC report.

"Quality housing counseling is extremely important to the stability of the housing market, both ownership and rental. We've



seen in our own business that housing counseling provided by trained and certified professionals can help consumers make sound financial decisions for the long-run," said Rios Valdez.

In 2012, the BCL of Texas NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center

provided housing counseling to 667 consumers, and expects demand for quality housing counseling to continue in 2013.

As a member of the NeighborWorks network, BCL of Texas contributed to the more than 121,000 people provided housing

counseling by NeighborWorks organizations last year.

"While a lot has to happen before the Bipartisan Policy Center's Housing Commission report recommendations are implemented, I believe that this is a big step forward for making all types of housing more affordable and accessible for not only families in North Texas, but for families all across the country," says Rios Valdez.

## Irving NAACP hosting golf tournament on April 1

The Irving Carrollton Branch of the NAACP will host their 5th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Riverchase Golf course in Coppell on April 1. The format is a two-man Scramble.

The cost is 75.00 per player and includes a buffet lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The shotgun tee time is 1 p.m. Dinner will also be served

during the awards presentation later that evening.

Donations and sponsorships will be used to youth participation in the NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, a year-long achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-

American high school students. Funds will also be used to assist with the expenses for tutoring, mentoring and preparation of at-risk students to pass the standardized tests.

They are seeking sponsors and donations for silent auction items as well. Donors for these items will receive acknowledgement during the tournament.

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Richard Michael Abraham provides will turn anyone into an intuitive developer. His teachings have helped me to take my company to a whole new level. I plan to add Venue Development to my list of services and develop and own many entertainment facilities throughout the world. I'm thankful

for being accepted into the REDI Foundation's Course and I'm so proud to say that Mr. Abraham is my mentor," Courtney added.

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## Zeta's Annual Blue Revue Dinner & Dance March 23

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - Kappa Zeta Chapter is hosting their Annual Blue Revue Dinner & Dance as they celebrate timeless elegance and 80 years of diamonds and pearls. The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 23.

This celebration will be held at the Doubletree (near the Galleria) 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at: [www.missbluerevue.org](http://www.missbluerevue.org).

Proceeds from the Miss Blue Revue Scholarship Program benefit the Stork's Nest Charity Fund of Dallas (SNCFD). Stork's Nest Charity Fund is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt entity of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Zeta Chapter. All proceeds go



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## Irving student Breahna Gibbons named a winner in for the ACT High School Video contest

IOWA CITY - Iowa-ACT has announced the winners of its annual high school video contest for 2013. The winners receive college scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. Breahna Gibbons, a senior at Irving's John Paul II High School, plans to study business marketing in college. She won first place for the ACT English Test and received a \$1,000.

Gibbons created her video to help ACT Test takers with the English portion of the exam. She used creative animation, motion and color to create a visually appealing, simple and straightforward message. Watch her video here: <http://ow.ly/iKDmW>.

The 10 winning videos were selected from entries submitted from students in 36 different states. First- and second-place prizes were awarded in five categories.

The two-minute or shorter videos were judged on overall content (50%), creativity (25%) and visual appeal

(25%). ACT may use the winning videos to encourage high school students to plan and prepare for college and the ACT Test.

The first-place winners will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice, and the second-place winners will each receive a \$500 scholarship. Contest entrants were 11th and 12th grade high school students who plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college in the next two years.

The other winners include:

**Matthew Hsu**, a junior at High Technology High School in Lincroft, N.J., created his winning video to convey the dos and don'ts of test preparation. His side-by-side images show recommended test preparation tips in color, alongside black and white images of what not to do. Hsu plans to study computer science in college.

**Alexis Bradby**, a junior at Maryville High School in

Maryville, Tenn., hopes to study film production upon graduation. For her video on the topic of how to submit a photo ID to register for the ACT Test, Bradby recruited friends to demonstrate valid photo selection.

**Aaron Maxey** chose the topic of why cheating on exams is wrong for his winning video. His goal was to convey important information in an entertaining and creative manner. Maxey hopes to study cinematic arts after graduating this spring from Prosper High School in Prosper, Texas.

**Ian Brock** chose a question/answer interview format for his video entry, created to debunk common myths about the ACT Test. Brock hopes to study criminal justice at Morehouse College in Atlanta after graduation from Urban Prep Charter Academy in Chicago this spring.

To view the winning entries, visit <http://www.actstudent.org/videocontest/>

## Huffstetler will not seek re-election on the Irving ISD Board of Trustees

Late Thursday evening Ronda Huffstetler, President of the Irving ISD's Board of Trustees issued a statement she will not seek re-election on the Irving School Board of Trustees. The brief announcement included:

"Today I am announcing that I will not seek re-election to a fourth term. After 12 years in office, it is time for me to turn my attention to my

own business and personal matters. I want to thank everyone who has supported me and, more importantly, everyone who continues to support Irving ISD. It's a great school district and I am proud to have served. I plan to devote more attention to my business, Salons on the Plaza and the Four Seasons Resort Salon, and enjoy more time with family and friends."



Ronda Huffstetler

The deadline for a candidate to file for the May elections is Friday, March 1.

## KD College Prep opens Frisco campus

Despite rainy skies and intense wind gusts, dozens of people gathered at KD College Prep Monday, February 26, 2013, for the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of their Frisco campus. The new location is at the intersection of Preston and Lebanon, and will serve students from the Frisco-McKinney-Allen-Prosper area communities.

Many local government

and civic leaders, including officials from the Frisco ISD and Board of Trustees, members of the Frisco Education Foundation and Frisco Chamber of Commerce, attended the event. Also in attendance was Sheacy Reynolds Thompson, the District Office Director for State Senator Ken Paxton, who read a proclamation from the Senator, congratulating founders Karen and David Dillard.

Senator Paxton and his wife Angela, who was in attendance, put two of their children through the KD College Prep program.

"Frisco ISD is the fastest growing school district in the nation and we will serve these students by helping them expand and improve their choices for admissions, scholarships and honors programs through improved test scores

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relationships," says Dr. Williams.

Dr. Williams is continuing her commitment to empower girls and women worldwide. From Texas child bride and teen mother to psychologist, she shares hard-earned wisdom and real-life strategies that inspires impressionable teen girls and motivates mothers to discover their powers to understand and effectively communicate with their teen daughters, embrace the normal and natural processes involved with girls growing up, and, build healthier relationships.

"Teens are less likely to take unsafe risks, have sex, do drugs, drink, smoke or get into trouble at school when they have healthy relationships with their parents. They are also more likely to have healthier relationships with others during their teenage years and beyond," says Dr. Williams.

Dr. Williams agrees with the commentary of Dr. Oz, Dr. Phil and Dr. Drew who oftentimes discuss the difficulties involved with dealing with the mindsets and behaviors of teens of reality shows like, recently cancelled NBC's *Parenthood*, *Teen Mom*, *Teen*

*Mom 2* and MTV's *16 and Pregnant*.

"While these reality shows discuss the realities of teens during adolescent years and the pains of growing up while being pregnant, they also seem to glamorize negative teen behaviors and attitudes, puberty, sex, raising teenagers successfully, teen anger and negate teen pregnancy prevention beginning with the fundamentals such as healthy parent child teen relationships," says Dr. Williams.

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## DST Represents State of Texas with Centennial Events

The Centennial Torch signifying 100 years of sisterhood, service and scholarship is leaving Dallas headed to Washington, D.C. in a 22-city torch tour. One of the founders, FredERICA Chase Dodd, a Dallasite, founded the first chapter of African American sororities in Dallas. Tragically, Dallas was the site of a plane crash in 1985 that killed several people on their way to the national convention.

The Centennial Torch weekend boasts nearly 2,000 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and as far



*Bobbie Sanders, Dallas Alumnae president and Donna Taylor, Dallas Centennial torch custodian.*

as California, as well as a host of friends, dignitaries and other Greek-lettered guests who came to North Texas for the

events. The Centennial celebration culminates in Washington, DC at the national convention in July.

Photo by Wallace Faggett

## Urban League president reports to community at annual luncheon

Change, challenge and determination were the messages from Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks' Annual Report to the Community at this year's Urban League Annual Meeting Luncheon. "Each year, we report to our funders, the community and friends on how your dollars have enabled our clients to move toward self-reliance," said Dr. Brooks. "In one program the Urban League provided rent, mortgage assistance, temporary housing, food vouchers, utility payments and gasoline to nearly 9,000 clients. This included 92 veterans, 648 who were disabled, 111 who received emergency food support and 85 disaster relief clients from the Lancaster tornado."

In closing her report, Dr. Brooks reminded the audience that accountability is required and the League's annual report outlines not only the outcomes of all the Urban League programs, but the impact their invest-



*Garland City Councilman B. J. Williams*

ments have in the community.

Two Urban League clients, Eric Gary and Castanita Fitzpatrick told the audience about their journey into drugs, alcoholism and prostitution and how the Urban League armed them with the tools that have made them produc-

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## Dallas DA dismisses 60 cases tied to police officers charged with evidence tampering

DALLAS — Dallas Police Officer Randolph Allen Dillon and Officer Jon Llewellyn have been charged with the offenses of Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence and Aggravated Perjury. A third degree felony carries a punishment range of 2 to 10 years imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and an optional fine not to exceed \$10,000.

The Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Public Integrity Division will present these cases to a Dallas County Grand Jury. The District Attorney's office has been reviewing

cases that have been filed by these officers and dismissed 60 cases that these officers were directly involved with. The Public Integrity Division is continuing a review of arrests and cases filed by these two officers, and appropriate actions will be taken with those cases, if necessary.

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## Denim meets DJs returns to Mesquite Arena with Mystikal

MESQUITE – Hip Hop Cowboys, the only rodeo event to mix urban music with cowboy culture, readies itself for a triumphant return to Mesquite Arena on Saturday, March 16. This event combines the sport of rodeo with hip hop, rap, blues and house music, and will feature hip-hop sensation Mystikal and blues artist Sir Charles Jones, as well as dozens of the top rodeo competitors from across the country. The event has the support of K104 radio legend and performer DJ Bay Bay.

"Hip Hop Cowboys is about living life in the way that you can here in Texas," said Damon Leffall, CEO of Hip Hop Cowboys. "This event opens a lot of eyes and minds to rodeo and also to new musical artists that are taking the best of the south, from our music to our sports, and remix-



Mystikal

ing it in their own way. The event is non-stop entertainment. You can't miss it."

The rodeo action begins immediately, featuring exciting events such as bull riding, team roping, bareback riding, steer wrestling and lady's barrel racing. Hip Hop Cowboys will also include relay racing, a fast-paced rodeo event that thrills the crowd with its non-stop action of riders on horseback racing each other around

the arena in relay style. Hip Hop Cowboys is an open rodeo that will feature the top 10 best competitors in each event. Kids in the audience can participate in the fun with a calf scramble and the wild, bucking sport of mutton bustin'.

The first rodeo in the U.S. to include a Hip Hop DJ, Hip Hop Cowboys redefines the rodeo experience with current urban music. Headlining the event is Mystikal, a rapper and southern hip hop artist from Louisiana best known for his smash hit, "Shake It Fast." Blues artist Sir Charles Jones will perform old-school blues goodness. In a twist only found at Hip Hop Cowboy, professional bull rider Craig Jackson, famous for his fearless bull riding as well as his music, is back by popular demand as the only "rapping bullrider" on the circuit.

"I grew up with influences from all sides: rap, country, hip-hop, you name it," said Jackson. "I bring all that to both my bull riding and my music. The fans seem to appreciate it as much as I enjoy making it."

Mesquite Arena is located at 1818 Rodeo Drive in Mesquite with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. with a grand entry rodeo parade. Ticket prices for Hip Hop Cowboys start at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages three to 12. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster, the Mesquite Arena and at the door. For suite rentals or group sales, call 972-285-8777.

For more information, visit Hip Hop Cowboys' website at [www.hiphopcowboy.com](http://www.hiphopcowboy.com) or connect on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/HipHopCowboys> for all the latest updates and news.

## Death Takes A Holiday on stag at the Garland Civic Theatre Granville Arts Center

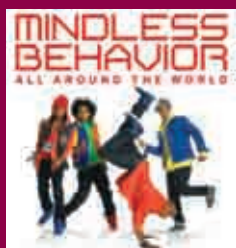


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Tenaya Griffin as Rhoda and Christopher Dean as the Shadow

*Death Takes A Holiday* is based on the poetic conception of "Death" suspending all activities for three days during which period he falls in love with a beautiful girl, and through her realizes why mortals fear him. A wonderful evening of theatre full of comedy, suspense, mystery, and pathos – a beautiful love story that is as simple as it is appealing.

Performances on the first and second Thursdays are at 7:30pm. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 8:00pm. Matinees are at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$17-\$22 with group rates available. To purchase tickets call the Granville Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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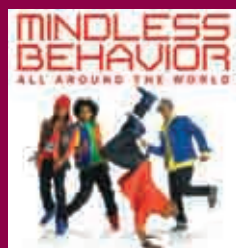
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## DCCCD Chancellor Discusses Pending Retirement

(Dallas) Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, on Wednesday discussed his previously-announced intention to retire at the end of the year with members of the DCCCD board of trustees during the group's regular monthly meeting.

Lassiter, who served as president of El Centro College for 20 years before he became the district's chancellor in 2006, thanked trustees for extending his contract

last year through Dec. 31, 2013, and added that he is willing to remain chancellor until his successor is chosen.

"I simply want to remind you that I intend to retire at the end of this year so that you can begin the search process for my successor. I also am willing to serve beyond this year until you choose my replacement," said Lassiter.

He added, "I wish to express my thanks to the board for their support throughout my tenure. We, as a district,

are in a very good position, but we still have work to do, and we must remain on task as the search process moves forward and as we prepare for the future."

Following Lassiter's comments, the DCCCD board of trustees took its first steps in the search process by unanimously electing board member Bob Ferguson to serve as chair of the search committee and by agreeing that they would serve as the executive committee for the larger search committee.

The board members will meet as a group to discuss the search process and the membership for the full search committee before their regular monthly meeting in April. The trustees are expected to conduct a national search for the next chancellor.

A 20 percent growth in enrollment and the completion of a \$450 million bond program are two of many major achievements during Lassiter's tenure as chancellor.

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and, in doing so, better equip them with a fundamental understanding of how to successfully prepare for any major life-impacting event," said David Dillard, President at KD College Prep. "We are thankful for those who joined us to celebrate new relationships with local business, education and city leaders. We look forward to working together to help students achieve their goals."



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# Local executive understands the importance of giving back

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Royalyn Reid is a shrewd and successful entrepreneur. As the co-founder and CEO of multi-million dollar company Consumer and Market Insights (CMI), Reid is often sought out locally and nationally as a panelist or subject matter expert. Her company — which offers marketing research, training and conference management services — serves federal and commercial clients, both locally and nationally.

Reid's non-corporate, down-to-earth personality shines — not only through her bedazzled smartphone, sparkly blue eye shadow and red polished nails — but also in the way she gives back to the community.

Reid has devoted countless hours mentoring women and minority owned small businesses. She sits on the board of directors of the D/FW Minority Business Development Council and the Women's Business Council Southwest (WBCS) and is a member of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council Forum.

The desire to give back, Reid says, stems from her own religious beliefs about tithing as well as the mentoring she received while growing her business. One of the most influential mentors throughout her career, Reid says, has been Aimee DiCicco, senior vice president of sales for FedEx Kinko's. Reid has worked with DiCicco for more than five years.

DiCicco says she's enjoyed watching Reid successfully grow her business and being a part of the process. The nature of

her work with Reid, DiCicco says, has focused on the development of the right sales process for existing and new clients and hiring the right sales personnel.

"I think at the end of the day when you look at our core mission of connecting people with possibilities, I was very lucky to be part of that through FedEx by meeting Royalyn and helping her to do just that with her business," says DiCicco, adding that Reid's strong work ethic and desire for improvement through learning will promote continued growth at CMI.

## Helping area youth

Reid also donates her time to the community at large.

For the last two school years, Reid and her employees have volunteered their time and resources at Francisco "Pancho" Medrano Middle School. The company is now poised for its third and final year to give back to students at the school next spring.

Reid adopted the school for three years, after a conversation with former city councilman Steve Salazar on ways to give back to the community. Reid says Salazar asked her to find a way to motivate students to listen to and obey their parents. She then worked with the school's principal Theresa Fernandez Sigurdson and Pauline Medrano (who is now mayor pro tem) to formulate project ideas.

The first project, which began in the 2010-11 school year, called for students to do volunteer service in the community, documenting what they did and why. The second year, students wrote letters to troops overseas. Students who met project goals were invited to participate in a



Royalyn Reid

pizza party and also received prizes, including iPods. Plans are in the works for the third project this spring.

Sigurdson says she's looking forward to the final project because these projects have been a positive experience for Medrano middle school students. Sigurdson appreciates the time that Reid, her parents and employees have spent with them.

"It gave students ownership and made them proud that they were making others happy," Sigurdson says.

Reid's hard work and community contributions have resulted in a number of awards over the years: Volunteer of the Year, Advocate of the Year and Supplier of the Year. This year she was named Woman Business Enterprise of the Year by the WBCS.

## Building a business

Prior to starting CMI, Reid worked for 10 years at Mary Kay conducting

marketing research and consumer testing. Reid launched CMI with her husband so she could spend more time with their two children but remain a part of the workforce.

Reid credits her ability to acquire clients quickly through networking and past relationships

with clients. Her husband Angelo handled other duties such as computer programming and accounting, while maintaining his full-time job at IBM.

In 2004, they moved the company from their home to an incubator office space at the Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development — a

***"I think customer service is really the cornerstone of a business," she says, adding that one bad experience by a consumer can now go viral via social media, greatly impacting a company's business. "at the end of the day, it's always easier to keep a customer than to gain a new one. ... and your stronger, cutting-edge companies get that."***

built at Mary Kay. CMI's first client was the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

The business started off in the Reid's family dining room in 1998, with Reid working directly

collaborative effort between the Dallas County Community College District and the private sector to support economic development for the county.

Growing the business was not easy. But Reid

says she and her husband took advantage of training from agencies such as the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) through the Small Business Development Center.

Reid also took advantage of training, education and mentoring offered through organizations like the DFW Minority Supplier Development Council and WBCS, which also served as a hotbed of potential clients.

And, Reid says she focused on customer service to differentiate CMI from her competitors.

"I think customer service is really the cornerstone of a business," she says, adding that one bad experience by a consumer can now go viral via social media, greatly impacting a company's business. "At the end of the day, it's always easier to keep a customer than to gain a new one. ... And your stronger, cutting-edge companies get that."

Today, CMI has eight employees and occupies 5,000 square feet at its current location on the city's North Side at 2351 W. Northwest Highway Ste. 2200. Its list of clients includes the North Texas Tollway Authority), Texas Instruments and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. CMI also has a number of SBA certifications.

As part of its future growth strategy, Reid says CMI is updating its branding and looking at ways to increase its client base and infrastructure. Reid indicated the company also plans to more than double its revenue over the next five years, which is currently between \$2 million and \$4 million.



## DTC 2013-14 schedule includes a new spin on *A Christmas Carol*

DALLAS — Dallas Theater Center Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty have announced the theater's 2013-2014 season, which will take place at the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre at the AT&T Performing Arts Center. DTC's 55th season will once again include a seven-play subscription season comprised of classic plays, including *Clybourne Park*, which picks up where *A Raisin in the Sun* left off. Also, musicals as well as new works, including a world premiere new musical and a new adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*.

"Our 2013-2014 season will take audiences on a journey that will offer fresh re-imaginings of beloved classics, a world premiere new musical, thought-provoking dramas and moving stories that will be filled with fresh ideas, bold performances and amazing theatricality," says Moriarty. "From a new production of one of the biggest smash-hits in musical theater history to an explosively funny Tony Award® and Pulitzer Prize-winner, from a never-before-seen adaptation of a holiday classic to a modern-day retelling of one of the world's most enduring stories, next season will offer theatrical experiences that will speak to our community, celebrate our common experiences, spark conversations, and entertain audiences of all ages and backgrounds."

DTC's Classic Series of four plays will bring to life four beloved stories in fresh new productions, perfect for the entire family: *Les Misérables*, the most popular musical in the world will fill with Wyly stage with glorious music; the world's greatest detective will surprise audiences with danger, wit and intrigue in *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure*; *A Christmas Carol*, in a spectacular, new production, comes to the Wyly Theatre for the very first time; and the great American classic drama *A Raisin in the Sun* will demonstrate that it is still as powerful today as it



was when it first premiered 50 years ago.

DTC will also produce a three-play **Contemporary Series**, featuring new plays and musicals that will make audiences think about the world in new ways: *Clybourne Park*, the award-winning, hit Broadway comedy; *The Fortress of Solitude*, a world premiere musical with an irresistible soul, funk and hip hop score, in a co-production with New York's The Public Theater; and *Oedipus el Rey*, an intense, sexy reboot of a legendary Greek tragedy.

The full seven-play **Theater Lover's Subscription Series** will be presented

as follows: in the Potter Rose Performance Hall at the Wyly Theatre *A Raisin in the Sun* (Sept. 13 – Oct. 27) and *Clybourne Park* (Oct. 4 – Oct. 27) in rotating rep; and *A Christmas Carol* (Nov. 21 – Dec. 24) for the first time ever at the Wyly. In the Studio Theatre at the Wyly Theatre – *Oedipus el Rey* (Jan. 16 – March 2). In the Potter Rose Performance Hall – *The Fortress of Solitude* (March 7 – April 6); *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure* (April 25 – May 25); and *Les Misérables* (June 27 – Aug. 10).

*Les Misérables*, by Alain Boubil and Claude-Michel Schönberg, is an

epic award-winning musical on stage and screen and will be produced for the first time by a professional theater company in North Texas. With a large cast and orchestra, in the intimate Wyly Theatre, where every seat is close to the stage, this classic, powerful affirmation of the human spirit will thrill audiences with beautiful melodies (music by Claude-Michel Schönberg and lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer) and an impassioned story of hope, redemption and forgiveness.

In *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure*, directed by Kevin Moriarty, the world's greatest detective is near the end of his remarkable career, when a case presents itself that is too tempting for him to ignore. With his trusted companion Doctor Watson at his side, Sherlock Holmes marches into the lair of his longtime adversary, Professor Moriarty. In the regional premiere of Steven Dietz's spirited adaptation of stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and based on the original 1899 play by William Gillette and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, this

play features all the danger, humor and surprise Holmes' devoted fans have come to expect.

With a brand new adaptation and direction of the Charles Dickens classic by DTC Artistic Director Kevin Moriarty, *A Christmas Carol* will fill the Wyly Theatre with music and special effects – from flying ghosts to falling snow – with the audience right in the middle of the action, in classic DTC style. This all-new version of the beloved holiday story, choreographed by Joel Ferrell, will put your entire family in the Christmas spirit. Join Scrooge and Tiny Tim in saying, "God bless us, everyone!"

The *New York Times* called it, "The play that changed American theater forever." First staged in 1959, Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun* provided the nation with a radically different portrayal of African-American life that was both authentic and deeply moving. Her story of an embattled Chicago family, directed for DTC by Tre Garrett, is an unflinching vision of what happens to people

whose dreams are constantly deferred.

*Clybourne Park*, by Bruce Norris and directed by Joel Ferrell, is the wickedly funny and fiercely provocative play about race and real estate that won nearly every honor the theater has to give, including the Tony Award® and the Pulitzer Prize. Act One takes place in 1959, as nervous community leaders try to stop the sale of a house to the black family depicted in *A Raisin in the Sun*. Act Two takes place today, when the African-American neighborhood battles to hold its ground in the face of gentrification.

*Oedipus el Rey*, a powerful, sexy reboot of the legendary classical Greek tragedy, is written by MacArthur Genius Grant winner, Luis Alfaro. In it, a young Chicano ex-con sets out on a journey to become the king of South Central L.A. – the explosively violent gang capital of America. The gripping story, directed by Kevin Moriarty, follows his family of ex-cons through the vicious cycle of fate and violence

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## Free Credit Scores and \$10,000 grand prize during Wells Fargo's Share Your Goals sweepstakes

SAN FRANCISCO – Wells Fargo is once again providing access to free credit scores and complimentary credit reports to its consumer customers from March 1 – April 15, 2013. And, to help encourage consumers to set financial objectives, the company will also launch Share Your Goals, an online, social media sweepstakes that will put \$10,000 in the hands of one grand prize winner. An additional 12 sweepstakes participants will each win a \$500 Wells Fargo Visa® gift card - for a total of \$16,000 in cash and gift

cards to 13 randomly-selected consumers simply for sharing their financial aspirations.

"By deliberately setting a financial goal, a consumer is taking the first step toward achieving it," said Tom Wolfe, head of Wells Fargo's Consumer Credit Solutions Group. "Whether you're preparing to buy a car or thinking about how to fund a college education, understanding your credit situation and how to strengthen it puts you in the driver's seat to make the best choices to achieve your financial goals."

More than 280,000 customers took advantage of Wells Fargo's first coast-to-coast free credit score promotion, held in Oct. 2012. Most adults have reviewed neither their credit score (55 percent) nor their credit report (62 percent) in the past year, according to the National Foundation for Credit counseling. Wells Fargo hopes to help change those statistics because a consumer's credit situation plays an important role in reaching their financial goals.

From March 1 – April

15, 2013, all Wells Fargo consumer customers have access to a free, no-obligation Experian® custom VantageScore® and a complimentary credit report.

Customers can take part by visiting any Wells Fargo location and asking a Wells Fargo banker for a brochure containing a personal access code. After customers review their credit score and credit report, they may choose to meet with a banker to discuss their credit situation. Typically, if consumers wish to check their credit score, they pay a

flat fee or sign up for a service, such as credit monitoring, and pay a fee.

From March 1 – April 15, 2013, participants visit [shareyourgoals.wellsfargobank.com](http://shareyourgoals.wellsfargobank.com) and use the #ShareYourGoals hashtag to share their financial aspiration. During each week of the sweepstakes, Wells Fargo will randomly award a \$500 Wells Fargo Visa® gift card to two winners. At the end of the campaign, Wells Fargo will randomly select a \$10,000 grand prize winner, for a total of 13 winners and \$16,000 in cash

and gift card prizes. No purchase is required to enter.

In addition to this campaign, Wells Fargo offers free tools designed to help customers understand how credit works and how to use it responsibly. For example, the Smarter Credit™ Center is an online resource designed to help consumers identify ways to reduce debt and also establish, improve, obtain, and protect their credit – an important focus because lenders aren't the only ones who use credit scores to make decisions.

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**March 9**

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**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

**Rat Race Urban Adventure Series** at Market Street West End at 8 a.m.;\$95 solo

**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

**Achievers United Young Entrepreneurs Programs** at 5 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club in Frisco

**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.contactcrisis.org](http://www.contactcrisis.org)

**March 23**

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

**April 6**

**DSO on the GO** at Allen Performing Arts Center, Allen at 7:30 p.m. [www.DallasSymphony.com/DSOontheGO](http://www.DallasSymphony.com/DSOontheGO) for details

**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

**March 31**

**Kite Flying Festival in Plano** at North Pavilion - Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel Drive, in Plano; 4 p.m.; FREE; 214-267-8424

**April 3**

**Arts & Letters Live: Visual Verse** at DMA, 1717 N. Harwood at 7:30 p.m.; \$15-35; 214-922-1818

**April 16**

**Rihanna: Diamonds World Tour** at American Airlines Center at 7:30 p.m.

**April 17**

**Irving International Women's Purse Auction** at Las Colinas Country Club,

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**April 20**

**Earth Day Dallas Earth Day Dallas** at Fair Park, 3939 Grand Ave. at 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; FREE; 214-310-1200

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**Dallas March for Babies** at Norbuck Park, White Rock Lake at 9 a.m.; 972-232-1348

**Fort Worth March for Babies** at Farrington Field to Trinity Park at 9 a.m.; 682-201-3037

**April 30**

**Big, Hot, Cheap, and Right: What America Can Learn from the Strange**

**Genius of Texas** at Fort Worth Club, 306 W. 7th St. in Fort Worth at 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.; \$55; 214-965-8403

**May 10**

**Visionary Women Luncheon** at Omni Hotel Dallas, 555 S. Lamar Street at 12 p.m.; 214-827-0813

**May 17-19**

**Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival!** <http://www.wildflowerfestival.com/>

**May 19**

**The Singers Celebrate!** at Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway in Mesquite

**May 31**

**Little Egypt presents: Stars of Spring** at Radisson Hotel, 1241 W Mockingbird Lane at 12:30 - 6 p.m.; 972-840-8450

**June 11**

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## DADS, continued from Page 1

retain and continue these healthy practices. Once you are done, be sure to dry your hands completely after washing them. To prevent the spread of germs, cough or sneeze into your elbow so germs are not spread to your hands. Also, show your children how to turn their heads away from others and use and toss tissues properly. Be sure to exercise, eat foods that help you have a healthy weight and energy, and get proper rest. When your body is in good physical shape, is well rested, and has appropriate nutrition, it is better able to fight off germs and infections.

Taking care of your own health should not be limited to wintertime. It is a year-round process that is as important to your children as it is to you. Fathers can accompany their children on annual check-ups to help reinforce key health messages from the pediatrician. On occasion, children may accompany their fathers to their check-ups, too. Resources available on the NRFC website confirm that healthy fathers are more available to emotionally and financially support their children and families.

To feel great and stay that way, you need to take into account more than just your physical health. Your psychological and social needs also have an impact on your overall well-being and your ability to be positively involved with your children.

**Psychological health** – Life can get complicated and overwhelming. So being a loving, involved father isn't always easy. If you are depressed, are abusing drugs, or have other issues that affect your emotional and mental health, they can cause problems between you and your children. There are many support and treatment options available to help you get past the barriers that could be holding you back from a better relationship with your children.

**Physical health** – Exercise regularly. Find an activity that you enjoy so you are more likely to maintain a routine. When planning your workouts, discuss them with your children. Explain your exercise routine and how they can join in too. Set realistic workout goals. Be sure to balance your workouts with proper sleep.

**Dietary health** – Eat healthy foods in moderate amounts. Drink water and snack on fruits and vegetables. Discuss your diet with your children. When in the grocery store point out healthy choices. Read the labels on food items with your children and discuss nutrition information. You are what you eat, so be sure to encourage and model healthy eating habits for your children.

**Social health** – How you conduct your adult relationships has a direct effect on your children. Studies show that people who enjoy healthy relationships have

more happiness and less stress. If your relationships in the past were stormy or troubled, you can start now to undo attitudes and behaviors that might have contributed to an unsatisfying personal life. Dealing with past mistakes allows you to move forward by establishing positive, fulfilling relationships.

**Interpersonal health** – Healthy interactions are often the most neglected component of well-being. Healthy relationships take time and effort. Look for ways to add laughter to your activities with your children. Make sure your children know and understand your values by living them every day. Focus on your successes and not what you consider to be your failures. Let your children know that it is OK to fail and that no matter what, you'll always love them.

Children need involved fathers in every aspect of their lives. Similarly, dads can take control of every aspect of their health. Show that you value your health and you'll be a positive role model for your children. Pass your healthy habits on to the next generation.

Getting up-to-date, accurate information is a vital part of health and wellness. The NRFC offers practical tools and resources to help fathers build and maintain stronger connections with their children in every season. Visit [www.fatherhood.gov](http://www.fatherhood.gov) or call 877-4DAD411.

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Many cell phone companies, utility companies and landlords do, too. Other common credit myths:

**Myth:** It is always better to pay cash for things than finance them with credit.

**Fact:** An established credit history is necessary for many types of financing, including buying furniture, a computer, a car, or a new home.

**Myth:** I am building credit using my debit card.

**Fact:** While debit cards offer great convenience,

banks don't report debit card payment activity to the credit bureaus.

**Myth:** Credit is credit – there's really no difference between different loan types.

**Fact:** Rates, terms, monthly payments, and benefits vary widely on different types of credit.

**Myth:** I can't get credit because I've never had credit.

**Fact:** A few ways to start establishing a strong credit history: consider a secured credit card, or one or

two department store or gas station cards. Above all, manage your accounts responsibly.

**Myth:** My credit took a hit – it will be nearly impossible to rebuild it.

**Fact:** You can rebuild your credit and you don't need to put your life on hold to do it. Create predictability around your monthly budget – including credit card and loan payments, build your savings reserves, and consider using alternative types of cards.

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in which they find themselves trapped.

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**March 10, 2013 8 a.m.**

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**March 8, 7 p.m.**

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**March 9, 9 a.m.**

Join us for Men's Fellowship as we worship and praise God; and we study His Word.

**March 10, 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.

**March 13, 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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**March 10, 8:45 a.m.  
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Join us in Morning Worship as we honor and praise God for His blessings.

**March 13, 7:30 p.m.**

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**March 10, 8 a.m.  
And 9:30 a.m.**

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.

**March 13, 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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**March 10**

**8 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

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.

**March 13, 7 p.m.**

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**March 10, 7:30 a.m.**

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**March 11, 7 p.m.**

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**March 10, 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.

**March 14, 7:30 p.m.**

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Theme for 2013: Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Although women now outnumber men in American colleges nationwide, the reversal of the gap is a very recent phenomenon. The fight to learn was a valiant struggle waged by many tenacious women, especially Black women.

I will highlight some facts about Black women and their contribution to mankind. "To God be all the glory" for Godly

women.

I thank God for the Black women that He has allowed to cross my path in life. Those women may not have done things that made great changes for mankind, but they made a big difference to me. Each lady left me with cherished memories and godly wisdom.

In 1978 the United States Post Office Department issued the first stamp to commemorate the contributions of African Americans females. You can log on the Internet to see the contribution each lady made to our society. The Harriet Tubman stamp was the first female in the Black Heritage Series, a 13¢ stamp was issued on February 1, 1978.

Tubman (born Araminta Harriet Ross, 1820 – March 10,

1913) a Civil War Nurse and spy; Suffragist and Civil Rights activist. On June 2, 1863 she led the Union Army guerillas into Maryland and freed more than 700 slaves using the network of anti-slavery activist and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad which was organized on April 20, 1853. A devout Christian, Tubman ascribed the visions and vivid dreams to revelations from God.

The Mary McLeod Bethune stamp, a 22¢ on March 5, 1985. Bethune (July 10, 1875 – May 18, 1955) an educator and civil rights leader started a school for Black students in Daytona Beach, FL that eventually became Bethune-Cookman University. The school's educational quality far surpassed the standards of education for Black stu-

dents and rivaled those of schools for Caucasian students. She was also known for being an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Sojourner Truth stamp, a 22¢ on February 4, 1986. Sojourner Truth (November 18, 1787 – November 26, 1883) was the self-given name, from 1843 onward, of Isabella Baumfree, an African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist. She was born into slavery in Swartekill, Ulster County, New York, but escaped with her infant daughter to freedom in 1826. After going to court to recover her son, she became the first Black woman to win such a case against a Caucasian man.

Her best-known extemporaneous speech on racial inequalities, "Ain't I a Woman?" was de-



Sister Tarpley at the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas viewing the Bernini's Exhibits, they are worth the trip to see.

livered in 1851 at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio. During the Civil War, she helped recruit Black troops for the Union Army; after the war, Truth tried unsuccessful-

fully to secure land grants from the federal government for former slaves.

The Ida B. Wells stamp a 25¢ on February 1, 1990. Ida See **WOMEN'S, Page 16**

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renew their loan by paying additional interest and fees. The report found that a typical customer renews their loan eight times.

The report also found anecdotal instances in which car-title lender marketing practices have lured consumers by advertising 25 percent interest per month for a two-week loan. The actual rate of interest, however, equates to 300 percent annual percentage rate (APR). And it's not as though 300 percent APR is an offsetting risk to the lender: Car-title loans are usually made for only a fraction of the vehicle's market value – approximately 26 percent.

When borrowers can no longer keep up with interest payments, cars are repossessed and yet another fee is added to the borrower's debt. On average, these repossession fees run in the range of \$350-\$400 or about half of the borrower's remaining loan balance. The report found that one in six consumers was charged expensive repossession fees.

It's easy to sum up the central problems with car-title loans. As the authors write in the report, these loans "carry inherently unsuitable terms that cause already vulnerable borrowers to pay more in fees than they receive in credit while putting one of their most important assets at risk."

If you're thinking that there ought to be a law against this obviously predatory product, be sure to tell your state legislators. Most states with car-title loan laws either have no in-

terest rate caps, or authorize triple digit interest.

Tracking how these loans affect consumers is one thing; financial reforms are quite another. In this regard, the CFA -CRL report

calls for public policy actions at the state and federal levels.

In 2006, similar consumer protections were enacted to protect the military and their families. If Presi-

dent George W. Bush and Congress could agree to cap small loans at 36 percent annually for this consumer sector, it seems reasonable that the rest of us should be given the same protections.

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## NDG Bookshelf



BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Your goals are just out of reach – as they should be.

You'll attain them someday, and that's the day you'll set more goals. It's the best way you know how to operate and, looking back, you've been doing things that way for most of your life: set a goal, knock it down, and pounce for the next one.

You know what success looks like from your office chair, but what's it like in other industries? In the new

NDG Book Review: *The Art of Doing* spotlights how superachievers do what they do

book *The Art of Doing* by Camille Sweeney and Josh Gosfield, you'll find out.

In your field of work, you know what it takes to get to the next level, then to the top. You assume it's the same in a lot of places, but what does it take to become a successful race car driver? How does one become a great major league ball player, a crossword puzzle creator, or a successful author?

Sweeney and Gosfield call those people "superachievers" and, after "months of research and over 100 hours of conversations," they noticed, despite the lack of similarity in jobs, that superachievers have ten strategies in common.



Superachievers, the authors say, show dedication. They're smart in their persistence. They know their community, they listen, and they know the power of story. They're willing to test

their theories, they never let their emotions run away from them, they're patient, and they're willing to evolve. Finally, they know that happiness and success are tied tight together.

As for advice, from game show winner Ken Jennings: "... enjoy the crazy experience..." and follow your bliss.

"Instill the 'WOW'," says Zappos' Tony Hsieh.

From *30 Rock's* Alec Baldwin and Robert Carlock: "Good ideas come from anywhere, even from bad ideas."

Be a contrarian and grow old ungracefully. Know your values and focus on them. Love what you do. Seek out role models at

every stage of your life. Be "a madman" when it comes to detail. Remember that you truly are what you eat. Work hard and devote yourself to that about which you're passionate. Reward talented people for risk-taking and don't let them leave.

Challenge yourself and your brain. Be likeable.

As business / motivational books go, *The Art of Doing* is a quirky little thing.

Authors Camille Sweeney and Josh Gosfield say in their introduction that they enjoyed finding and interviewing their superachievers, which is abundantly clear in every bubbly chapter. I also thought their format was fun: a short bio,

followed by advice, then trivia about the person and their industry, all in just a few pages per chapter.

That makes this book a bit on the lighter (but very informational) side and, despite that there are some off-the-wall industries represented here, I think you'll find it useful in many ways.

This is the perfect book for those days when you wonder what it would be like to have a different job, because it gives you a peek, then a boost. So when you need exactly that, is the book to reach for.

*The Art of Doing* by Camille Sweeney and Josh Gosfield (Plume, \$16, 272 pages)

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Bell Wells-Barnett (July 16, 1862 – March 25, 1931) was an African American journalist, newspaper editor and, with her husband, newspaper owner Ferdinand L. Barnett, an early leader in the civil rights movement. She documented lynching in the United States, showing how it was often a way to con-

trol or punish Blacks who competed with Caucasians. She was active in the women's rights and the women's suffrage movement, establishing several notable women's organizations. Wells was a skilled and persuasive rhetorician. She received her education at Freedman's School, Rust Col-

lege and Fisk University. She also traveled internationally on lecture tours.

Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman (January 26, 1892 – April 30, 1926) was an American civil aviator. She was the first female pilot of African American descent and the first person of African American descent to

hold an international pilot license. She born in Atlanta, Texas, the tenth of thirteen children. Her father was part Cherokee. Coleman began school at age six and had to walk four miles each day to her all-Black, one-room school. She was an excellent student and she loved to read; and es-

tablished herself as an outstanding math student. She had a U. S. postage stamp issued in her honor on April 27, 1995.

Cathay Williams (September 1844 - 1892) was an American soldier. She was the first Black female to enlist, and the

only documented Black female to serve in the United States Army posing as a man under the pseudonym. She served as a Buffalo Soldier of the 9th and 10th Cavalry from 1866 to 1868.

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tive, tax paying citizens.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Legacy awards to two outstanding individuals, Dr. Charles Mitchell, retired Orthopedic Surgeon and

John Beckwith Sr., founder of Golden Gate Funeral Home. The honorees then presented the Torch Award to Dr. Winifred Parnell and Mr. John Beckwith Jr. and challenged them to continue

to excel in their professions and give back to the community.

Candice Quarles, President of the Urban League Young Professionals, new member of the Urban

League Board of Trustees and B. J. Williams, Garland City Councilman, District 4, new member of the CSBG Managing Board of Directors were sworn in.

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